



Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School

February 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I welcomed you all into school at the start of this term, never did I think we would be closing our doors once again to the majority of you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, patience and hard work over the last 4 weeks.

Christian Value:

This half term, the value that we are focusing on is Justice. Justice means giving all what it is right and fair for them to have: life, health, freedom and dignity.

February's Right:

This month, we are going to be focusing on article 24:

- the right to the best possible health.

Now more than ever, it is important for us to be healthy - and that means both keeping our body healthy and looking after our mental health too. We will be exploring this right throughout Children's Mental Health Week as well as in our PHSE, PE and mindfulness activities throughout February.

Exciting News:

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. Lockey and her husband have welcomed a baby girl – Ava Marie – into their family. I am sure you will join me in wishing the Lockey Family huge congratulations on the safe arrival of their first child.

Children's Mental Health Week:



This week is Children's Mental Health Week. Mental health is a big issue for many people at the moment and we are very keen to continue the work we have been doing in school to support children's mental health.

During this week classes will take time to discuss mental health at an age-appropriate level, completing activities and spending time exploring what makes them happy. There will be activities added to google classrooms and on Friday we would like to invite all children, whether in school or at home, to 'Dress to Express'.

This will involve them wearing the clothes that make them feel happy, or confident. Children that are attending school can wear these instead of their uniform and those joining at home can share their choices during a live google meet.

I have also attached a leaflet with further information and tips to support parents and carers



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with talking about mental health with their children.

Early Birds:

Please continue to book Early Birds in the usual manner. If you have a space booked that you no longer require please can you let the office know with a minimum of 24 of hours' notice. If you do not cancel your space, we may need to charge you to ensure our costs are covered.

Social distancing and face coverings:

For those of you still dropping and collecting your children from site, thank you for your continued support in following social distancing rules and in wearing your face coverings. At this difficult time, it is playing a really important part in helping to keep each other safe.

Staff Contact/Emails:

During this term, we have provided unprecedented access to teachers emails and with google classrooms have encouraged you to communicate and stay in touch with us. However, it is easy for work to become all-consuming, as I am sure you will be finding, and it is really important to me that my team stay healthy and have time for their families during these challenging times. I would be grateful, therefore, if you do have a particular issue with something, that you send any messages between 8.00am and 4.00pm through the week. If you need to message outside of these times, please respect that teachers may not respond that day. Alternatively, you can phone the school office and they will get a message to a member of staff. Thank you for supporting me with this.

Parking:

Just a gentle reminder to those still attending, to please park with the consideration of our neighbour's and the safety of our children in mind.

Dates:

February	
Friday 5 th	Dress to Express Day
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	Half Term
March:	
Thursday 4 th	World Book Day
Week Beginning Monday 22 nd	Online Parent evenings
April:	
Thursday 1 st	Last Day of Spring Term
Friday 2 nd – Friday 16 th (inclusive)	Easter Holidays
Monday 19 th	First day of Summer Term

As always let me finish by saying that my door is always open – please do not hesitate to contact me about anything I may be able to help with it may be harder to pop into school but please do not hesitate to ring or email me at head@marldon.education

Kind regards

Jon Arnold (Head of School)



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