



# Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School

## April 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope that all had a lovely holiday and like us, have returned refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

It has been lovely walking around the school this week and seeing the classrooms full and hearing the buzz of learning all around. Although we have not yet been able to return to complete normality, it certainly feels like we have taken a step in the right direction.

### **Christian Value:**

This half term, the value that we are focusing on is Courage. Courage, as a value, is about the life-long process of challenging ourselves to be the best that we can be – even when this becomes hard. The children will be exploring what this means and how they can show this in school and our wider community over the coming half term.

### **April's Right:**

Each month, we consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our classroom practice. This month we are focusing on:

- Article 31 – Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

### **Red Nose Day:**

With Easter in between, this seems like along time ago now, but I wanted to thank you for your support with this event and share that we raised a fantastic £167.50 on the day. If you haven't already, please do visit the schools Rights Respecting Blog to get a snap shot of what the children did on this day.

### **Marldon Ranger:**

I am sure many of you will have spotted the Marldon Parish Ranger, who has started a role monitoring the roads at drop-off and pick-up times. The Marldon Ranger has been appointed by the Parish Council to help keep our children safe during these busy times. Please can I ask that you help him to do this by parking responsibly and with consideration at all times.

As a reminder cars should not be:

- stopping or parking on the yellow zigzags outside of school.
- stopping or parking on yellow lines.
- blocking or obstructing roads or driveways.
- using marked disabled bays – unless a blue badge is displayed.

### **School Video:**

Next Wednesday we will be taking clips to be used as part of a school promotional video. The video will be added to our website to provide a snap shot of what we are about as a school and the learning that takes place within it.



Article 29: (Goals of Education)

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We will be using the permissions that you provided at the start of the year when checking whether children can or cannot be on the school website. If you are unsure about the permissions you have given, or would like to check, please contact either your child's teacher or the school office **before** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

If you would like to see an example of what the completed video might look like please take a look at <https://st-michaels-pri.devon.sch.uk/> or <https://stokeinteignheadschoo.org/> and as always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

**Dropping off and picking up:**

Just a reminder of pick up and drop off times for each year group.

	Drop off:	Pick up:
Reception	8:40	3:20
Year 1	9:00	3:40
Year 2	9:00	3:40
Year 3	8:50	3:30
Year 4	8:40	3:20
Year 5	8:50	3:30
Year 6	8:40	3:20

Remember if you have siblings in school your children can be dropped off and collected at the earliest time.

**Please stick to these to help us avoid congestion and keep everyone safe.**

**School Uniform:**

Please can I remind you that children should be wearing their correct school uniform, including shoes, or school PE kit each day. They should also not have any jewellery, except stud ear rings or a watch, and nail varnish or make up should not be worn. We would also ask that children with long hair have a band to be able to tie it back. Many thanks for your support with this.



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**Bea:**

I am sure you will have read the exciting news that we will soon be joined by a school therapy dog, 'Bea'. If you have any questions about this, or would like to find out any more information. please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Dates:**

We have planned dates for events that usually happen within the Summer Term with the hope that we will be able to hold them. Please be mindful that **we may have to change or cancel events** if restrictions/guidance do not change. Please keep an eye out for further information about each event as the date approaches.

April:	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	School video
May:	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of first Half Term
June:	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Start of second Half Term
July:	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers service
	Last 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)