



Marldon C of E Primary School

OUR VISION: 'Working together, growing together, for all to flourish.'

July 2022 Newsletter

As we start our final day of the school year, I would like to thank you for all of your support through our 2021-22 school year. It has been so nice welcoming you back into the school, running nearly normal events and although it has not been completely interruption free, finally completing a full school year with all of our children!

As the term draws to a close I have just a few pieces of information to share with you:

Christian Values:

This half term, we have spent time recapping all five of our Christian Values – Friendship, Perseverance, Justice, Courage and Compassion - and how we can share them both in and out-side of school.

Thank you and good luck:

A final goodbye and thank you to the members of staff that will be leaving us today: Miss Jackson, Miss Wildgoose and Mrs Levaul-Grimwood. As each of you move on we wish you all the best for your next steps and thank you for the difference you have made to the children and community of Marldon Primary.

Sports Festivals:

Key stage 2 children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of Federation Sports Festivals over the last $\frac{1}{2}$ term.

Year 3 and 6 visited the Football facility at South Devon College to participate in a Federation Football Festival. All the children showed great perseverance and courage playing in competitive matches and the sportsmanship showed by our children was noted by the coaches and referees present – Well done!

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed taking part in Festivals of Cricket at Paignton Cricket Club. They spent time developing skills and techniques for batting,

bowling and fielding as well as enjoying some competitive matches. As before, the levels of sportsmanship shown by our children was fed back to me by the coaches.

Well done Key Stage 2!

Residentials:

Year 2 children were joined by the Year 2 from Ipplepen to spend a Friday night sleeping over at school. They enjoyed an evening of sporting activities run by Achieve 4 All, followed by a BBQ and a film evening. A great time was had by all and it was fantastic to see the children from our Federation schools having the opportunity to meet after such a break.

Year 6 have completed their time with us by spending their final three days at Skern Lodge with Year 6 from all of our other Federation Schools. Skern Lodge is in North Devon and the children have had a great time challenging themselves in activities such as a High Ropes course, tunneling, surfing and kayaking. If you would like to see a little more of what they have done please take a look at the Year 6 Blog. What a great way to finish their time at Marldon.

Uniform:

Like myself, I am sure you will be spending some time over the summer getting school uniform together. Please do not forget to check our uniform policy before purchasing new items. As a reminder children need to wear:

- a school sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with a school logo.
- a white or red polo shirt or short sleeved shirt.
- Grey or black shorts/trousers/skirts or pinafore dress. (Children can wear a red and white gingham dress through the summer months.

UNCRC Article 28: [Every child has the right to an education](#)



- School shoes must be worn to school. These can be black/brown sensible shoes, not trainers. But at break and lunchtimes children can wear trainers for running around. (In the summer children can wear sturdy sandals which support their feet and have a back on them).

As we have done for the last few years we will be asking children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days (these will be shared when your children return to school in September). PE kits should be:

- A plain white T shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- A tracksuit may be worn in colder weather.

Library Books:

As many of you may do a little tidying over the summer, can I ask that if you uncover any school books please can you keep them safe and return them to us in September. We have spent a great deal of money over the last two years updating and replacing books to ensure our children have the reading resources they deserve but sadly we are missing a noticeable amount. We will endeavor to replace these but it would help us greatly if you aided us to encourage our children in looking after the books they borrow and ensure they are returned when they are finished. Many thanks in advance with your support in this.

School Meals:

A reminder that children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to universal free school meals. So any school meals will need to be paid for in advance via parentpay unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. If you have any questions about this, please call the school office or pop in to see one of us.

Planned Absence:

Please remember that you must notify school of any period of planned absence. This needs to be done through collecting and completing an S2 request form from the school office. At this time, can I also remind you that we are only able to authorise requests if there are 'exceptional circumstances.' Devon County Council's advice is that we must be extremely cautious about approving any requests if a pupil's education is likely to be significantly impacted upon.

It is important that these forms are handed in with adequate time to respond as any unauthorised absence will likely result in a penalty notice or court summons being issued to each parent for each pupil affected.

To aid with this, I have included next year's term dates in the diary below and remember the term dates for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 school years can be found on the school website.

Important Dates:

July:	
Wednesday 27 th	Final day of Summer Term
September:	
Monday 5 th	First day of Autumn Term 1
October:	
Friday 14 th	Final day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 31 st	First day of Autumn Term 2
December:	
Friday 16 th	Final day of Autumn Term 2
January:	
Monday 3 rd	First day of Spring Term 1
February:	
Friday 10 th	Final day of Spring Term 1
Monday 20 th	First day of Spring Term 2
March:	
Friday 31 st	Final day of Spring Term 2
April:	
Monday 17 th	First day of Summer Term 1
May:	
Monday 1 st	May Bank Holiday
Friday 26 th	Final day of Summer Term 1
June:	
Monday 5 th	First day of Summer Term 2
July:	
Tuesday 25 th	Final day of Summer Term 2

My final message must be for our departing Year 6:

As you embark on the next phase of your journey we would like to wish you every success and happiness in all that you do. Remember all things are possible if you believe in yourself!

Have a fantastic Summer Holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jon Arnold
Head of School