



## Marldon C of E Primary School

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### November 2022 Newsletter

With this half term whizzing by a few messages and dates to keep you updated with:

#### **Christian Values:**

This half term, our focus Christian Value is Perseverance. We will be spending time in class and whole-school worship exploring perseverance and how we can show this both within and outside of school. Our Values Ambassadors have led a school worship using the story of 'The Lost Sheep' to explore our understanding of this.

#### **Right of the Month:**

Each month we focus on an article and explore how it impacts our rights.

For November we are focusing on Article 19: Protection from violence, abuse and neglect.

#### **Christmas Events:**

With Christmas fast approaching just some information on some of the school activities:

Reception Christmas Sing along - Reception parents are invited to join the class for a sing along

Year 1 and 2 Nativity - parents of children in Mars and Mercury should have received information about this, if you haven't please contact us to find out more.

Year 5 and 6 Church Service - as usual Neptune and Jupiter class will be leading our Christmas Service and parents of children from these classes will be invited to join us at Marldon Church.

Rudolph Runs - we will again be supporting Rowcroft Hospice by taking part in their annual Rudolph Run. Each class will take part in a fun run within their PE sessions in the final week of term. A sponsorship form and further information will be with you soon.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day - as we have for the previous few years, we will be combining our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. You should have received information about Christmas dinner but please let us know if you have any questions.

Please see the dates section below to find the dates of each of these events. Further information will be sent out closer to each event.

#### **Parents Evenings:**

Just a reminder that parents evening sign-up is now open. You can log on and book a slot to meet with your child's teacher. If you have any problems accessing the system please don't hesitate to contact us.

#### **Application for Primary School Places:**

Applications for places will open on 15th November, for admission into Primary School in September 2023. You can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). This application is for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. Applications must be in by 15th January 2023 or they will be considered as late and you may not get a place for your child in a school of your choice. As always if you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### **Mental Health:**



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Being a parent can certainly bring its challenges and it's important to remember that we do not need to be perfect, just good enough! Check out this link written by Dr. Lucy Russell Clinical Psychologist who talks about how to support your own mental health, in order to benefit the mental health of your child.

<https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/adult-and-child-mental-health/>

### Teacher Led Clubs:

Please remember that all teacher led clubs finish the week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. After this date only clubs led by external providers (Achieve 4 all, Dance and Spanish will take place).

### Parking:

As the weather deteriorates and more of us use our cars for the school drop off and pick please can I remind you about the importance of parking safely and with thought for our neighbours. There is plenty of parking within a short walking distance of the school so please can I ask that you do not park:

- on double yellow or zig zag lines
- on corners
- blocking or overlapping driveways
- within Marldon Grove (this is a private road)
- on or overlapping the bus stops

This is important to help keep our children and the wider community safe.

### 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.

### Important Dates:

November:	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Visit to Coombeshead Academy
December:	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Eve (Y4 only)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings (All Years)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performances (2:00pm and 6:00pm)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Venus Christmas Singalong (3:00pm)



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	Parents Evenings (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	FOMPs Turkey Bingo
Week Beginning Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All classes Rowcroft Rudolph Runs
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOMPS Christmas Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Service led by Y5 and 6 (9:30-10:30)
	Final day of Autumn Term 2
January:	
Tuesday 3rd	First Day of Spring Term 1

As always, if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the school or catch me on the school gate.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jon Arnold  
Head of School