



Marldon C of E Primary School

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December 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As we reach the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. As usual, it has been a busy first term and the children have all done an amazing job. A special well done to all of our new starters, who have settled in really well this term.



House Points Champions:

Congratulations to Thistle House who have collected the most house points this half term. As a reward for this, children in Thistle house will be invited to wear non-uniform on the first Friday of the new year - Friday 6th January.

Right of the Month:

Each month we focus on an article and explore how it impacts our rights and those of others in our community and beyond.

For December we have focused on Article 14 - Freedom of thought, belief and religion.

Nativity, Christmas Sing a long and Church Service:

What an amazing set of Christmas performances we have enjoyed this year. After a couple of years when it hasn't been possible to have live audiences for our Christmas

events, it has been lovely to have seen so many friends and family supporting the children at each event. A huge thank you for all of your support whether this has been with providing costumes or helping to learn lines or songs. We hope that you have enjoyed joining us at each event as much as we have in putting them on.

Rudolph Runs:

Thank you all so much for your support with this event - so far, we have raised £444 which will support Rowcroft Hospice to continue with the fantastic care they provide. Don't forget it's not too late to add any donations you may have. Please visit the link below to donate online:

<https://rowcrofthospice.enthuse.com/pf/jon-arnold-5715f>

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. 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:

Anxiety is a normal emotion that all us humans can feel, at different times in our lives. Feeling anxious is a perfectly natural and common reaction to some situations. However, when anxiety begins to affect our lives and is a daily



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or constant feeling, this can be really upsetting and difficult.

NHS's Every Mind Matters offers an email support programme which offers step by step help. If you are interested, you can sign up for this at:

<https://anxiety.ecrm-registration.nhs.uk/>

Since the pandemic, our children have also experienced anxiety at higher than usual levels.

Dr Lucy Russell from the organisation "They are the Future" talks about ways to calm your child when they are feeling anxious, angry or stressed. You can find some information about this at:

<https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/calm-angry-panicky-child/>

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:

January:	
Tuesday 3 rd	First Day of Spring Term 1
	Achieve 4 All Clubs to begin
Friday 13 th	Dance Club to start
Monday 16 th	Teacher led clubs to begin (Sign up will follow in the `new year)
February:	
Friday 10 th	Last day of Spring Term 1
Monday 20 th	First day of Spring Term 2

And finally ... THANKYOU

I just want to say a huge thank you to all of the Marldon staff. They work incredibly hard for every child in school and for each other, and I couldn't do my job without their support.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Mr. Jon Arnold

Head of School