



Marldon C of E Primary School

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January 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

With January drawing to a close I have just a few messages to share with you:

Christian Value:

This term, the value that we are focusing on is JUSTICE. Justice is doing the right thing - even if it is hard. We have explored this within classrooms and as part of our worship times.

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 January we have focused on Article 2 - Non-discrimination.

Wednesday 1st February:

Just a reminder that we will be open as usual on Wednesday 1st of February.

Space Lab:

Year 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a visit from the space lab, a mobile planetarium, in support of their learning as scientists. After crawling into the dome, the children got to explore our solar system up close as well as learning about how it all works!

Recycle Devon:

Our Reception and Key stage 1 classes had an exciting visit from Recycle Devon to support their learning about materials. During the sessions the children learnt about the

importance of recycling and how they can all do their little bit to help save our planet.

Marldon Football:

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 footballers who visited St Michael's Primary School to play their first match. The children played exceptionally well, displaying great teamwork and sportsmanship and managed to win all 4 quarters of their game.

I would also like to thank Mr Youd for organising this opportunity and look forward to hearing about the next game.

School Day:

Please can I remind you, that the school day starts at 9:00am and runs through to 3:30pm. With the school gates opening at 8:50 am to allow children to be settled in their classrooms for the start of the day. While we appreciate on occasion it can not be avoided, please can I ask that appointments are made outside of the school day where ever possible. This helps children feel settled and ensures they are not missing important learning time.

OLIO:

At a time where ourselves or those around us might need a little extra help I wanted to share an APP with you that could help make a difference:



OLIO connects neighbours with each other and with local businesses so surplus food can be shared, not thrown away.



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This could be food nearing its sell-by date in local stores, spare home-grown vegetables, bread from your baker, or the groceries in your fridge when you go away. OLIO is super easy! To make an item available, simply open the app, add a photo, description, and when and where the item is available for pick-up. To access items, simply browse the listings available near you, request whatever takes your fancy and arrange a pick-up via private messaging. Visit: www.olioex.com to read more.

Mental Health:

As a federation, we recognise the importance of our school community's emotional health. To find out what we offer as a school in order to support this, please go to

www.marldon-primary.devon.sch.uk

Click on the parents tab and use the drop down menu to select Emotional health. You will find our school's named people to contact, should you have any concerns over your child's emotional wellbeing. You will also find a tiered explanation of support that we offer and signposting to useful websites for mental health for all the family. There is information too on our MindUp and Jigsaw curriculums, which work together to help children manage those big and difficult feelings that we can all experience. We teach children to help manage their emotions through mindfulness, developing emotional literacy and understanding how our brains can affect our thoughts, feelings and behaviour. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are unable to pop into school, please ring or email via the school office.

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:

February:	
Friday 10 th	Last day of Spring Term 1
Monday 20 th	First day of Spring Term 2
Thursday 23 rd	TBC - Football match v Ipplepen
March:	
Week beginning Monday 20 th	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 21 st	Clive Pig Story Teller in school
Week beginning Monday 27 th	Parents Evenings
Friday 31 st	Last day of Spring Term



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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