



## Marldon C of E Primary School

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### May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

With half term upon us already, just a few pieces of information to share with you.

#### **Christian Value:**

Having looked at each of our Christian Values across the last 5 half terms, in our final half-term we will explore our Christian vision and what it means to each of us.

#### **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 May, we have focused on Article 23: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community.

#### **KS2 SATs:**

I would like to say a huge well done to all of our year 6 children who completed their SATs this  $\frac{1}{2}$  term. The enthusiasm and effort from all was fantastic and it was great to see so many smiling faces each day ready to tackle the next test.

In celebration of this achievement, the children joined Y6's from across the USF to have some muddy fun at the Bear Trail.

#### **KS1 SATs:**

We also need to say a huge well done to the Y2 children for their amazing efforts this month

when they have been doing their SATs tests too.

Thanks to all of the staff across these year groups too for making sure the children are relaxed and ready when it comes to the tests that we do at this time of year.

#### **Sun Safety:**

Finally, the summer has arrived and long may it last. When we return from our half term break, please can we ask that you support us in thinking about sun safety by following these tips:

- Sun Cream - Children may have their own sun cream in school but can we remind you that it must be named and they must NOT share it with anyone. (This is purely to prevent any unwanted skin reactions). For children who can't apply their own sun cream, can we suggest the longer lasting sun cream that you can apply before they come into school.
- Hats - our school playground and field are sun traps; children need a named sun hat to help keep them shaded.
- Water - it is SO important that children also have their water bottle in school every day. These can be topped up and children will be encouraged to drink regularly through the day to stay hydrated.

#### **RSE (Relationship and Sex Education)**

##### **'Changing Me':**

We have sent out information about our PSHE work for the coming half term. Our PSHE



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programme called JIGSAW, concludes for the year with a unit called 'Changing Me'. The information you have received outlines the programme that your child will be looking at in the next weeks. Please take the time to look at the information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

#### Parking and Marldon Grove:

As you will be aware from my previous messages, parking in and around school continues to be a problem, despite visits from the police and council parking officials.

Due to these on-going issues, I have been contacted by the resident's association of Marldon Grove (as you will be aware Marldon Grove is a private road which needs to be maintained at the cost of the residents) who has asked me to share that they will be making some alterations to the entrance over the half term and ask again that parents do not use this space or the Grove for parking during drop off and pick up.

Please can I repeat this request; do not use Marldon Grove for parking.

#### School Uniform:

Please could I remind everyone to check the uniform policy on the website and ensure that children have the correct uniform and PE kit and that all uniform is clearly and fully named. As the weather becomes warmer, children may

wear the summer uniform but could I please remind you that if children wear sandals then they must have a back on them and socks must be worn.

#### Mental Health:

A message from Alix Harding Our Federation Mental Health Lead:

As a federation, we believe that teaching children to understand and talk about their mental health is crucial in promoting their future wellbeing. Our mental health champions have been promoting this message in our school assemblies.

Sometimes, as parents, we worry about talking to our children about mental health for fear of making things worse, or we worry how our child will react. However, having regular chats about how our minds are doing can be really beneficial and gives your child the message that their mental health is as important as their physical. We would ask how our child's cut knee was healing, so why not ask what's going on for them in their minds too?

Here are some links to useful information on talking to your child about their mental health.  
[www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/)  
[www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/supporting-your-child-s-mental-health/](http://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/supporting-your-child-s-mental-health/)



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### 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.

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Skern Lodge
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Performance
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Service
	Last Day of School Year

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

I hope you all have a happy and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back for the second half of our summer term.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jon Arnold  
Head of School

### Important Dates:

June:	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer half term 2
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Class Torquay Museum Visit
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last Year 3 swimming
Week beginning Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics check
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	First Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day
July:	



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