Marldon C of E Primary School

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June 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is the latest newsletter for you to read. With lots of things going on in and around school we hope that you take the time to read it carefully so that you have all the dates in the diary for the rest of this term.

School Vision:

Having looked at each of our Christian Values across the year, in our final ½ 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 June we have explored article 22:

If a child is a refugee or is seeking refuge, governments must make sure that they have the same rights as any other child.

New Classes:

I am pleased to be able to share that there will be no changes in our teaching structure for the new academic year, this means that each class will be taught by the following teachers:

Venus – Mrs. Bailey

Mars – Mrs. Field and Mrs. Sozzi

Mercury – Miss. Hayman

Saturn – Mrs. Moules and Mrs. Tovagliari

Earth – Mrs. Clements and Mrs. North

Neptune – Mr. Youd

Jupiter – Miss. Cudlip

To support the children moving to their new classes, we will be holding a transition session on Thursday 20th July when each class will spend time with their new teacher in their new classrooms.

Year 5 Cricket Festival:

Mr. Youd and the children in Y5 recently visited Paignton Cricket Club to take part in the Achieve4All Cricket Festival. The children (and adults) enjoyed a fun filled day where they were able to develop their cricket skills, before taking part in some small games against other teams. The children did really well on what was a warm day and it was clear from all of the smiles, that they had lots of fun.

Year 4 Trip to Torquay Museum:

At the start of the half term, year 4 enjoyed a fact filled day at Torquay Museum, which introduced them to their topic on Ancient Egyptians. The children got to tour the museum as well as completing activities which introduced a number of different aspects of life in Ancient Egypt. The day was concluded with the children taking part in a mummification ceremony!

Venus and Mars Trip to Dartmouth:

Reception and Year 1 had a fantastic experience taking the steam train to Kingswear and crossing the River Dart on the ferry, before enjoying lunch in Dartmouth and returning to school.

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Sports Day:

A huge well done to Thistle House who emerged victorious after a morning of fierce competition during our recent Sports Day.

All of the children participated in and supported each other during a round robin of activities involving throwing, jumping, dribbling and running. Before moving onto the field to support their houses during our year group races.

It was fantastic to have so many of you present to help support the children as well as taking part in some very competitive parent's races!

Thistle House will enjoy a non-uniform day on Friday 14th July to help celebrate their hard-won victory!

Residentials:

Within the next few weeks both our Year 6 and Year 2 children will be taking part in their residential experiences.

Year 6 will be returning to Skern Lodge (in North Devon) were they will be joined by Year 6's from across the Federation to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, including surfing, high ropes and tunnelling.

Year 2 will be enjoying a sleepover at school with an evening of activities organised by Achieve 4 All - which will hopefully be enough to tire them out!

Dogs:

Can I please remind you that dogs must not be brought onto the school site, this is a rule that is applied across all Devon County Council schools. Bea, as a school therapy dog, has a separate risk assessment and insurance which allows her to be on site. Many thanks for your support with this.

Mental Health:

A message from Alix Harding Our Federation Mental Health Lead:

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our parent survey on their views about their child's mental health and mental health services for children and young people.

We will be analysing these responses and will feedback the findings to you as well as any actions and changes we will make.

In the meantime, we would like to signpost you to some online support organisations that we believe offer helpful and informative information to support you and your child/ren -

https://www.youngminds.org.uk
https://happymaps.co.uk
https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/how-we-can-help/get-parenting-support/
https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk
https://www.annafreud.org/media/11396/tmh-parent-leaflet-final-web-updated-by-ed-april-2020.pdf

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This last link from the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families takes you to a short booklet on ways to start conversations about mental health with our children which we hope you will find interesting.

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:

July:	
Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th	Year 6 Skern Lodge
Friday 7th	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 10th – Friday 14th	Year 6 Swimming sessions.
Friday 14th	Year 4 Swimming
	Thistle House non-uniform Day
	Year 2 Sleep over
Wednesday 19th	Year 5 and 6 Performance
Thursday 20th	New class transition session
Friday 21st	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 25th	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.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jon Arnold
Head of School