Marldon C of E Primary School

February 2024 Newsletter

Dates for the diary:

Friday 1st March:
Rev. Jane to visit Venus class.

Monday 4th March:
Year 5 and Reception zoo visit.

Thursday 7th March:
World Book Day.

Week Beginning Monday 11th March:
British Science Week.

Week Beginning Monday 18th March:
Year 5 Bikeability.

Monday 18th March:
Parents Evening.

Thursday 21st March:
Parents Evening.

Friday 22nd March:
Year 6 to Watch Matilda at Paignton Accademy.

Week Beginning Monday 25th March:
Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 28th March:
Easter Service and last day of Spring Term.

Monday 15th April:
First day of Summer Term

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a fantastic half term,

Christian Value:

This half term our focus value is perseverance. The children will spend time in worship and class understanding what perseverance means and how it helps us both within and outside of school. With the support of Marldon Church and our ethos champions we will also explore the story of Moses and the Parable of the persistant widow.

Right of the Month:

Each month we focus on a different article from the UNICEF Rights For Children charter. This month we have explored Article 29 - education must teach children to protect the environment.

Year 3 Visit to the Space Lab:

Year 3 had a fantastic time visiting the space lab at Ipplepen Primary School. The children used the lab to visit constellations and extend their understanding of the ancient Greek myths linked to each.

World Book Day:

Just a reminder of our plans for World Book Day which takes place on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to wear a costume based on a character from their favorite book and bring that book into school to share with their friends. We will also be holding buddy reading sessions throughout the day to allow children to share their favorite books and stories with those from other classes.

Comic Relief:

On Friday 15th March we will be joining schools around the country in helping to raise money for Comic Relief. We would like children to 'do something funny for Money' by wearing a wacky outfit. This could be styling their hair in a funny way, having odd socks, wearing clashing colours - let their imaginations run wild! Each class will be choosing their funniest outfit to win a prize.
In return we ask that each child makes a donation (suggested £1) directly to comic relief through their online donation page. Please do not bring money into school.

Mental Health:

Young Minds Parent Helpline
We know that being a parent or carer isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your child grow up, it can also be really hard work. Things might feel especially difficult if your child or young person is struggling with their mental health.
Young Minds is one of the UK's leading charities fighting for children and young people's mental health. They have lots of practical advice to help you support your child - from encouraging them to open up, to navigating mental health services and finding them the right help. They also offer a Parents Helpline with a phone or online chat service, providing detailed information advice and support to parents and carers of children and young people. You can access support at https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/

Yellow zig-zags:

Thank you to everyone who has been respecting our new cones and keeping the zig zags clear at all times. This has helped to ensure visibility is clear for pedestrians and drivers and make our families safer during the school day. However, we have noticed a small minority of drivers who are beginning to park either side of the cones. Please remember our children's safety is worth a small walk from the plentiful places you can park.

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.

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,

Jon Arnold
Head of School

ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education