



Marlborough Primary School

Achievement for All

Newsletter - 8th January 2016



***learning to be, learning to know,
learning to live, learning to learn***

Dear Parents,
Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to the new children and families who have joined us this term. Thank you to the Upper School and Miss Reimers for their fabulous singing at the end of term which put us all in the Christmas mood and ready for the holiday.

This term is short but will be busy! Look out for communications via the newsletter, the plasma screen and the boards in the playground. From time to time we will need to send you text messages and send out letters. Please try to read any messages and letters so you are up to date with school life.

The Marlborough team look forward to working with you and your children this term.

Jessica Finer
Headteacher

Play centre

Users of play centre should have received a letter explaining that the running of the after school provision still remains with RBKC and has not transferred to a new provider as had been planned. Until alternative provision can be commissioned the service will continue to be delivered by RBKC. The finish time for play centre is 5.45pm.

Dropping off in the morning

The school gates open at 8.50am and close at 9am prompt. Children are encouraged to be in class before 9am so they can enjoy a 'soft start' to the day and are not late for school. If parents need provision for their child before 8.50am because of work commitments then we provide a Breakfast club from 8am until 8.50am. We have spaces available this term so please ask at the office if you are interested in using this service which we provide. The cost per day is £2.

Fruit at playtime

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 they are allowed (and positively encouraged) to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at morning playtime. Eating a piece of fruit at playtime helps your child reach their 5 a day target and keep them going until lunchtime. Fruit based snacks such as Yo Yo's are not to be eaten during playtime.



Why not?

Sign up to a free led walk in London taking place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th January. There are a number of different routes that last from 1 hour up to 6 hours! For more information go to: www.walklondon.org.uk

MEND



We have been given a wonderful opportunity to offer a free after school club called MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition ... DO IT!) that will focus on healthy eating and exercise for children between the ages of 5-7. It is for the whole family and is great fun. The first session will be held on Monday 11th January 2016 from 3.45 to 5.30pm. You will be required to attend all sessions with your child. Siblings may also attend. Please call the MEND team if you would like information about the programme on 0208 323 1725.

Shared areas and Explore and Discover themes

Staff have been working very hard on making the shared reading areas between classrooms exciting! The areas have been developed to reflect this term's Explore and Discover themes which are:

Year 1 On the Farm	Year 2 In the Forest	Year 3 Mountains, Rivers and Coasts
Year 4 Ancient Rome	Year 5 The Greeks	Year 6 The Mayans.

Can you guess which themes these shared areas represent?



Diary dates

January

11th Afterschool Clubs Start
11th Afterschool MEND programme at 3.45pm
18th Y3 visiting Kensington Palace
19th Superhero Workshops for Nursery & Reception
20th Y6TJM Assembly at 9am
27th Y4CZ Assembly at 9am

February

3rd Y3SOC Assembly at 9am
8th-12th Be Safe Week & Internet Safety
10th Y2AW Assembly at 9am
15th-19th **HALF TERM**

Class Assemblies

Below are all of the class assemblies for the year. All parents are welcome to come and watch their child's assembly. All assemblies start at 9.10am.

January: 20th Y6TJM 27th Y4CZ

February:

3rd Y3SOC 10th Y2AW

March:

2nd Y1VD 9th RLB 16th Y5TM 23rd Y4JAP

April: 27th Y3PB

May: 4th Y2KH 18th Y1KW 25th RBB

June:

15th Y5BM 22nd Nursery

Spring Term Overview Of Learning

Today your child should have brought home an overview of the skills, knowledge and understanding they will be assessed against this term. Check your child's book bag! This will hopefully give you a clear idea of what the children are expected to achieve this term in reading, writing and maths. This is just the minimum content children will be taught. These objectives will be taught through literacy, guided reading and maths lessons but also through the Explore and Discover themes. This makes learning fun, exciting and memorable. If you are unsure of what any of the objectives mean, please do ask the class teacher. We hope this document helps you understand what your child is learning and you feel more informed. Any feedback is very welcome.

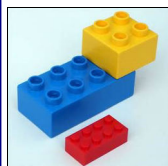


Upper School Clubs

This term Friday afternoon clubs for Year 4, 5 and 6 Museum club are:

Knitting, Lego, Collage, Sports, Computing, Cooking/gardening, Steel pan (Year 5—2 groups).

Friday club time is enjoyed by all and gives children a chance to learn in small groups with children from other classes in the Upper School. The clubs are led by members of staff who have chosen the club they wish to run. The clubs last for the whole term.



Lego needed! Lego club is looking for any spare Lego you may have at home that you don't need anymore.

Lost Property

Lost Property is located in a large bin just inside the door where the children enter the school. Please check this bin for any lost items and remember that if things are labelled it is very easy to return them to the right person!

Coffee Morning

Each Friday morning you are invited to come and join the coffee morning and meet other parents from your child's class. You will have an opportunity to meet one of the teachers who will be there for 15 minutes to answer any questions you may have.



15th Jan Y1 and 2
22nd Jan Y3 and 4
29th Jan Y5 and 6

Marlborough Umbrellas & Bears!

We have very special large rainbow umbrellas for sale! They cost £15 each and are available from the school office. We also have small Marlborough teddies which cost £3.50 each or £5 for two.



Attendance

Last term our attendance was 95.3% - well done! Our end of year target is 96% so we need to make a concerted effort to raise attendance this term so we can meet our goal and be in line with the national average. You will receive a letter informing you of your child's attendance percentage for last term. This information is coloured coded red, amber or green so you can easily see if your child's attendance needs to improve.

