



Marlborough Primary School Newsletter - 5th September 2014



Equality within diversity Inclusive and enabling
Creative and curious Resilient lifelong learners

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

Welcome to the new school year!

Welcome to all of our school community new and old! We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the next academic year in order to ensure that your children are 'the best they can be'. We have many new families who have joined the school this week and we hope you will be very happy at Marlborough.

This term we welcome Ms Hope to Y2, Ms Benaguida to Bumblebees, Mr O'Connor to Y3, Mr Arias-Prieto to Y4 & Ms Zarbanelian to Y5. We also welcome back Lucy Read (formerly Miss Rigg) who got married in May!

Welcome back too to Tanja Lalkov (SEN Teaching Assistant) who has returned from maternity leave. Welcome to Celena Malcom (who is our new Nursery Officer), Maureen Quinlan and Mui Tan (SEN Teaching Assistants). We welcome our three new Mid-Day Meal Supervisors who will be helping in the dinner hall and the playground each day: Liliane Pitha, Violeta Zivojinovic and Faisa Warsame.

Meet your class teacher

You will have an opportunity to come to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher in the week beginning 15th September. Please note the date for each class detailed Below: all meetings start at 2.5 p.m. The dates for Reception and Nursery meetings will be advised in due course.

Monday 15th September: Y5, Y4AW, Y3BM
Tuesday 16th September: Y6, Y4JAP, Y3SOC, Y2TM
Wednesday 17th September: Y2KH, Y1VD, Y1LR

School move update

The most recent news we have regarding the move to the interim school whilst our new school is being built, is that the move is planned to go ahead so that in September 2015 so we will be starting the next school year in the interim school. The interim school will be located in the John Lewis Cleanings building opposite the school on Draycott Avenue. Work is planned to begin on converting the building into the interim school (which we have been planning for the past year or more) in October. Watch this space!

New curriculum

As of 1st September 2014 schools in England follow a new National Curriculum. This is not vastly different from the previous curriculum but does set higher expectations in some areas of Literacy, Maths, Science and Computing (previously called ICT). Staff have been working hard in the past year to prepare for teaching the new curriculum. On the school website, under the tab 'Curriculum', you will be able to see the curriculum map for the year for your child's year group, the learning themes for the year and how these link to the national curriculum. There will be more information posted soon adding more detail for Literacy, Numeracy and Computing.

Medicines

Please make sure that if your child needs medication in school such as an Epi pen, medication for allergies, asthma pumps, a Health Care Plan or any other medications that you complete the necessary forms (available from the office) and bring these & the medication to the office.



Attendance

We were very proud of our end of year attendance figures which are the best the school has ever achieved and are in line with national averages. This was only possible with your co-operation. This year we aim to reach, if not exceed, last years percentage of 95.4%. There are clear procedures regarding Attendance and Punctuality which we will be reminding you of as we progress through the term. Each child receives a sticker on a Monday morning if they have had 100% attendance in the previous week. The class with the highest attendance receives a trophy which they keep for the week, there is also a trophy for the class with the best punctuality, these are given out during Monday morning whole school assembly. Last year 18 children received a book token, certificate and badge for 100% attendance throughout the year! In the previous year only 4 children achieved this award. Let's aim for even more children to achieve this in July 2015!



Sainsbury's School Games Mark

At the end of last academic year Marlborough Primary School was awarded the Bronze Sainsbury's active mark in recognition for all the sports activities the school is involved in. The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Well done to everyone involved and we now look forward to trying to achieve the Silver award. Keep active!



New rooms in Marlborough

During the summer several new rooms were decorated on the top floor so they could be used. We now have a dedicated Breakfast Club room with a suite of computers and a kitchen which can be used for cooking. Mrs Howell now has a teaching space for her maths teaching.

