

Marlborough Primary School Newsletter - 16th July 2015



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

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

Dear Parents,

This is the very last newsletter of the school year! Today we bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6 class. Thank you for a fabulous production of Oliver and for being an amazing class. We will miss you very much. Congratulations on all you have achieved at Marlborough, we are truly proud of you all.

Next week, when you are all on holiday we will be packing up the school and getting ready for the move. We can't wait to see you in our new space on 7th September! See below for information about the first morning.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer! Jessica Finer

Headteacher

Staff News

Congratulations to Mr Gardner who is now the proud father of baby Joseph!

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Jones, our SENCO, who will be leaving us tomorrow. Thank you for all you have done in the past two years and best wishes in your next school. Farewell to Ms Biswas who has been our art teacher for the past three years. Thank you for all the amazing big art you have done with the children and good luck next year.

We also say goodbye to Katerina, Yvette and Mandy who have been Teaching Assistants in Key Stage 2. Mandy will still be working at breakfast club each morning. We send best wishes to Gigi, Teaching Assistant, who is due to have her baby at the end of the summer holiday. Gemma Mori will be covering her role in September.

Summer in the City

You should have received a copy of the Summer in the City brochure that lists thousands of free and low-cost activities for families over the summer in Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham, including a range of activities for young carers and young people with disabilities. Keep up to date with what is going on by going to the Summer in the City website:

www.mysummerinthecity.org.uk

Attendance

Attendance today is 95.10%. Please remember that school finishes tomorrow Friday 17th July at **2pm** and all children are expected to be in school. All absences on this day will be unauthorised and all sickness absences must be accompanied by a Doctors note except if Eid falls tomorrow, which we believe it will.

MPS Teddy Bears

We have lots of Marlborough teddies for sale from the school office. There are two different types of bear for sale and they cost £3 for one or £5 for 2. Come and get one to keep you company during the holiday!

Eid Mubarak!

We would like to extend our best wishes all our families who are celebrating Eid! We will be thinking of you. There will be a celebration with a picnic in the Sunken Garden on the William Sutton Estate on Sunday 19th July from 2pm to 5pm. Bring foods and drinks to help celebrate!

The Interim School

On 7th September the school gates on Denyer street will be open at 8.50am. Denyer Street is off Draycott Avenue and opposite

the old school. There will be staff on hand to make sure you find the entrance and once you are in the playground will direct you where to go. Pick your children up from the playground at the end of the day.

Upper and Lower School

Next year, we will refer to Years 1, 2 and 3 as Lower School and Years 4, 5 and 6 as Upper School. This is to help the transition from Year 2 to 3 and so we have an equal number of children in the phases. From September, Year 3 will follow the current Year 1 and 2 timetable so they will have lunch from 11.45-12.45 and also a short afternoon break.

Diary dates

July

17th July Last day of term. **School closes at 2pm**

September

7th Children back to school

Provisional KS1 and 2 SATs Results

The expected level of attainment for KS1at the end of Year 2 is level 2+.

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Level 2+ MPS	98%	96%	100%
Level 2+ National (2014)	90%	86%	92%

The expected level of attainment for KS2 at the end of Year 6 is level 4+.

Well done to all the children for your great achievements.

	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPaG	R,W, M combined
Level 4+ MPS	90%	93%	97%	93%	90%
Level 4+ National (2014)	88%	85%	85%	76%	78%

All level 2+ and 4+ results are above the

Star Track Athletics

Millennium Arena, Battersea are holding an action packed 4 day athletic course for children aged 8-15. the course covers track and field events. 27th-30th July 2015 from 10am-1pm for only £36. ask at Millennium Arena reception for more details and to book a space.

Sports Week

Thanks to everyone who led and took part in events this week, including the parents!



Marlborough is 'ahead of the curve!'

The Summer term has been very exciting at Marlborough. As some of you may be aware, the way children are assessed in primary school is changing next year. Due to this, the government asked schools to develop their own assessment system. At Marlborough, we developed a new assessment strategy called S.T.E.A.M. Department for Education heard about our new strategy and asked Mr Birnage and Mr Maynard to go to the DfE and present it to them. Only a handful of schools across the country were asked in and our strategy was recognised as 'ahead of the curve' compared to other strategies. We have also had interest from other schools in London so we have run training days for 13 schools and they have bought into our strategy. As well as this, it has been published as an example of an outstanding case study by Oxford University Press, been presented to many Headteachers across London and at a number of London assessment conferences. Parents will have the opportunity to find out more about S.T.E.A.M and the change in assessment next term.

This week Mr Maynard was asked to be part of an expert panel to answer questions about children's reading. He impressed the audience with his passion and knowledge and was even tweeted about by the Charity Beanstalk who said 'every school and home should have a Mr Maynard!'

There have been a number of other successes where Marlborough is leading the way such as Maths Mastery and Achievement for All.

We are very proud of all our staff who keep driving Marlborough forward with their relentless enthusiasm.

