



# Marlborough Primary School

## Achievement for All

### Newsletter - 7th September 2015



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

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a very enjoyable break and are happy to be back at school.

It is with huge delight that I welcome you all to the interim Marlborough School! The building and playground are looking great and all we needed was the children in it! Today has been very exciting for the children as they get to know their new teachers, classrooms, playground, dinner hall and the rest of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you into the school and showing you around on **Tuesday 15th**

**September at 5pm.** This will be an adult only occasion and we hope you will be able to attend. Please let the office know if wish to attend. If you can't make it on that occasion there will be others going forward into the term.

This newsletter is going out today in order to give you some key information right at the start of the new year that will hopefully be useful to you.

Jessica Finer  
**Headteacher**

#### Staff News

Welcome to Ms Williams Y1KW and Mr Boothroyd Y3PB who joined the school before the end of last term and now have their very own class of children to teach! Welcome back to Pam who we have missed!

#### Special mentions Assembly

There will be a Special Mention assembly on Friday morning at 9.10am. We are hoping that there will be room for some parents to attend as in the past. Please be patient as we try to find the best way to fit everyone in the hall whilst ensuring everyone's safety.

#### Core Values

- We are all equal
- We include everyone
- We ask questions
- We are creative
- We are learners

#### Thank you!

Many of you commented this morning on how good the school looks. All staff have worked hard to ensure that everything was ready for today however the biggest thanks must go to Janet who has worked tirelessly throughout the whole summer and has been ably assisted by Sean Nixon who has also worked non stop. Please thank them if you see them!

#### Y3 Swimming

At Marlborough all children in Y3 go swimming. Each Y3 class goes swimming at the Chelsea pool for half of the year. Y3 SOC will be swimming every Friday from this Friday, 11th September. Children need to bring their swimwear and a towel and girls with long hair need to wear a swimming hat. Children can bring goggles if they wish.

#### Fruit and water

The Government provides the school with fruit (or vegetables) for Y1 and 2. If your child is in Y3, 4, 5 or 6 children are encouraged to bring their own fruit for morning break time. Don't forget to fill your water bottle each day and bring it to school. No other snacks or drinks are allowed.



#### Start and End of the day

Starting from tomorrow (Tuesday 8th) we will operate the soft start to the day.

Children will enter the site and say goodbye to you at the Bug Hotel (where the logs are) and they then come into school and go straight to their class. At the end of the day the children will assemble in the same position as this morning. Lower school parents please wait behind the Bug Hotel and Upper school parents please wait on the far side of the football pitch. There are posters up which give you this information.

#### Uniform

Children have returned to school looking very smart today. Please remember to label all your children's clothing so we can reunite any lost or left items with your child. Shoes should be black leather for boys and blue or black for girls—no trainers or canvas shoes please.

### Diary dates

#### September

11th	Special Mentions assembly
15th	Parents invited to school to meet all the teachers and have a tour of the building 5pm—5.45pm (no children)
22nd	Meet the teacher Y 1&2 at 3pm
23rd	Meet the teacher Y 3&5 at 3pm
24th	Meet the teacher Y 4&6 at 3pm

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### Playcentre

Play centre is open every day from 3.30pm. The school is closed from 6pm and children MUST be collected by this time otherwise they will need to wait with the play centre staff outside the main door to the school. When you come to collect your child you need to come to the front door of the school. If you arrive after the office closes at 4.30pm you will need to call one of the play centre staff to gain access to the school. There will be a number to call clearly displayed on the door to the school. Please be patient with the play centre staff as they get used to using the new building. There is a new menu for afternoon tea so hopefully your children will enjoy that!

### Front desk

For the next few weeks Des Healy will be working on the front desk from 8.30am until 4.30pm when the office closes. Kay O'Neill is on leave and Ainsley Smith, who you would usually see at reception will be covering her role. However, Ainsley will be on hand to support and help with any query that Des can't answer. Please be patient during this first half of term while we are getting used to working in a new office and without the support of Kay.

### Home Learning

We have changed how we will be providing home learning this term. In the summer term we tried out some different things and held some consultations with parents. We want home learning to be relevant, meaningful and interesting. It will involve a mix of on-line and off-line learning and there will be a rotation of basic skills home learning and Explore and Discover tasks.

In order to make home learning more manageable and less stressful for you as parents the following will happen:

- An Explore and Discover task will be given out every other week on a Tuesday and should be returned the following Tuesday. Children will have a special book for this home learning for any recording they may need to do.
- Basic Skills learning will be given out on alternate Tuesdays when the children do not have an Explore and Discover task. This will focus on skills such as spelling, handwriting, reading. Teachers will give you spellings and handwriting at the beginning of term which will set out what the children should practice. Children will have a special book for this which they will decorate at school but keep at home. Children will be able to do Bug Club and Mathletics which are accessible on line.

We will provide you with more information and answer any queries as we go forward. The first home learning will come home on Tuesday 15th September. Reception class will be slightly different and the teachers will ensure you are clear about their expectations.