



**Marlborough Primary School**  
**Achievement for All**  
**Newsletter - 9th December 2016**



*we are equal, we include everybody, we ask questions, we are creative, we are learners*

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter for 2016! We are well underway now with preparations for Christmas and hope to see you all at the Christmas Fair on Monday 12th December where Santa will be in residence in his grotto! We have a fantastic raffle as well as gifts to buy made by the children.

Christmas shows take place next week and we hope you can come to support your children!

Jessica Finer  
**Headteacher**

**Absence Reporting**

When reporting your child as absent using the school voicemail, please ensure that you state the nature of your child's illness. The school needs to have a specific reason for a child being absent and we cannot accept "not feeling well" as the reason. Please remember that there is an NHS app called Studybugs which you can download and use to report absences. Register on the [studybugs.com](http://studybugs.com) website to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

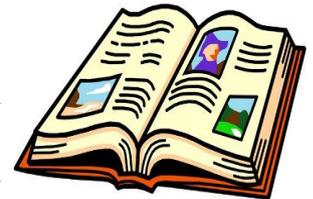
**Reading Journal workshops for parents**

This week we have run 3 informative and useful reading workshops for parents ahead of launching Reading Journals in January. Thank you to all of you who attended and asked some great questions.



**Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came and visited the Book Fair this week. Thank you especially to the children who bought a book to donate to a class in the school. Your book has a special sticker inside the cover with your name on it!



**Christmas Jumper Day!**

Friday 16th December is Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Wear your most Christmassy or sparkly jumper to school and bring a £1 donation.



Do you shop on line? If so, you can now raise money for the school through your on line shopping at no cost to you! It's very easy to do. Just go to the web address below:-

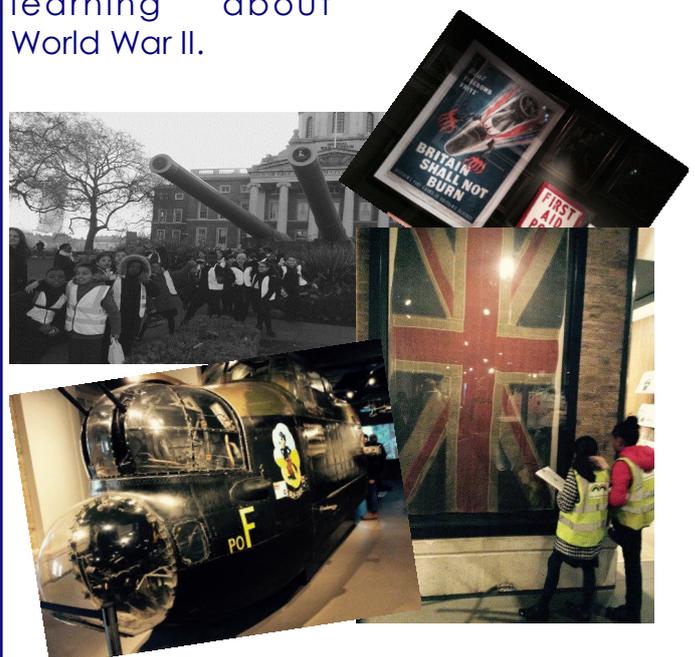
**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/)**

**[causes@marlboroughprim](mailto:causes@marlboroughprim)** and register.

Every time you shop with certain online stores you will be raising money for the school and your children! Look out for the posters around school and the flyer coming home with your child.

**Y6 Imperial War Museum**

Last week Y6 has a brilliant day visiting the Imperial War Museum as part of their learning about World War II.



## Diary Dates

### December

16th Y1 Scooter Training  
21st **LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**

### January

3rd **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
4th **BACK TO SCHOOL**

## Christmas dates

### December

12th Christmas Fair at **3.40pm**  
13th Y1 Nativity at **2.30pm**  
14th Nursery & Reception Nativity at **2.30pm**  
15th Y4,Y5&Y6 Christmas Songs/Choir at **2.30pm**  
15th Choir & Staff Christmas singing at **Peter Jones at 4pm**  
16th Christmas Jumper Day  
16th Y2&Y3 Christmas Show at **2.30pm**



## Photos from Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, children enjoyed their Christmas lunch with their friends. Thank you to Jonas and the team in the kitchen who made the lunch so tasty and well done to the Y6 waiters and waitresses who were so helpful.



## Online safety assembly

This week children took part in an assembly about keeping safe on line. The main message was that children must tell someone if they see something on line that is upsetting or seems wrong. Make sure you are aware of what your children are doing when they are using the internet at home.

**Keep your children safe online!**

## Wreath making

A group of children from the Upper school made some amazing Christmas wreaths this week. They will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Monday!



## Parents workshops with the NHS

We are running 3 workshops for parents next term facilitated by the NHS around the theme of wellbeing. The first workshop will be on Thursday 12th January at 9am, followed by one on 19th and one on 26th January. The workshops last for an hour or so. Everyone is welcome!



## Chelsea African footballers project

Year 6 are involved in a project with Chelsea FC called Thinking Outside the Penalty Box. The project centres on the inspirational life stories of African footballers who play or have played for Chelsea FC. The project aims to demonstrate the educational value of African footballers as role models, motivating students to set goals using similar life skills, as well as enhance their reading, oracy and literacy.



## School Meals

Please ensure all school meals payments are up to date by Wednesday 21st December. Also, if you wish to change your child's school meal pattern for January, please let the office know so they can change this on the system. You can also pick up a new lunch menu from the office.