

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

Dear Parents,

I am very glad that we have been able to keep the school open this week during the arctic weather. Whilst it is very exciting to have snow, it brings with it many challenges for us all. Thank you for getting your children to school and for picking them up on time.

Jessica Finer

**Headteacher**

### Term Dates 18/19

Term dates for the academic year 2018/19 are attached to this newsletter. Please keep them safe for future reference so you can ensure your child is in school during term time. Please note the days we are closed for staff training. These dates will be posted onto the school website.

### Book Week - Magical Worlds

This week we have been celebrating Book Week and chose the theme of Magical Worlds for the week with an emphasis on characters travelling to magical worlds and places. Throughout the week there have been a range of activities taking place across the school. Every day has begun with time to read or take part in a reading activity. Children have read to children in their partner classes, the teacher reading race where teachers run from one class to another and read for a minute was a very popular event (see photo below!) On Thursday, World Book Day, children dressed up as characters from magical worlds - there were some fantastic costumes and characters in school yesterday - thank you for taking part. If you didn't bring your £1 to school please bring it on Monday as we are raising money to buy new books for the library. Each child should have received their £1 book voucher which you can spend in bookshops where books are available for £1. This week we have been running a writing challenge - children were asked to write a story in 100 words. Well done to Sienna Y6 and Ljupche Y2 who were the winners!



### Cold Weather

During cold weather all children should be coming to school with a warm winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Children can wear boots to school and bring shoes to change into.



### Staff News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Maynard who are now the proud parents of a baby girl, Orla. Mr Maynard is currently on paternity leave and will be back at MPS very soon! Welcome to Mrs McWilliams who is teaching Y3CM - we are delighted to have you at Marlborough!

## Diary Dates

### March

<b>5-9th</b>	Waste Week 2018
<b>6th</b>	Parent Gym Booster Session 9am
<b>12th</b>	Y5 Visiting the British Museum
<b>14th</b>	Charles Dickens Dance Workshops for Y1-Y5
<b>19-23rd</b>	Book Fair
<b>19th</b>	Y6 Visiting Courtauld Gallery
<b>20th</b>	Infant Voice Festival
<b>21st</b>	Reception Stay & Learn
<b>22nd</b>	Choir Recording MPS CD

## School Meals and Packed Lunches

### **Payment for School Meals:**

All payments should be made in advance via Wisepay. The cost per week is £11. You are not charged for the days your child is absent from school. Please see Ainsley in the office if you have any questions regarding this.

### **Packed Lunch Boxes:**

All packed lunches should be in a suitable lunchbox or bag. No carrier bags should be used for packed lunches unless for a school trip, where they can be thrown away. If you are looking for exciting lunch ideas, why not pick up a leaflet from the office for inspiration!



## Online Safety Tips

Tablets such as iPads provide a variety of interesting activities and great education opportunities for young people. However, it is important to be aware of what these devices can do and how you can talk with your child to help them to use this technology in safe and positive way.

### **Three steps for parents:**

- Understand the capabilities of iPad – these devices can access the internet.
- Understand the potential risks and how you as a parent can support your child to be smart and safe. The same advice that you give your child about keeping safe online applies to internet-connected devices.
- Talk with your child about using their device safely and responsibly and agree a set of family rules. Perhaps you could agree rules with your child about not meeting up with people they have only met online, how much they are allowed to spend on apps, what websites it's okay and not okay to visit, and whether their phone or tablet should be switched off at night.

## MyTime Active

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, over 100 Community Partners and Stakeholders joined the MyTime Active Family Weight Management Team at the Baden Powell Centre in Kensington for our 2nd Showcase Event.

The Showcase demonstrated how MEND from MyTime Active improves community wellbeing and helps people get more from life through 4 simple pathways:

### **Eat Well**

### **Be Active**

### **Be Positive**

### **Be Together**

We were delighted to welcome public health representatives, paediatric dietitians, perinatal specialists, youth services & Headteachers, school nurses, health visitors, maternity champions and volunteers.

Elizabeth Dunsford, Senior Strategic Relationships Officer for Public Health, provided an insight into the wide reach of the services that MyTime Active delivers and the reasons that MEND family lifestyles and schools programmes in the tri-borough are so necessary and valuable.

Our team was joined by some of our participants, stakeholders and volunteers. This approach brought our work to life using impactful presentations, videos and interviews. Highlights included a whole class performance of the Powerfood Wiggle from Y1 at Marlborough Primary School. We did our very own exit poll on the day and were delighted by the positive feedback we received.