

Newsletter Thursday 21st October 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 22nd October Monday 1st November Monday 1st November Friday 5th October W/C 8th November Tuesday 9th November Last day of half term School open Year 5/6 Poetry Workshop Forest school – Year 6 Parents evenina (online) Flu vaccinations (Rec-Year 6)

You can view the school calendar on the homepage of our website and next year's term and holiday dates can be found in the parents section of the website as well.

Holiday dates and training days 2021-2022

Please see the attached holiday calendar for this academic year. Please note that we have an extra training day on Monday 28th February. This has been added to reflect the extra bank holiday for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Star of the week awards

Congratulations to the following children for excellent effort and attitude in class: Reuben W Lucy H Gabby M Aiden F

> Hot chocolate Award

Congratulations to the following children for their exemplary behavior and for living out our school values of kindness, courage and respect:

Alexander H Amelia K Esme W Louis M

Online Parents evening

Information has already been sent out and bookings go live on Monday 1st at 7pm.

Appointments can be made online anytime between 7pm on Monday 1st November and 7am on Monday 8th November. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit https://MartonPrimary.schoolcloud.co.uk

to book your appointments. You will need to login with the following information:

- Parent First Name & Parent Last Name
- Pupil's first name, surname and date of birth

Harvest festival

Thank you to the ambassadors for organising our harvest assemblies. We hope that parents enjoyed the clips that were posted on Class Dojo.

> Covid Update

Due to an increase in the number of positive Covid cases in our locality it is very important that parents and carers ensure that PCR tests are accessed when children have symptoms, even if they are mild. Prompt action does help to protect everyone in our school family. The 3 main symptoms remain a fever, a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms include headache, sore throat, tiredness and cold-like symptoms. Please be aware of these and stay at home and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Forest school

Year 6 children will be taking part in Forest school sessions after the half term break. Please make sure you read the letter that was sent out this week.

After school clubs

Our after school clubs letter will be sent out before the end of the week. We are pleased to welcome back Fiona Ashford from Smarty Art, who will be offering ary classes after school every Thursday. Football club and Smarty Art are payable via Parent pay and Lego club is now payable direct to Mr Walkington. Parent pay will go live tomorrow once the letter has been sent out.

Vacancies

We have two exciting opportunities for someone to join our lovely school community and work with your amazing children!

To find out more please visit our vacancies page on the website: https://www.mcgprimaryschool.org/home/vacancies

Please share with anyone who you think may be interested.

Bad Apples Youth Theatre

The theatre has a course running in the half term for 10-14 year olds. Halloween Play-in-a-Week will be a version of 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' and the young actors need no previous acting experience. Course is £75 and runs 28th-31st October with the Halloween show 2.30pm on 31st Oct at Green Hammerton Village Hall. There are some *free* places too if finance is a barrier. For more information:

https://www.facebook.com/195799810447876/posts/4923303361030807/?sfnsn=scwspmo

Morrison's Good to Grow

Our school is collecting Morrisons good to grow tokens. From September every £10 you spend in store or online you'll receive one grow token which you can donate to our school. These tokens will allow us to receive free gardening equipment, seeds and much more. To find out more information please visit https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/

> BAFTA

For any queries about before and after school club please email: <u>s.snow.den@mcgprimaryschool.org</u> All BAFTA sessions will be in the school hall.

> Music Tuition in school

For children who are interested in applying for music tuition in school, you can find out more information here: <u>https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/info/information-about-lessons-available-schools</u>

> Children walking/cycling alone to school

Parents of children in Years 5 & 6 may decide that their child is capable of independently walking/cycling to school. If this is the case, then a consent form must be completed for that child and returned to the school office. If your child wishes to ride their bike to school there is a bike rack in the school car park where their bike can be secured during the day. You will need to provide them with a locking device which they can operate themselves. Please contact the school office if you require a consent form.

Community announcements

Ripon Cathedral Food & Gift Fair

Please see the attached leaflet on the newsletter email for more information.

Judi does Yoga



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Easy fundraising

Please don't forget that Marton-cum-Grafton Primary School is registered with easyfundraising. So, although we're unable to get together and hold fundraising events in person at present, we can continue to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you for the school.

When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Booking.com, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/martoncumgraftonps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e3

This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support and thank you to the people who are currently registered on the site and continue to create donations it is very much appreciated.

"Aspire, Believe and Achieve in a Caring Christian Community"

Our children will flourish, be safe and valued, in a nurturing Christian community. They will aspire to be the best that they can be; believe in their abilities and gain the courage and confidence to achieve their goals.

Our Christian Vision is lived out through the values of **Kindness**, **Courage and Respect** and illustrated through the parable of **The Seed and The Sower**

"The seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams" Mark 4:20

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