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|  **Newsletter****Friday 3rd December 2021** |



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 10th December The Secret Room

 Reports sent home

Thursday 16th December Christmas lunch

Friday 17th December 2.30pm finish End of Term

Tuesday 4th January Training Day

Wednesday 5th January Start of Spring Term

Week commencing 10th January 2022 Parents evening

**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.**

* **Christmas Crackers**

Thank you to parents who have donated crackers. If anyone else is able to do so please can you send donations to school by Monday 13th December.

* **Star of the week awards**

Congratulations to the following children for excellent effort and attitude in class:

Summer H

Edward P

Jennifer

Lucy H

Amelie

* **Hot chocolate Award**

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

Zara

Summer W

Hattie PS

* **Thursday 16th December – Christmas fun day**

As well as having our Christmas lunch we are also inviting children to come to school in a Christmas jumper/top for a fun filled day of Christmas activities.

* **School finish time end of term**

School finishes at 2.30pm on the 17th December when we break for Christmas. Bafta and Football club will not be running due to the early finish.

* **Pupil Reports**

Your child's termly report will be sent home in paper format on Friday 10th December. Please return 1copy having completed the parent comment box by the end of term. The reports will be discussed at parents' evening the week beginning 10th January 2022.

* **Reminder**

Please can we remind parents and children that long hair must be tied back, either in a pony

tail or plait.

* **Welcome**

 Welcome to Miss Scholes (student teacher) and Mrs Bastow (teacher/teaching assistant) who

 have joined Harlow class this term.

* **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.

* **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: s.snowden@mcgprimaryschool.org

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: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/info/information-about-lessons-available-schools>

* **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.

**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