



Newsletter

Friday 21st January 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week commencing 24th January

Friday 4th February

Monday 21st February

Monday 28th February

Parents evening

Walk to School Day

Half term

Training day

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.

➤ **Star of the Week Awards**

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

Henry T

George L

Frederick M

Summer H

➤ **Hot Chocolate Award**

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

Freddie W

Thomas T

Layla F

Ella K

➤ **School Start Times**

Please note the following start times for each class:

- Preschool - 9am
- Reception, Yr1 and Y2 - 8.50am
- Y3-Y6 - 8.40am

The register begins 10 minutes before the start times and you should ensure that your child is in the school building by then so that they can be ready to start lessons at their allocated time. Late arrivals are noted.

➤ **Harrogate District Walk to School Day**

Friday 4th February 2022

Get active whilst helping combat climate change! Can you leave the car at home for most, if not all, of the school run on Friday 4th February?

49% of our district's carbon emissions come from transport, which makes it the largest contributor to our district's carbon footprint. It's also 28% above the UK average! By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. Every mile counts!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn.

Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.

Zero Carbon Harrogate will be recording how many students took part from each school - so please help put our school at the top of the leader board!

Every mile counts!

Please go to www.zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/harrogate-district-walk-to-school-day for more information.

For guidance on road safety please go to <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/walking-safety-tips-for-children/>

➤ **Wildcats**

Weetabix Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends. Our Wildcats session run at St John Fishers Catholic High School at 5:30-6:30pm and the age ranges from 5-11 years old.

To sign up click the link below to find our Wildcats centre:

<https://find.EnglandFootball.com/>

➤ **Futsal**

Futsal is a fast indoor sport which is very fun and exciting to play. On average futsal players touch the ball 3 times more than playing football. We have two age groups, u9's and u11's. Both sessions are delivered at Harrogate High School every Monday, u9's 5-6pm, u11's 6-7pm. 'Matthew really enjoys the sessions, he is always playing with a ball at his, his development has really improved' – Parent.

To find more information please contact: tomblackburn@harrogatetownafc.com

To sign up: <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/harrogatetownafc/harrogate-town-afc-courses.html>

➤ **Absence reminder**

If your child is unwell, could we please ask that you ring the school by 9.15am to let us know rather than send an email.

➤ **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

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