



Newsletter

Friday 13th May 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16th May
Thursday 19th May
Friday 27th May
Monday 6th June
Friday 10th June
Sunday 26th June
Sunday 10th July

Yew Tree Farm Visit
Jubilee Tea Party
School Closes for Half-Term
Training Day
Bags2School collection
Open Gardens
Friends Summer Fair

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.

➤ Jubilee Tea Party Day

The Jubilee Tea Party will take place on Thursday 19th May at 2.00pm and all parents are welcome to attend. Children are invited to come to school that day wearing red, white and blue.

We would be grateful if some parents are able to volunteer to set up and help with refreshments.

Any donations of sandwiches, cakes, carrot/cucumber sticks etc. would be very gratefully received.

Please email Mrs Thirlaway - headteacher@mcgprimaryschool.org if you are able to help with serving refreshments on the day.

Sign-up sheets have been put on the classroom doors. If you would like to bring something, could you please write your name and what you would like to donate on the sheet.

➤ Star of the Week Awards

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

The whole of Helmsley class

William S

Annabel S

Sophie M

➤ **Hot Chocolate Award**

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

The whole of Year 6
Jennifer O

Ollie C
George B

➤ **P.E. Uniform**

The children should wear navy/black joggers or leggings, a white t-shirt or polo shirt and a school sweatshirt or school hoodie. It is not non-uniform so could all parents please ensure the children have the correct kit.

➤ **Time Capsule Visit**

On Monday 16th May, Brierley Homes Ltd will visit our school and will take a group of children to Yew Tree Farm where they are building some new houses. They will bury a time capsule filled with items to reflect life in 2022 and will learn about the building industry and the meticulous safety measures on building sites.

➤ **Johnson's of Whixley Jubilee Competition**

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and gardening, Johnsons of Whixley are holding a competition for local primary schools to win £250 worth of plants for their school.

Further details are on the following website:

<https://nurserymen.co.uk/competition-design-a-primary-school-platinum-jubilee-garden-and-win-250-worth-of-plants/>

If anyone would like a paper copy of the entry form, please call into the school office.

➤ **New Channel 4 series – The Dog Academy**

The Channel 4 TV company, Five Mile Films, produces the Channel 4 series The Dog House.

They are currently making a brand-new prime time series for Channel 4 called The Dog Academy, which is all about misbehaving dogs and their owners.

They are looking to hear from people who might be struggling with their dog's behaviour and need help to overcome their dog's issues. From small quirks to life impacting behaviour, they have assembled a team of the very best trainers in Britain to help owners transform their dogs once and for all.

The series will be filmed later this year, but they would love to start hearing from people now. At the moment, they are trying to spread the word and encourage people to apply.

Below is a flyer with details if anyone is interested.



➤ Family Cycle Day

Please see below details of a family cycle day on 15th May.

BOROUGHBRIDGE 98 LIONS CLUB
REG. No. 1 103078

FAMILY CYCLE DAY
Sunday 15 May 2022
Great Ouseburn Village Hall

KINDLY SPONSORED BY
SPOKEY DOKEY BIKES

Join us for a marshalled cycle ride from Great Ouseburn Village Hall to Boroughbridge and back – a ride of approximately 12 miles, or just ride as far as you want. Free transport will be available for those wishing to cycle part of the route.
Refreshments available at the half way point

To guarantee a free goodie bag, medal and certificate, please register your interest in advance by emailing us at bh98lions@hotmail.com

£5 per adult/£3 per child or £12 per family
Event starts at 10am
Ride starts from 11am
Registration closes at 11.30am
Ride closes at 2pm

➤ Holidays during Term Time

Taking a child on holiday during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt the educational progress. Before deciding to take holidays during term time, parent/carers are asked to consider the effect on their child's continuity of education. Mrs Thirlaway is only able to authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

Parents who take a child on leave in term time without the permission of the Academy risk being issued with a penalty notice fine for unauthorised absences.

➤ Bags2School

The next Bags2School day will be Friday 10th June.

➤ Free School Meals

Families can save around £450 a year with free school meals

As families across the county are feeling the pinch due to the rising cost of living, one way in which many people could save money, is by taking advantage of the free school meals, which may be available to them. This could save £450 a year. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for a free meal with no means testing required. Children in Year 3 onwards can also benefit if their parents are eligible for certain income support and allowances, support under the immigration and Asylum Act, child tax credit, working tax credit or universal credit. Help us to make sure as many families as possible are taking up the chance for a free meal by telling friends, family and the people we work with in our communities. Anyone can check eligibility and apply online: www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

➤ Football Coaching

Please see the flyer below for more information on Football Lessons

AT ENERGISE LEISURE CENTRE (YORK HIGH SCHOOL)
01904 699000 (OPEN 10.00AM - 10.00PM)

STARTING WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL 2022

2022 Football Coaching Starts at Energise Leisure Centre (York High School) on Wednesday 21st April 2022

Age Group	Days	Time	Location
U11	Wednesdays	10.00am - 11.00am	Energy Leisure Centre (York High School)
U13	Wednesdays	11.15am - 12.15pm	Energy Leisure Centre (York High School)
U15	Wednesdays	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Energy Leisure Centre (York High School)
U17	Wednesdays	1.45pm - 2.45pm	Energy Leisure Centre (York High School)

01904 773 250 www.energiseleisure.co.uk

➤ **Collecting Children from School**

This is a reminder that if someone different is collecting your child from school, you need to inform either the school office or a member of classroom staff so that we can ensure permission has been given before your child is handed over at the end of the day. If you are informing classroom staff, please ensure that they have acknowledged an email or Dojo message as they are not able to access these during the teaching day.

If you need your child to walk home or to meet you in your car parked in the village, you will need to complete a walk to school form which is attached to this newsletter.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **BAFTA**

For any queries about before and after school club please email:

s.snowden@mcgprimarieschool.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>

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

THANK YOU so much to everyone who could attend our first Easter Trail in the village. We had a great turn out & the feedback so far seems great 👍

As you all know this was our 1st big event since Covid started over 2 years ago. So it felt wonderful to actually get together as a school community & have some fun at last! 🐰🐣

I want to make some special thanks to individuals:

Sophie Alex Platts & hubby who planned our wonderful trail & drew beautiful drawings for the map & set it all out. 😊

Helen Sargent for helping source some wonderful prizes & set up & tidy up.

Vanessa Tasker our very own Easter Bunny 🐰 & helper.

Rosie Wynn, Claire Hammond, Louise Leong, Hannah Phillips, Kelly McNichol for all helping set up, run a stall or tidy up or a bit of everything! I really do appreciate it.

We would also like to acknowledge the following local businesses that generously contributed towards prizes for this event Morrisons, Johnsons of Whixley and Dunesforde vineyard.

Without your help I couldn't have pulled it off so a BIG Thank You from me 😊

The GRAND TOTAL raised is an amazing

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 26th June Open Gardens in Marton Cum Grafton.

Sunday 10th July Friends Summer Fair to be held at school.

As you can imagine these events both take a lot of organisation, help, support, volunteers, prizes, donations to name but a few.

The Open Gardens is a big event for us and such a lovely family day out. It also financially benefits us also as the village school.

We will have our annual Tombola, which is always a big success but to work well needs a minimum of 100 prizes! So please do start collecting small prizes in new or mint condition, from children's books, sweets, stationery etc.... We will also be having face painting & a competition for the children to enter on the run up to the day that will be judged that Sunday.

The Tombola be run by us and I will be very grateful for volunteers. A rota will be put together where a 1 hour slot can be signed up for which enables you to enjoy the rest of the day. We will need a minimum of 2 volunteers per slot!

I will also need volunteers to help run our summer fair on the day. This event happened for the first time in 2019 (the previous one was a while before this) it was such a wonderful time and the children loved it. We raised nearly £1000 from the day. Anyone that may be able to help in anyway please get in touch. We will be having stall holders & various activities going on, ice-cream van, pizzas etc.

Thank you for all continued support as always.

Susan (Chair of 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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