



## Spring Newsletter

### Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023



#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Parents Evening  
First Aid training for the children  
Safer Internet Day  
End of half term  
Return to School  
World Book Day

#### ➤ **Keeping your Children Safe Online**

Please take the time to read the attached Online Safety Newsletter and the Guide to Parental Controls. It provides lots of information to help safeguard children online and contains advice on how to set up appropriate settings on devices etc.

#### ➤ **Parking Outside School**

If you need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited. Please pass this information on to other family members who may be dropping off/collecting. Thank you.

#### ➤ **Safeguarding**

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school. The school shares a purpose with parents to keep children safe from harm and to have their welfare promoted.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs ML Thirlaway

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr P Jelf and Mrs K Laverack

#### ➤ **Star of the Week Awards**

Congratulations to the following children for excellent effort and attitude in class and for demonstrating resilience and perseverance with their work:

Millicent

Lucy

Buddy

Amelia and Mason

➤ **Hot Chocolate Award**

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

Amelia P      Olivia B      Liliana      Imogen

➤ **Ambassador Award**

Kahlan

➤ **Well-Being Warriors' Award**

The well-being ambassadors have chosen this person as they have been kind and caring and looking after the well-being of others.

George H

➤ **Singing Club**

Amelia

➤ **Coding Club**

Neve      Nell

➤ **Lateness**

Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the register is taken. Lateness doesn't only affect your child, it disrupts other children as well as the teacher. However, if you think you are going to be late, please do not keep your child off school for the rest of the day. Being late and in school is better than being absent. Thank you.

➤ **School Start times**

Please note the following start times for each class:

8.40 for register at 8.50 Preschool (8.50-11.50 are the times for a morning session)

8.40 for register at 8.50 Reception

8.30 for register at 8.50 Y1-2

8.30 for register at 8.40 Y3-6

Please ensure that your child is in the school building promptly so that they can be ready to start lessons at their allocated time. Late arrivals are noted.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **P.E. Uniform**

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

➤ **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 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 available from the School Office.

Please don't forget that Marton-cum-Grafton Primary School is registered with **easyfundraising**. When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including Etsy, Not on the High Street, 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](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.

### ➤ **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](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

### ➤ **BAFTA**

For any queries about before and after school club please email: [s.snowden@mcpprimaryschool.org](mailto:s.snowden@mcpprimaryschool.org)  
Morning BAFTA sessions are in preschool and after school 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>

## **“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

# MAKE SAVINGS by claiming your FREE SCHOOL MEAL



As you probably know, Free School Meal awareness has been increased recently across the media.

Save time and money by claiming your free school meal allowance today. You can get free school meals if your child attends a local authority maintained school and your receive one of the listed benefits.

DO YOU  
RECEIVE ANY  
OF THESE?

- Child Tax Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income Support
- State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finished, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

## THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

### Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)

Pupils in Reception and KS1 all receive a free hot meal or sandwich, fruit or yoghurt each day and don't need to apply. All you need to do is inform your school that you wish your child to have a daily hot meal.

### Free School Meals (FSM)

Pupils may be entitled to a Free School Meal. However, with FSM you will need to apply. The link on this sheet is for your local authority and there is also a link to the Government website about FSM. Your child's school will also have an application form, if you wish to complete the application by hand.

Whether taking advantage of UFSM or FSM, a hot meal (2 choices of main course) or a sandwich, along with a dessert of the day, or fresh fruit or yoghurt and a drink will be the daily choice.

The menus are displayed on the school website and if your child has a food allergy or intolerance, our Catering Manager will discuss the options for your child and accommodate the allergen requirements.

[WWW.MELLORSCATERING.CO.UK](http://WWW.MELLORSCATERING.CO.UK)

## NEED MORE INFO?

Visit...

[www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

OR ASK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR  
AN FSM APPLICATION FORM

Fill this in, cut it out and hand it to the school reception to start claiming your child's UFSM!

Child's full name:.....

Child's Class:.....

Date you wish to  
start the UFSM:.....