



**North Marston Church of England School  
School Hill  
North Marston  
Bucks MK18 3PE**

**Challenging each other to love learning and truly care.  
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19.1.24

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Henry Cou in Y6 and Trixie in Y2 who celebrated their Birthdays this week.

**Certificates**

Congratulations to these children who have received certificates this week:

**YR-Emily** for showing courage by being willing to have a go at applying her phonics knowledge to her writing.

**Y1-Amaia** for making such a big effort with her writing this week. We have been writing a letter to Evans in Kenya and Amaia has been full of ideas and keen to get them down on paper.

**Y2-Harry** for working hard to improve his handwriting and the presentation of his work.

**Y3-Abigail** perseverance in maths when faced with a new method. She kept trying and remembered "the power of yet".

**Y4-Vincent** for showing clarity when discussing rocks and where they are found in the world. He used his knowledge of volcanic rocks and applied it in the science lesson.

**Y5-Frankie** for having the courage to go beyond his comfort zone with his writing. He is trying new vocabulary and working hard to create a sense of drama and emotion.

**Y6-Henry Col** for putting so much care and attention into his writing. His grammar choices are excellent and he is creating some exciting pieces of work that are a pleasure to read.

**Safer Internet advice**

We are aware that as more learning is provided online and the children have increasing access to the internet, we need to ensure that we keep them safe online. Please follow this link for further information and advice.

[Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

**Winter weather**

As the weather is now getting colder please can you ensure that the children come to school with warm clothing so that they don't get too cold during outside play times.

Should the weather make the school site, or travelling to school unsafe, we may need to take the decision to close the school site and switch to remote learning. Teachers will put learning activities and resources on the website under their class pages so there will be learning for the children to access while at home. Should this decision be made, information will go onto the school website and the Buckinghamshire Council website under school closures. Announcements will also be made on the local radio station.

**School uniform**

We are very proud of how smart the children look in school wearing their school uniform.

Please can you ensure that they are wearing black or navy socks with black or navy school shoes, (white socks with trainers is fine on PE days), and not odd or brightly coloured socks.

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We have also had some uniform go missing which is named, so please could you just do a check that the uniform that your child is wearing is in fact theirs. Please also can you ensure that you name all items of clothing which your child wears for school so that should it be mislaid, it can be returned immediately to the children.

### **Celebration Worship**



All parents are welcome to join us for our time of worship on Friday afternoons at 2.40pm. If your child has achieved an award outside of school they are welcome to bring it into school to share their success with us at this time too. You will be notified the day before if your child is to receive a certificate, but they will not be told prior to the assembly. Next term the classes will be sharing their learning on the following dates; 19.1.24-Y1, 26.1.24- YR, 2.2.24-Y5/6, 9.2.24-Y3/4, 23.2.24- Y2, 1.3.24-Y1, 8.3.24-YR, 15.3.24-Y5/6, 22.3.24-Y3/4, 28.3.24-Easter Service.

### **Home learning**

Information regarding home learning for each class can be found on the class page on the school website. We would encourage all pupils to spend some time at home reading to, or with, you and practicing their maths learning through Mathletics or TT Rockstars as appropriate to their key stage. Reading books for the younger children have been purchased so that they can bring a physical book home or you can access the e-books too, Mathletics logins have been allocated to all pupils, and YR children will begin to use this platform this term. TT Rockstars is for children in KS2 and they all have logins allocated. Please ask the class teachers if you are unsure of these or have mislaid them. Thank you for your support with home learning it definitely makes a difference.

### **School Website**

**Please take a look at our school website [www.northmarstonceschool.co.uk](http://www.northmarstonceschool.co.uk).**

The calendar on the website is updated regularly so if you are unsure about events or activities please check this. There are also many documents and policies for you to access as parents including the school complaints procedure.

Please use the website as your first port of call for dates and information of events.

There is another area which has been added in the parents section which contains useful links to events and activities and other sources of local information.

### **Second hand school uniform**

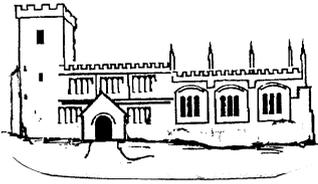
Good quality second hand uniform is available for anyone to purchase at £1 per item or £2 per item with the school logo. A list of the available stock has been updated. Emily Betts coordinates this for us. Contact the school office if you would like to buy any uniform. We currently have an abundance of stock so please don't send in any more donations for the time being.

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**Easy Fundraising**

Please remember that if you are ordering online, many companies will donate a percentage of the cost to our school if you go through Easyfundraising. It is at no cost to you but benefits the school. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and register to donate to North Marston C E School

**Food allergies**

If grapes are sent in for children to eat as snacks or in their packed lunch, please can they be cut into quarters to reduce the risk of choking.

Please be mindful that we have children in school with nut and other food allergies.

**We ask that you do not put items with nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella into lunchboxes.** Any break time snack which KS2 children bring must be fresh fruit or veg.

**Dates**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February- break up for half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February- Pupils return back to School

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Mid-year reports home

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March- YR and Y6 height and weight checks (rescheduled)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March-Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March- Parents' evening 4.30-7.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day breakfast 8.15-9am

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March- Easter service in church 2pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March- break up for Easter holidays

Best Wishes,

Cathy Gouldstone and all the staff at North Marston School.

Our value for this term is Justice

In school we treat everyone as an equal.

Please follow this link for advice and support in how to keep your children safe online.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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