



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

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22.03.24

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Timmy in YR and Lily-Rose in Y1 who celebrated their Birthdays this week.

**Certificates**

Congratulations to these children who have received certificates this week:

**YR-Callie** for being able to compare and describe common 3D shapes.

**Y1-Henry A** for excellent numeracy work this week.

**Y2-Lucy** for working collaboratively during science week and always being willing to encourage others.

**Y3-Albert** for applying his knowledge of complex sentences to his own work and listening carefully to instructions.

**Y4-Emilia** for showing curiosity during science week and carrying out her investigation about the density of liquids.

**Y5-Jake** for being so driven to develop his skills across all areas of school. He is challenging himself to improve which is great to see.

**Y6-Ariana** for being so kind and caring whilst supporting another member of the class to succeed. She took her time to explain ideas and where improvements could be made in a very supportive way.

**Staffing**

There are a number of staffing changes next term. Miss Brew is taking over as the headteacher of the school, and will continue to be supported by Mr Kellam as assistant headteacher. Mrs Rachel Wilson has been appointed to teach the Y5/6 class on Thursdays and Fridays to release Mr Kellam. Mrs Marsland will return after Easter for 4 weeks when she will then commence her maternity leave. Miss Georgia Simms will take on the role of Y2 class teacher in June. Miss Smedley will be returning from maternity leave and will support Y1 on Fridays.

**Road safety**

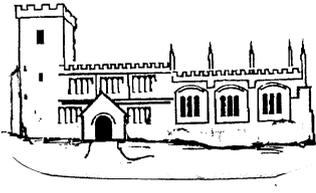
Every week when the children walk down to the forest school site, we talk about, and reinforce the importance of road safety. We have also registered for the Beep, Beep Day in April when the children will be taking part in some activities and discussions about keeping safe on the roads. This includes being safe in cars, wearing seatbelts and using car seats. We have noticed that some children are not being transported safely to and from school, and would encourage you to support us and your children by keeping them safe.

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**Concerns**

Please can we remind you that should you have any concerns about your child or the school, to speak to the class teacher in the first instance or send an email to the office and the teacher will arrange a time to call you. The complaints procedure is on the website and sets out a clear process which allows us to support you and your child in a timely way. We want to make sure that the children are our priority at all times, but if we are unaware of issues we cannot address them. The governors are not the first port of call, and will direct you to the complaints procedure to ensure that due process is followed.

**PTA**

The PTA will be running a cake sale on the playground after school today.

They will also be running the Easter Hat parade on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The children are invited to decorate a hat and then will parade around the playground for the judges. All children who take part will receive an Easter egg. Parents are invited to join us on the playground at the beginning of the school day.

There are some events planned for the summer term which will be advertised after Easter.

The children are really missing their discos which used to run regularly. If you, or anyone you know, would be able to run a disco for the children please get in touch with the PTA committee.

**School Events**

We are always very proud of our children when they represent the school at sports events and on school trips. Their behaviour and sportsmanship is often praised by organisers and facilitators. If you attend an event or support a trip or visit please be mindful of your responsibilities to encourage the children and follow the same protocols which are expected of them. We really appreciate the parental support which we receive and without your help the children would not be able to have the range of opportunities which we can currently offer.

**School Website**

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

**There are many documents and policies for you to access as parents including the school complaints procedure which you should follow if you have any concerns.**

The calendar on the website is updated regularly so if you are unsure about events or activities please check this.

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.

**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 these links for further information and advice.

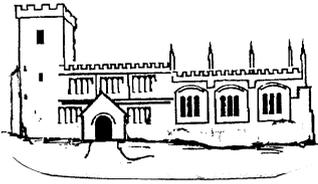
[Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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**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. This term the classes will be sharing their learning on the following dates; 15.3.24-Y5/6, 22.3.24-Y3/4, 28.3.24-Easter Service. The dates for next term are; 19/4/24- Y2, 26/4/24-Y1, 3/5/24- YR, 10/5/24-Y5+6, 17/5/24-Y3+4, 24/5/24-Y2, 7/6/24- Y1, 14/6/24- YR, 21/6/24- sports day, 28/6/24-Y5+6, 5/7/24-Y3+4, 12/7/24-Y2, 19/7/24-leavers service.

**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. 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 now.

**Food allergies**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> March- PTA cake sale 3.10pm  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Y3/4 production 6.30pm  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Y3/4 production 6.30pm  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Easter hat parade 9am  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March- Easter service in church 2pm  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March- break up for Easter holidays  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April- Staff training day  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April- Pupils return to school.

Best Wishes,  
Cathy Gouldstone and all the staff at North Marston School.

**Our value for this term is Justice. In school we are working respectfully together on our science investigations.**

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