



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

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03.02.23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Lochy in Y2 and Frankie in Y4 who celebrated their birthdays this week.

Certificates

YR-Jesse for working so hard this week. It has been wonderful to see your curiosity shine and watch you challenge yourself.

Y1-Trixie for being kind and compassionate every day. She never has a bad word to say about others and always looks for opportunities to help and support her friends.

Y2-Abigail and Lyla for showing fantastic cooperation as part of PSHE this week. They worked well together to produce a successful plan for the PSHE project.

Y3-Vincent for being such a dedicated lead learner in class. He made sure that everyone in the class understood what they were doing and worked hard too.

Y4-Mabel for making connections between her reading and written work. She reads delightfully and points out features which have been looked at during writing tasks.

Y5-Isabella for showing amazing perseverance when tackling tricky tasks and always with a smile.

Y6-Rilee for settling in so well and becoming such an important and friendly member of the class.

Y6- Jessi for an incredible improvement in her times tables knowledge. She should be proud of her speed of recall and knowledge.

Thank you

A huge thanks to Brett and Nadia from the Pilgrim pub for a donation of £170 from the pub quiz events and also £75 raised from the Mummers play at Christmas.

We are also really grateful to the village shop for a contribution of £100 which was raised from the Christmas raffle. Their role in supporting the community is very much appreciated and thanks to the community for supporting the shop.

Ofsted Parent view

As you know all schools are inspected by Ofsted on a regular basis. It is 5 years since our last inspection as Ofsted was paused during COVID. We are expecting our next inspection in the near future, however we only get notified the day before that they are coming in, so need to be prepared. They want to see the regular day to day provision which the school offers and to check that we safeguard the children to a very high standard. Ofsted are keen to hear the views of the parents and there is an online platform called parentview, which creates this forum. Please take the time to access this and express your views about the school. This can be done at any time via this link

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

It goes without saying that if you have any concerns about the school please do contact us so that we can address these as soon as we can.

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Helping in school

Thank you to all of our helpers who support the children in school. If anyone would like to join the team and is able to spend an hour, morning or afternoon helping us in school with reading particularly, art, craft or science, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office in the first instance.

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; 3.2.23-Y5/6, 10.2.23-Y3/4, 24.2.23- Y2, 3.3.23-open afternoon, 10.3.23-YR, 17.3.23-Y5/6, 24.3.23-Y3/4, 31.3.23-Easter Service

School Website

Please take a look at our school website 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.

There are photos celebrating activities and events in the gallery.

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.

Buckinghamshire Mental Health Service

The BMHS are offering some online seminars for parents on supporting childhood anxiety. Please look on the school website in the parents' information for more details.

Governors

The Governing Body for North Marston C E School is working well to support the leadership of the school and strategic way forward. We have a **vacancy for a new governor** so would be really pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in joining the Governing Body. There are 3 meetings per term, which are now face to face, but some governors attend remotely when needed. Please get in touch with any member of the governing body or contact the school office if you want any more information.

Staffing

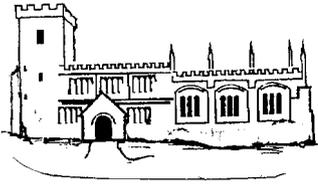
We have a vacancy for a teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor. The working hours are 11.45am-3.15pm Monday -Friday. If you are interested please look on the Buckinghamshire Council job site or contact the school office for an application form and more information. The closing date is Monday 6th February.

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School uniform

The children are looking very smart in the uniforms and PE kits, however just a reminder that socks should be navy, black or white and trainers should be worn on PE days only please. On PE days we ask that school PE kit is worn.

Personal items

Some children are bringing toys or items which are special or precious to them into school. Please can these be kept at home unless there is a specific purpose for them to come into school. We are concerned that items are becoming lost or damaged and children are getting upset.

Second hand school uniform

Good quality second hand uniform is available for anyone to purchase at £1 per item. A list of the available stock has been updated. Emily Betts coordinates this for us. Please contact her on dremilybetts@gmail.com, if you would like to buy any uniform.

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 and register to donate to North Marston C E School

Amazon wish list

We have added several more items to the wish list on Amazon of resources and books which we are in need of. Should you wish to, you can purchase some resources for the school. We would be really grateful for any help you feel you could give. Please use the link. Amazon.co.uk **We have been informed that the link does not always work so it is advisable to copy and paste this into the browser.**

The PTA is registered on Amazon Smile, so we can raise money with any items you buy on Amazon.

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 3rd February- PTA cake sale

Friday 10th February- YR phonics meeting for parents 9am

Friday 10th February- PTA craft sale

Friday 10th February- break up for half term

Monday 20th February- Pupils return back to School

Thursday 2nd March-World Book Day books for breakfast 8.15-9.15am

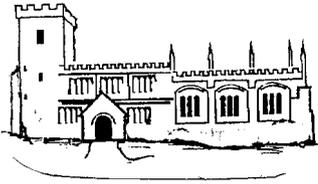
Friday 31st March- break up for Easter holidays

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Best Wishes,

Cathy Gouldstone and all the staff at North Marston School.

Our value for this term is Justice

How do we demonstrate Justice at school? We sponsor Evans in Kenya so that he has the opportunity to attend school like we do.

Please follow these links for advice and support in how to keep your **children safe online**.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters/modules/?user_type=parent

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