

**North Marston Church of England School
School Hill
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10.02.23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Haider Y1, Maci YR, Albert Y2 and Macie Y6 who celebrated their birthdays this week, and to Grace in Y5 and James in Y2 who will celebrate their birthdays in the half term break.

Certificates

YR-Tommy for being a superstar! Tommy always tries his very best with every learning opportunity and has shown wonderful compassion towards his peers.

Y1-Haider for putting a lot of effort into his writing this week. He has developed an excellent attitude to his work and is often first to be ready to start.

Y2-Albert for showing brilliant courage in maths this week. He has demonstrated a secure understanding of multiplication and has challenged himself every lesson by doing lots of problem solving and reasoning.

Y3-Ava H for showing clarity in her maths this week drawing bar models to explain addition with fractions.

Y4-Poppy A for showing connectedness in science this week during an investigation, making links between jump distance and muscle strength.

Y5- Grace for writing, editing and then writing again, a well-crafted letter warning Zoe of the dangers on Eel Island

Y6-Rhea for developing and progressing her maths skills this term. She is now applying her knowledge to solve complex problems which is very impressive.

Staffing

Miss Smedley has now gone on maternity leave. We send her our best wishes, and we are very much looking forward to hearing news of the new arrivals.

Mrs Victoria Trueman will be joining our team after half term as a teaching assistant in KS1.

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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 get notified the day before that they are coming in so we 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.

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, art, craft, science or forest school, 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; 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.

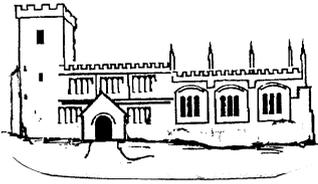
There is another area which has been added in the parents section which contains useful links to events and activities and other sources of local information.

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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.

Personal items

Some children are bringing toys or items which are special or precious to them into school. Please keep these 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.**

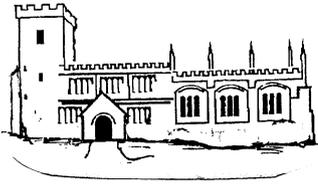
The PTA is registered on Amazon Smile, so we can raise money with any items you buy on Amazon.

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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 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 8.15-9.00am

Friday 17th March- Red Nose Day

Monday 20th March- Y5/6 trip to Stoke Bruerne

Monday 27th March-Hazard Alley visit to Y5/6

Tuesday 28th March-Y3/4 production 2pm

Wednesday 29th March- Y3/4 production 6.30pm

Thursday 30th March- Easter Hat Parade.

Friday 31st March- Easter Service in church 2pm

Friday 31st 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

How do we demonstrate Justice at school? We all follow the school rules so that everyone stays safe and can learn.

Please follow these links for advice and support on 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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