

**North Marston Church of England School
School Hill
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Challenging each other to love learning and truly care.

10.03.23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Isaac in Y1, Elliot and Anum in Y5, Sienna in Y2 and Sonny in Y6 who all celebrated their birthdays this week.

Certificates

YR-Cara for showing determination towards her learning and tackling challenges with courage and a smile.

Y1-Bertie for some brilliant numeracy work this week. His understanding of subtraction was so good we had to video it.

Y2-Jack N for showing brilliant courage and creativity as part of a dance session in PE.

Y3-Emilia for showing clarity and compassion when using her inference skills during discussions in English during World Book Week.

Y4-Lewis for showing clarity of thought and compassion during our discussions on the World Book Day text.

Y5-Henry Cou for showing a very clear understanding of what a balanced argument is and writing your own example.

Y6-Flo for planning and writing such a detailed and exciting story.

Reading Books

Having received an anonymous donation via a local family, and using the money received from Brett and Nadia from the pub quizzes and the donation from the village shop we have been able to purchase some more of the phonics scheme reading books. This will hopefully reduce the need to use e-books as much with the youngest children. We are very grateful for the generosity of local people who help us to provide as much as we can for the children at school.

Staffing

Sadly Mrs Lucy Hazlewood will be leaving our school at Easter. We will miss her and would like to wish her all the best as she moves into a new role within education. For ease of continuity Mr Bob Kellam will teach in Y5/6 full time for the summer term.

DIY

We have a couple of toilet seats which need repairing and a bit of repainting on the planters at the front of school. If anyone could offer a bit of help with this we would be very grateful.

PTA

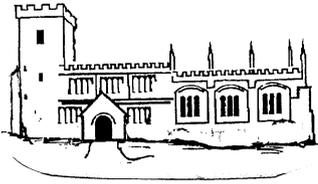
The PTA are planning to run discos for the children on Friday 17th March. 5-6pm for YR, 1 and 2 and 6.15-7.30pm for children in KS2. More information will be sent out in due course. There will be a cake sale after school on Friday 24th March and the Easter Hat parade on Thursday 30th March.

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Y3/4 production

Rehearsals are well underway for the Y2/3 production which will be performed on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. Both performances will be at 6.30pm and last about an hour. Information about purchasing tickets will be sent out soon.

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 on a Thursday or Friday, 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; 10.3.23-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. **Take a look to see photos from World Book Week and the KS1 trip to the farm.**

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

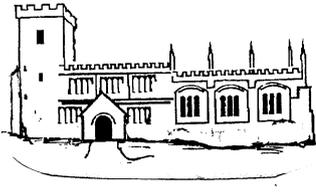
The BMHS are offering some online seminars for parents on supporting childhood anxiety. Please look on the school website in the parents' information for more details.

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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 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.

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 is regularly 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](https://www.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 17th March- Red Nose Day

Friday 17th March- PTA discos

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

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

Tuesday 28th March-Y3/4 production 6.30pm

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

Tuesday 18th April- pupils return to school for the summer term.

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 took part in the World Book Week activities and shared our learning with parents.

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

[Home Learning \(barefootcomputing.org\)](http://barefootcomputing.org)

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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

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