

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

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14.7.23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Mabel, Jacob and Molly all in Y4, and Ariana in Y5, who celebrated their birthdays this week.

### **Certificates**

**YR- Annabella** for demonstrating wonderful collaboration skills with her friends. She has shown great communication skills when creating different models using loose parts. It is fantastic seeing her work as a team.

**Y1-Hunter** for being a really good writer. He is settling to the task in hand and giving it his best shot, producing some great work.

**Y2- Eve and James** for showing fantastic collaboration skills at Waddesdon Manor this week. They worked well as part of a team to build a carefully designed bug hotel.

**Y3-Eliza** for working with confidence and focus in science this week, producing an informative piece of research.

**Y4-Joseph** for being a supportive lead learner this week, confidently helping his classmates.

**Y6- Flo and Dexter** for organising and presenting a wonderful worship assembly on the theme of transition. They were both confident and clear.

### **Athletics**

A huge congratulations to all of the children who took part in the KS2 Aylesbury Vale athletics competition at Stoke Mandeville Stadium this week. Everyone performed well and we came joint 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8 schools. Every other school, bar one, were twice the size of us, so great credit to our pupils for their hard work. Thank you to Mr Armstead for organising our team and to all of the family and friends who came along to support too.

### **Ofsted**

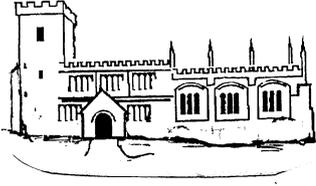
We are very pleased with the report which we shared with you at the end of last week. The staff feel that it celebrates our values and the inclusive culture within the school, and the wonderful attitudes which the children demonstrate daily. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the inspection process and for the kind messages which we have received this week. As expected, there are things for us to work on and we will focus on addressing these in the coming year. As a headteacher I cannot thank my amazing staff team enough, this is only achievable by everyone working together for the greater good.

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### **Parent Survey**

Many thanks to everyone who completed the parent survey, and to the Governors who carried it out. There are a number of suggestions which we will take on board and carry forward, and also some points which need clarification.

We run a number of extra-curricular clubs both at lunchtimes and after school. The majority of the after school clubs are led by external providers, as we have to be mindful of staff workload as well as provision for pupils. Lunchtime clubs which have run this year have been Makaton, choir, football, board games and sports for life. After school has been gymnastics, cookery, netball, art and craft, archery.

We try to offer a variety of activities which will appeal to different groups of pupils. We will carry out a pupil survey to ask what they would like to see, and if you have suggestions, or know of providers who could help us, then please get in touch.

We will evaluate our offer for September bearing in mind the limited space available.

### **Childhood Anxiety Workshops**

The Buckinghamshire Mental Health Support Team are running some workshops over the summer for parents around supporting children’s anxiety. Please look on our website for more details under parent information- wellbeing and support.

### **Amazon wish list**

Mrs Hunter has added several more items to the school wish list on Amazon, of resources and books which she would like for forest 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.

### **School Website**

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

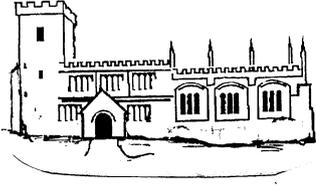
**The calendar on the website is updated regularly** so if you are unsure about events or activities please check this. There are also many documents and policies for you to access as parents including the school complaints procedure.

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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. The classes will be sharing their learning on the following dates; 14.07.23- Y5/6, 21.07.23-Leaver's service. **No PE on 21<sup>st</sup> July so all pupils to wear school uniform.**

**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**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July- YR,1,and 2, joint forest school (no forest school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July- End of year Leavers service in church 2pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July- School breaks up for Summer break.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September- Pupils return to school for new academic year.

Best Wishes,

Cathy Gouldstone and all the staff at North Marston School.

Our value for this term is Courage

How do we demonstrate Courage at school? We take on challenge activities in class.

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

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

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

[https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters/modules/?user\\_type=parent](https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters/modules/?user_type=parent)

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