



**North Marston Church of England School
School Hill
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17.03.23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Rilee in Y6 who celebrated his birthday this week.

Certificates

YR-Ginny for always trying her best. She has been working so hard with her writing using the skills she has learnt to help her and challenging herself. Ginny has also been helping others with embedding these skills too.

Y1-Mila for becoming such a resilient learner. Not only is she presenting her written work beautifully but she is showing some amazing independence particularly in her approach to numeracy.

Y2-Jack O for showing courage and confidence in maths this week. Jack has worked really hard in fractions lessons and completed some really strong independent work.

Y3-Scarlett for clarity and confidence using co-ordinating conjunctions to write compound sentences.

Y4-Jake and Jacob for showing fantastic co-operation practising and applying football skills to partner work

Y5-Henry Col for working so diligently on his design and technology project. He found and then solved each of the issues and created a working mechanism.

Y6-Tilly for such focus and attention to detail when working on her design and technology project. She combined her creativity and problem solving skills excellently.

Attendance

Included in your child's mid-year report was their attendance percentage for this academic year so far. It is vital that your child attends school as much as possible and 96% attendance is the rate expected for a primary school child. The DFE monitor attendance in schools and any pupil with a rate of 90% or less is considered to be a persistent absentee. There are currently a number of children in this category at our school and this is a concern. The more school a child misses, the more likely they are to fall behind. We are aware that there have been some illnesses in school which have led to some children being unable to attend but please make every effort to help your child attend school and achieve the best outcomes possible.

Parking

Please can you be mindful at the beginning and end of the school day about driving and parking near to the school. Not only does it make it difficult for the people who live in the village but it also increases the risk of accidents for pupils and families who are walking. We fully understand that some of you do not live within walking distance, but please park away from the school and walk up to deliver or collect your children.

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Science week

Next week is our Science Week when the children will be carrying out science investigations. These will be judged at the end of the week, and winners from each class will be selected to be judged by Science Oxford. You are invited to come into school at 2.15pm on Friday 24th to see and hear about what the children have been investigating. An email will be sent out on Monday with more information and some ideas for activities which you could do with your child at home.

PTA

The discos will run tonight -Friday 17th March. YR,1,2 is at 5-6pm and Y3,4,5,6 is at 6.15-7.30pm. Entry and exit will be via the hall doors onto the car park. Please make sure that you let us know if anyone other than a parent is picking your child up. No mobile phones or other devices are to be brought to the disco for safeguarding reasons. If your child does bring a device along it will be looked after by a member of staff for the duration of the disco. There will be snacks and tattoos/face paints available for the children to buy, so a small amount of pocket money can be brought along.

There will be a cake sale after school on Friday 24th March and the Easter Hat parade on Thursday 30th March.

Y3/4 production

Rehearsals are well underway for the Y3/4 production which will be performed on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. Both performances will be at 6.30pm and last about an hour. Tickets are available on Parent Pay, 2 for each performance.

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; 17.3.23-Y5/6, 24.3.23-Y3/4, 31.3.23-Easter Service

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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.

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. If you have any good quality uniform to donate please can you send it into the office but it must be clean and free from pet hair to make sure it is safe to sell on. 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

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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.

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- PTA discos

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

Friday 24th March- village Big Tidy Up

Friday 24th March- Science open afternoon 2.15pm

Friday 24th March- PTA cake sale after school

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. 9am

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? Everyone is taking part in the Science week investigations

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

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