

**North Marston Church of England School
School Hill
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21.7.23

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are yet again coming to the end of another academic year. This comes with the inevitable goodbyes to pupils and some staff. We would like to wish the Y6 pupils all the best as they move up to secondary school. We bid a sad farewell to Mrs Manser who has been with us for the same 7 years as the Y6 leavers, and Miss Aldridge who has now completed her 2 year Early Career Teacher programme. They are both moving to pastures new for some new opportunities.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Abigail in Y2 who celebrated her birthday this week.

We hope that Ginny and Jesse in YR, Alby in Y1, Scarlett and Eliza in Y3, Jessica in Y4 and Henry Col in Y5 all have wonderful birthdays as they celebrate over the summer break.

Head Girl and Head Boy

9 brave Year 5 pupils gave a speech to the whole school on Monday, outlining why they would make a good head girl or boy, and what changes they would like to make in the school. We then held an election where all pupils and staff had a vote. The pupils elected were Head Girl- Cara, Deputy Head Girl- Grace, Head Boy- Riley, Deputy Head Boy- Henry Col. Congratulations to them and thank you to all 9 who gave their speeches. There are a number of other leadership roles which will be filled in due course. Everyone has a contribution to make.

PE Kits

Next year we will continue the policy of children coming into school in their PE kits on the days when they have PE. Most parents have been happy with this arrangement. The children will all have PE on 2 days each week, these days are yet to be confirmed. The other 3 days the children will come to school in their regular school uniform.

PTA

On behalf of the PTA, and the school, I would like to express my thanks to Jonathan, who has been the DJ for our school discos for a number of years. Next year he will no longer have children at the school and the family are moving away from the area. We would like to send them our very best wishes for the future. With this in mind if you, or anyone you know, would be able to offer their services and help us run discos, then please let the PTA or the school office know.

Schools Linking Network

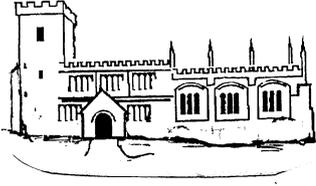
We are pleased to inform you, that yet again the school has been recognised nationally for our participation in the Schools Linking Network programme. Miss Giggins has led the work with another local school and the children spent a day together in June. Thank you and well done.

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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)

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

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 are aware that on occasions information is not shared in a timely fashion. We will do our best to try and plan events or activities more in advance but sometimes opportunities come last minute which we would not want the children to miss.

School Website

Please 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.

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.

Ofsted

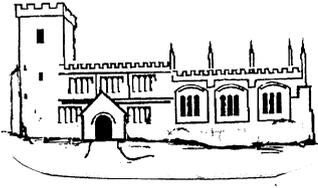
We are very pleased with the report which we shared with you at the end of last week. The staff feel that it celebrates our values and the inclusive culture within the school, and the wonderful attitudes which the children demonstrate daily. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the inspection process 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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Online safety

I am sure that over the summer break many children will be using the internet or going online for various games, gaming and communication.

Here are some links which offer information and advice for parents to help you ensure that your children are kept safe online.

[Online Gaming: The Basics | A Parents' Guide - Internet Matters](#)

[Home Learning \(barefootcomputing.org\)](#)

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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

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. There will be no celebration worship on Friday 8th September.

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

Tuesday 5th September- Pupils return to school for new academic year.

Tuesday 12th September 11+ practice assessments

Thursday 14th September 11+ test.

We would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you back in September.

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.

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