

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

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24.03.23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Lily-Rose in YR, Aaliyah-May in Y6 and Johnny in Y2 who celebrated their birthdays this week.

Certificates

YR-Amaia for working so hard at everything she does be it reading, writing and counting all independently.

Y1-Ryan for being so kind. He is always looking around to see how he can help out and who needs support. He is always happy to give up his time for others.

Y2-Eve for showing confidence and clarity in reading. She demonstrated a really secure method in guided reading this week and has seen brilliant success as a result.

Y3-Freddie for being kind and compassionate towards other pupils across the school.

Y4-Lewis, Sam and Max for working with cooperation within their science group and keeping safe within their burning investigation.

Y6-Michael for being able to recall so many details from the trip to Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum

Y6-Joseph for being able to remember so many facts from the trip to Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum and being able to include them into his writing.

Attendance

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.

Science Week

As you know all of the children have been involved in carrying out science investigations this week. A winning group has been selected from each year group and these will be sent to Science Oxford for judging. Our winners are:

YR-Tommy, Amaia and Maci

Y1-Ryan, Isaac, Mila and Harriet

Y2- Lyla and Evie

Y3-Holly, Molly and Lucinda

Y4-Joseph

Y5- Ariana, Cara and Grace

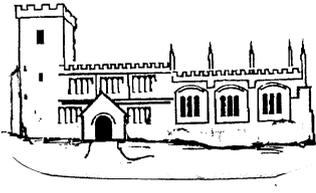
Y6-Rhea, Nina and Phoebe

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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.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your support last week for Red Nose Day. We raised a total of £80.50

Eco Council Book Sale

The Eco- Council raised £65 for WWF from their second hand book sale.

PTA

There will be a cake sale after school today 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; 31.3.23-Easter Service in church. 21.4.23-Y1, 28.4.23-Y2, 05.05.23-YR, 12.05.23-Y5/6, 19.05.23-Y3/4, 09.06.23-Y1, 16.06.23-Y2, 23.06.23-Sports Day, 30.06.23-YR, 07.07.23- Y5/6, 14.07.23- Y3/4, 21.07.23-Leaver's 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 Science week and the Great North Marston Spring Clean.**

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.

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

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

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 \(barefootcomputing.org\)](http://barefootcomputing.org)

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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

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