



**North Marston Church of England School
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31.03.23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Yvie who celebrates her birthdays this week and to Amaia in YR, Kai in Y6 and Annie in YR who will celebrate their birthdays over the Easter Break.

Y3/4 production

Congratulations to the pupils in Y3 and 4 for the amazing play they performed this week. All of us who were lucky enough to watch it were very impressed with the confidence shown by everyone in playing their part. Thank you to Miss Giggins, Miss Daviu and Mrs Bennet for their hard work and to the parents who helped with costumes and props.

Staff news

We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of twin boys to Miss Smedley. They were born on 29th March weighing 6lbs 8oz and 6lbs 1oz. They are all doing well. We are also bidding farewell to Mrs Lucy Hazlewood. We would like to wish her all the best.

Y2 Multiskills

Well done to the year 2 children who took part with great enthusiasm in the multi-skills event on Wednesday. There are some photos on the website from this and other events and activities which the children have taken part in this term.

PTA

The cake sale raised £101.50, thank you to everyone who provided cakes and helped to sell them at the end of the day last week. The winners of the Easter Hat Parade were: Lucy (Y1), Henry D (YR), Tilly (Y6) and Jack (Y3). Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Many thanks to the PTA committee for all of their hard work this term and to everyone who has helped with events and activities. If you have any suggestions for events and activities for the children or adults which you think we could hold then please get in touch with a member of the committee.

Attendance

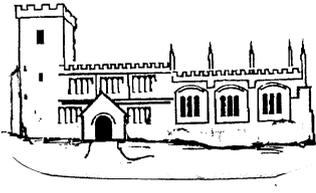
It is vital that your child attends school as much as possible and 96% attendance is the rate expected for a primary school child. The DfE monitor attendance in schools and any pupil with a rate of 90% or less is considered to be a persistent absentee. There are currently a number of children in this 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.

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PE days

Next term there will be some changes to PE days for the children in KS2. Please make sure that you check your child's class page on the website for the correct information. Please can I remind everyone that the PE kit needs to be either plain or have the school logo on. Plain navy joggers, shorts, hoodies or sweatshirts, green t-shirts or jumpers. Please no big logos on the tops, we want to keep it smart and uniform.

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.

School Lunches

We are excited to announce a new company will be working with us to supply our school lunches each day from Buckingham Primary School - Edwards and Ward, starting in the Summer term. The office has sent out instructions and step by step videos to you, explaining the ordering process. Lunches for next term will be available to order from **6pm on Friday 31st March**, so please get your orders in, so that meals are all ordered ready for the start of the new term. We hope the children will be excited to try the new meals on offer!

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; 31.3.23-Easter Service in church. 21.4.23-Y1, 28.4.23-Y2, 05.05.23-Coronation celebration, 12.05.23-YR, 19.05.23-Y5/6, 09.06.23-Y3/4, 16.06.23-Y1, 23.06.23-Sports Day, 30.06.23-Y2, 07.07.23- YR, 14.07.23- Y5/6, 21.07.23-Leaver's 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 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.

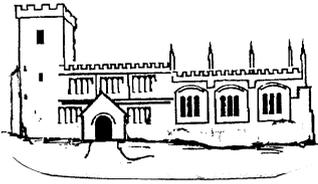
There is another area which has been added in the parents section which contains useful links to events and activities and other sources of local information.

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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. 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](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.

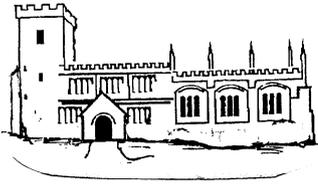
We ask that you do not put items with nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella into lunchboxes. Any break time snack which KS2 children bring must be fresh fruit or veg.

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Dates

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.

Wednesday 19th April- Y3/4 swimming starts

Thursday 27th April- KS1 cricket festival 10am-12pm

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 took part in the Great North Marston Spring Clean.

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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