



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

Challenging each other to love learning and truly care.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Birthdays:

"Happy Birthday" to Harriet in YR, Poppy L in Y3, Tilly-Rose in Y3, Isaac in YR, and Elliot in Y4 who all celebrated their birthdays this week.

Certificates

The following pupils have received certificates this week:

YR- Mila for showing super courage towards new writing opportunities. She is working so hard remembering her sounds and letter formation. Her independence is growing all the time.

Y1- Lyla for settling to tasks quickly and being a positive role model to her peers.

Y2- Ava H showing a real determination to seek clarity in her learning so that she could achieve all the tasks to the very best of her ability.

Y3- Mabel for showing connectedness in her science work, using prior learning to help her classify and group materials.

Y4- Henry Cou for recognising the importance of justice for all people in the world and that forgiveness is important too, even though it may be hard to give.

Y5- Nina for demonstrating our school values of courage and confidence. Nina thinks carefully about her learning and considers the best way to ensure she is successful.

Y6- Tom for demonstrating the school value of connectedness on the trip to Oxford Castle and Prison. He shared his prior learning with the group and connected other areas which have been previously studied.

World Book Day

It was lovely to be able to welcome so many of you to our "Books for Breakfast" event yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to share their favourite books with you in school. Thank you for your donations to "Book Aid". If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please drop it into the office before Tuesday next week.

Phonics meeting for parents:

We have implemented a phonics programme called Little Wandle across the school this term, which is an adaptation to the Letters and Sounds scheme which we used previously. Mrs Kent will be holding a meeting for parents on **Monday 7th March at 6.30pm** to explain how the scheme will be used in school and how you can continue to support your child at home.

PTA

Unfortunately last half term the PTA were not able to hold many events or activities but they have a number of things planned for this half term. The first is a craft sale, when individual children's craft packs will be available to purchase at the end of the school day on Friday 11th March. They will cost between £1 and £2 each. More information regarding the other events will be sent out in due course, but the dates are at the bottom of the newsletter.

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The PTA would like you to take part in a brief survey following this link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MSKMLS> this is to help them in planning future events and activities.

COVID

The DfE have sent advice to schools following the announcement from Government over half term. We are being advised that if any pupil or member of staff fall ill with covid, they are still to self isolate for up to 10 days or after 5 days following 2 negative tests. We will be following this guidance, which is also supported by the LA, and any pupil who displays symptoms will also be sent home. We know that this is still not ideal, but cases are falling and hopefully, we are over the worst.

Celebration Worship

We would like to begin to offer parents the opportunity to join us this half term, but still in a reduced way. If your child's class are sharing their learning then we would invite you to join us at 2.40pm on that Friday, or if you have been informed that your child is receiving the certificate that week, then please come along too. **We politely ask that parents in other years do not come in.** This will give us the opportunity to keep everyone safe yet still be able to share together. The weeks allocated are 4th March- Y5/6, 11th March-YR, 18th March-Y1, 25th March-Y2, 1st April-Y3/4, 8th April- Easter service in church.

Visiting Speakers

We are keen to develop the children's understanding of the wider world and want to raise the profile of different cultures, faiths and religions and STEM in the outside world. Children thoroughly enjoy their lessons but can sometimes find it difficult to link this learning to real life situations. Would you or any of your family members or friends be willing to come and talk to the children about your experiences and knowledge?

It could be anything from a ten-minute talk to a thirty-minute discussion. If you are willing to help in anyway, please contact the office in the first instance.

Red Nose Day

In support of the Red Nose day charity we are inviting children to come to school wearing red, and to bring a donation of £1. The PTA are also arranging a "dinosaur run" after school on the school field and will send more information in due course. This will raise money for Comic Relief as well as for the school.

INSET day

Our final inset day for staff training this year has been set for **Friday 10th June**. Our previous day which was planned for 18th February had to be cancelled as the LA closed all schools due to the red weather warning. We were therefore unable to carry out the planned training and so have set the new date as above.

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School Website

Please take a look at our new school website www.northmarstonceschool.co.uk.

We would be grateful for any feedback so that we can ensure that it is helpful, user friendly and informative.

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 a few more items to the wish list on Amazon of books and resources 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 <https://amzn.eu/d1VeZef>
The PTA is registered on Amazon Smile, so we can raise money with any items you buy on Amazon.
A big thank you for the items which we have already received.

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 vegetables.

Dates

Monday 7th March- Phonics meeting 6.30pm

Friday 11th March- Mid-year reports home

Friday 11th March- PTA craft sale after school

Monday 14th March - KS2 SATs meeting for Y6 parents 6.30pm

Friday 18th March- Red nose day- dinosaur run after School

Friday 1st April- PTA discos

Thursday 7th April- Easter hat competition

Friday 8th April- Easter service in church 2pm

Friday 8th April- PTA cake sale

Friday 8th April- end of term

Monday 25th April- return to school

Best Wishes,

Cathy Gouldstone and Lucy Kent and all the staff at North Marston School.

Our value for this term is justice

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