

**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 Albert in Y1 and Macie in Y5 who celebrate their birthdays this weekend.

Certificates:

Certificates have been awarded this week to:

Year R- Isaac for showing outstanding compassion to all his friends. He has helped them feel better and supported them with their learning.

Year 1- Albert for working hard and always trying his best. Albert is keen to help and looks out for his friends.

Year 2- Lucinda for working incredibly hard in English this week. She has shown great creativity and a fantastic attitude towards her work which has led to her producing a brilliant piece of writing.

Year 3- Riley for working hard to edit his writing to improve it and showing clarity in his learning.

Year 4- Martha for being a "superstar" during rehearsals. She has shown clarity in both speech and actions.

Year 5-Sonny for demonstrating the value of compassion. He is a thoughtful and caring friend to his peers, particularly in the way he involved everyone in PE this week.

Year 6-Harriet for remaining positive despite some challenges that she has faced this week.

Covid

As you will be aware, we have a number of pupils and now staff who are isolating with Covid. We are in regular contact with the Local Authority and Public Health to ensure that we are following all guidelines to keep everyone safe. Please be aware that if staffing levels become that we cannot safely provide for the pupils, we may need to close a class and revert to remote learning. This decision would be made in conjunction with the Local Authority and we will advise you with the process for your child.

In the meantime, please be alert for the symptoms of Covid and follow the government guidance with regards to testing and isolating.

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. **Please note this is a change of date from that previously advertised.**

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STEM: Visiting Speakers

We are keen to raise the profile of STEM careers, in particular Computing. Children thoroughly enjoy their lessons but can sometimes find it difficult to link these skills to the outside world. Do you or any of your family members or friends work within STEM industries, in particular IT? If so, are you willing to come and talk to the children about your experiences and career path? 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.

INSET day

Our final inset day for staff training this year has been set for **Friday 18th February**. Therefore, the last day for the children this half term will be **Thursday 17th February**.

School Website

Our new school website has now been up and running for a couple of weeks. Hopefully you have had a chance to have a look: 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

Thursday 17th February- break up for half term

Friday 18th February- Staff training day

Monday 28th February- pupils return to school

Friday 3rd March-World Book Day books for breakfast 8.15-9am

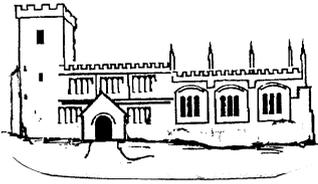
Friday 3rd March- KS2 trip to the university bookshop

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Monday 7th March- Phonics meeting 6.30pm (**please note** the change of date)

Friday 11th March- Mid-year reports home

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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