



**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 Harry and Nina in year 5 and Lucinda in year 2 who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

Certificates:

Certificates have been awarded this week to:

Year R-Oliver for searching for clarity in his learning by working incredibly hard in Maths this week and demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours.

Year 1-Johnny for making good choices; focussing on his work and not being distracted.

Year 2-James C for showing great creativity.

Year 3- Layla for showing connectedness; being mindful of others and supporting them without being asked to.

Year 4- Anum for showing great clarity during our play rehearsals; being aware of what both you and others need to do.

Year 5-Aaliyah N for demonstrating perseverance and clarity in her learning. She is becoming a more independent learner especially in Maths.

Year 6-Ben for demonstrating our value of compassion. He has been exceptionally kind to friends and peers this week; offering support where needed.

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.**

Sports track:

Last week saw the installation of an all-weather sports track around the school field. We have used our government PE funding to cover the majority of this cost. Staff and children are really excited to start using it and we are sure they will put it to good use throughout the year, for running and general fitness.

School Council sale:

Many thanks for supporting the School Council's toy and book sale. It was a great success and they raised £123.52 altogether.

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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.

PTA

The PTA started off the New Year with a "gift amnesty" where you can donate any items which could be used for prizes or gifts through the coming year or for the Christmas bazaar next year. There is a box outside the school for donations of gifts and Christmas jumpers. This will be until the end of January (Mon). We are sure they will be in touch via their facebook page and class WhatsApp with information about their plans and ideas for this term.

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.

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Dates

Friday 11th February- Y5/6 visit to Oxford Castle

Thursday 17th February- break up for half term

Friday 18th February- Staff training day

Monday 28th February-pupils return to school

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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