

JANUARY 2018

We would like to welcome you all back, and wish you all a Happy New Year!

Staffing Updates

Miss H Boughton is presently absent from school, due to ill health, but is hoping to be back next week. As you are aware, Mrs Dunnachie has been deputising in her absence and we are sure that you will speak to her if you have any issues or concerns.

We would like to welcome Miss Morgan to Marfleet, who will be working within the Foundation Unit as an apprentice, working towards her Teaching Assistant qualification.

Before the Christmas break we held a Parent Governor election. Thank you to those that returned the ballot papers. The ballot closed on Monday and after a very close contest we can inform you that Mrs Claire Abdelaoui has been elected by you to be your new Parent Governor. We wish her luck in her new role. Whilst we are happy to welcome Mrs Abdelaoui, we are also sad that Mr Paul Hussey will no longer be a Parent Governor for Marfleet Primary. On behalf of all staff, governors and pupils we would like to thank Paul for all his hard work and considerable support over the past four years.

Roof Repairs

A team of contractors should be starting on the roof repairs next week. This will mean that scaffolding will be erected in certain areas around school as a health and safety precaution for the men working on the roof. Additionally a container and skip will be located on the verge / pavement outside school. Whilst the day to day running of the school should not be affected, we would ask for your cooperation in ensuring that children keep away from these areas. Access to the school in a morning and at leaving time should not be affected. We have asked the contractors not to park near school so that disruption to our neighbours is kept to a minimum.

Fundraising

Fundraising has been excellent and something to be proud of - last term we raised money for:

Children in Need: £98.54

Carol Singing Tombola: £71.63 – in aid of school funds. We are looking to use the money to buy new plants for school.

Pupil Designed Christmas cards Commission: £36

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: £70

Rock Challenge: over £650

Attendance

We have noticed a large amount of children are arriving to school late since our return in September. Whilst we appreciate this is sometimes unavoidable, please ensure you are making the best efforts in getting your children into school on time. We now have a new system in place to make you aware on a weekly basis of how much time your child is missing from their education. You may receive a message via Marvellous Me or a letter.

We must also remind you lateness and absence from school may result in a fixed penalty from the Local Authority.

If your child arrives to school past 9.30am they are at risk of having an unauthorised mark.

Please may we remind you of the timings to arrive to school:

Breakfast club – between 8am – 8.30am | Learning starts/doors open – 8.45am | Doors close – 9am

Our whole school attendance target is 96%; I hope we can work together in achieving this. We are currently at 94% therefore we do have a way to go.

Help your child's class win the attendance trophy for the week and earn a golden coin – every coin is one step closer to opening the treasure chest! If you require any attendance advice please see Miss Hunt.

Uniform reminder

Marfleet Primary School's uniform is grey bottoms, white polo shirt and a red jumper/cardigan.

All children must wear plain black footwear to school. Footwear can include trainers however, they must be plain black.

False nails or nail varnish is not to be worn by pupils and shoulder length hair must be put up.

PE kit

Please may we remind you that all children must have their PE kit in school on the days they have PE.

<u>Indoor Kit</u>	<u>Outdoor Kit</u>
Plain white t-shirt	Plain white t-shirt
Black shorts	Black track suit bottoms
Black Sandshoes	Outdoor Trainers or Sandshoes

PE is taught on the following days:

Nursery	Wednesday
Reception	Friday
Y1	Monday
Y2	Monday
Y3	Tuesday
Y4	Tuesday
Y5	Wednesday
Y6	Wednesday

Please clearly label all of your children's uniform and PE kits.

Exciting News

STOP PRESS!!! Asda Kingswood has just told us that we have been nominated for their Green Token Scheme. If you use Asda Kingswood, please ask for a token and choose us as we could be in the chance of winning £500 for the school. See www.asdafoundation.org/green-token-giving for more information.



Sponsored Walk

As you may know, some of our parents are holding a sponsored walk across the Humber Bridge on Sunday 28th January in aid of Marfleet's Rock Challenge funding. If you would like to take part, speak to Emma Robinson, and please meet at the Humber Bridge Car Park at 9:45am with your child – the walk will start at 10:00am.

Harry Potter Day/Rock Challenge

We hope your children are very excited about our 'Harry Potter' day, Friday 9th February. We are asking that all children dress up in costumes from the Harry Potter franchise or any magical clothing for a donation of £1, which will go to HEY Children's University.

We will also be hosting several other Hogwarts themed events which all money raised will go to assist this year's Marfleet Primary's Rock Challenge Entry. For your child to take part in these events they must have booked a place, if you did not receive a letter please see Miss Wilson in the office.

Remember to send your child to school with some extra money that day for the delicious bun sale at playtime!



Admissions

All admissions for new pupils to school are still dealt with by Hull City Council. Please contact the Admissions team on 01482 300300, or apply online.

Applications for our Nursery are limited, and there is currently a waiting list. If you wish to send your child to our nursery, please contact the office.

Free School Meals

Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals!

If your child is in reception to year 2 they will be automatically eligible to Universal Free Meals however, you should still apply for Free School Meals as, if you are eligible the school, will receive additional funding of over £1,300 to spend on your child's education.

Application forms are available from the school office, once completed please return the form for us to send off.

If you require any help in completing the form, Miss Hunt is always happy to help.

Marvellous Me

Don't forget to sign up to Marvellous Me to have an insight on your child's day! Don't forget that more than one person can use the code and receive the updates! If you require a new code please ask in the school office or speak to Miss Hunt who is on the playground every morning.

Spring Term 2018

Teacher Training	Children return	Close	Re-Open	Close
Mon 8 January	Tues 9 January	Fri 9 February	Mon 19 February	Fri 23 March

- **Friday 9 March – Teacher training**

Summer Term 2018

Children return	Close	Children return	Close
Mon 9 April	Fri 25 May	Mon 4 June	Wed 25 July

- **Friday 29 June – Teacher training**

Don't forget to have a look at our new website by visiting www.marfleet.ebor.academy

On the website, there is the option for parents to "subscribe", which means that you will get an email notification every time the school posts an update on the website.

Also, please visit the "Calendar" page on the website to be kept informed about all activities happening at the school including trips, charity events and half term dates.

OUR FABULOUS CLASSROOMS THIS TERM...

EYFS's brilliant construction corner!



Year 1's topic this term is Dinosaurs!



Year 2 are learning all about the Victorians!



Year 3 have travelled back to the Stone and Iron ages!



This term Year 4 are learning all about water!



Year 5 are learning about the Ancient Greeks this term!



Year 6's topic is Nature for this term!

