



MARFLEET NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a fantastic Summer Holiday. The children have been sharing all of the exciting things they have been getting up to whilst on their break from School.

We are all very excited for the year ahead. The teachers have been busy creating exciting learning spaces for your children based on their topic this term. Thank you for being so welcoming to me with my new role as Acting Head. Please keep checking your Marvellous Me app to be kept up to date with what the children are up to.

Remember, if you have questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher straight away. Miss Boughton will be present on the playground most mornings, however in her absence; Miss Hunt is always available if you would like any pastoral support. Miss Wilson is also available for any administrative queries.

Please ensure your child is attending school regularly as the Local Authority do issue fines for poor attendance and term time holidays.

A Warm Welcome

Some of you may know that Mrs Smith has been off for a period of time. She has now started her phased return, and it is lovely to see her looking so well.

A warm welcome to the new members of the Marfleet team, Mr Frankish and Mrs Craft, who seem to have settled in really well. A thank you to Miss Hostick who will be covering Miss Boughton's absence in the nursery.

Year 3 and 4 will be taught Samba Drumming this year by Ms Hunt from the Council Music Service. Ms Hunt has worked with the school before and the children may have the opportunity to perform at other venues across the city in future months.

Water in Classrooms

Due to health and safety concerns, we will no longer be providing school water bottles. If you would like your child to bring in their own water bottle on a daily basis to be kept either in their locker or in their classroom, this will be allowed. For children that do not bring in a water bottle, a plastic cup will be used and washed by the children. Please make sure they are named as your child is responsible for them.

Our Move towards Becoming an Academy

As you know from previous letters, we are moving towards becoming an academy with the Ebor Academy Trust. This will hopefully be completed during October. It gives me great pleasure to welcome the support of Mrs Sutherland as Executive Hub Lead to support us whilst we convert.

Important dates

Please put these dates in your diary so that you can come along and support your child and the school.

- Friday 22nd September – Harvest Festival – 2 separate services in the church. Reception and KS1 is at 1:30pm. KS2 is at 2:30pm. There will be a competition for the best decorated harvest box.
- Friday 29th September – McMillan Coffee Afternoon – Starting at 1:30pm. Bake off competitions for adults and children.
- Tuesday 3rd October – Individual and family photos. A letter for nursery will be sent separately.
- Tuesday 10th October – KS1 Numeracy and Literacy morning. Starting 9am until 11:30am.
- Wednesday 11th October – KS2 Numeracy and literacy morning. Starting 9am until 11:30am.
- Thursday 12th October – Foundation Stage Numeracy and literacy morning. Starting 9am until 11:30am.
- Tuesday 17th October + Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evenings.
- Friday 20th October – Wear it Pink day – wear something pink for a 50p donation.
- Thursday 26th October – KS2 Halloween Disco
- Friday 27th October – KS1 Halloween Disco
- Thursday 16th November – Children in Need Day
- Monday 20th November – Friday 1st December – Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- Wednesday 6th December – Festival of Carols
- Thursday 7th December – Christmas Dinner in school. (unfortunately parents will not be invited this year due to the size of the hall and increasing pupil numbers)
- Monday 11th December – Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal – to invite in selected members of the community and grandparents
- Tuesday 12th December – Years 1 + 2 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 13th December – Years 3 + 4 Christmas Play
- Thursday 14th December – Years 5, 6 and Foundation Stage Christmas Play
- Friday 15th December – Wear a Christmas jumper for a 50p donation.
- Friday 15th December – Carol Singing in school and mince pies – from 1:30pm
- Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Party Day
- Wednesday 20th December – Special Achievers Assembly – 9:30am
- Wednesday 20th December – Church Service in the afternoon (may be subject to change)

There will be more dates and letters coming out regarding trips etc in the weeks to come.

Volunteers

We are hoping to establish more community links, and it would be lovely if parents, grandparents and other relatives would like to volunteer in school. Volunteer roles could include anything from reading to gardening. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to either Miss Boughton or Miss Hunt on the playground, and collect a volunteering booklet from the office.

We hope to have some family days where we will tackle different projects.

Bikes

We currently have a number of bikes that have not been claimed from the last academic year. If you think one may be yours please come to the office and speak to Mr Parker about seeing if yours is there. If they are not claimed by half term, they will either be used by the Foundation Stage children or disposed of.

Uniform

Recently, there has been a limited stock of uniform in school. Due to this, some parents have been unable to purchase the size of uniform they need. If you would like uniform that is currently out of stock, please inform the office **NO LATER than Friday 15th September**, and the school will order in the uniform you require, this includes book bags.

Whilst uniform prices have remained the same for a number of years now, unfortunately, the price of a number of items will be increased with effect from 1st November 2017 due to our supplier increasing their costs.

Going forwards the school is looking to change over to an online ordering system. This means that going forwards you will be able to order uniform directly from Price & Buckland. For a postage charge of £2.50 they will despatch your order to you immediately, or alternatively it will be delivered to school on a monthly basis free of charge for you to collect.

The updated prices for after half term are below.

Jumpers (all sizes) - £9.50

Cardigans (all sizes) - £10.50

Polo Shirt (all sizes) - £7.75

Book Bags (red and blue) - £4.50

Name of Club	Day of Week	Time	Age Group	Details
Cooking Without Fire	Wednesday	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 1	50p per session
Homework Club	Tuesday	Lunchtime	KS2	Meet in Miss Sergeants Room
Origami and Craft	Monday	3:15pm – 4:00pm	KS2	Up until half term
Lego	Monday	Lunchtime	KS1	Meet in Mr Frankish' Classroom
Rock Challenge	Wednesday	3:15pm – 4:30pm	7up	HB, KH, AH
Choir	Wednesday / Thursday	Lunchtime	KS2	Mrs Dunnachie will inform parents of start date
Sport	Thursday	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2	Bring PE Kit

A Thankyou From Mrs Sutherland

Thank you so much for the welcome you have given me as I join the Marfleet team. Miss Boughton and I are working closely together alongside Mrs Dunnachie to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

Please do come and see me when I'm on the playground and introduce yourself.

What a wonderful group of children you have in the school – it has been a pleasure to visit so many calm classrooms where children are working hard and enjoying learning.

WE LOVE OUR NEW CLASSROOMS!



Yours sincerely,

Miss Boughton

Acting Head of School