

'Every child will have confidence in their own self-worth and an aspiration to achieve.'



Marpool Primary School

Year 1 termly letter - September 2019

Welcome back all!

A warm welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term; we hope you had an enjoyable summer. It is a pleasure to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms (trousers and skirts must be black). The weather is great at the moment but please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for when it is necessary as we expect to be outside for some work tasks and breaks unless the weather is very poor. Please ensure all items are named and that your child is not sent to school without the appropriate clothing.

It is vital that your child's P.E. kit is in school every day; this should include a black logo P.E. top, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and suitable footwear (not school shoes).

School uniform is a vital part of our school identity and what makes our school special. We ask that hair styles are kept suitable for school and that longer hair must be tied back. Nail varnish, hair dye and temporary tattoos should not be seen at school. Thank you.

Healthy School

We are very fortunate that every child receives a funded, healthy snack each day. This is usually a fresh fruit or vegetable and on occasion, some dried fruit. Could we please stress that only water should be brought into school in children's drink bottles.

Gates, doors and information boards

The pedestrian gates will be open by 8.30am for you to come onto site to drop children off. Registration is at 8.45am by which time all children are expected to be in bases. When gates are locked please use the buzzer system at the main gates.

Yellow parent information boards are outside Chestnut base with the aim of keeping you informed and up to date. Please do check them regularly.

Curriculum

We continue to deliver a creative curriculum that covers all subject areas such as Maths, English and Science in line with National Curriculum, focussing on the characteristics of effective learning.

This term our main focus is 'language' which will form the basis of our English and creative curriculum. We will be looking at letters, words and sentences, alongside alphabetical knowledge and continuous cursive letter formation. After half term we will focus on traditional tales and celebrations.

As you are aware we have all sorts of experiences to enhance the curriculum. We are asking that all parents contribute £10 per child to enable us to offer rich and special events such as trips, baking, visitors or shows.

For our year group your £10 will help subsidise:

- a trip to watch Snow White at Exeter Corn Exchange

School Dinners

Please ensure when you are choosing a school dinner with your child, that it is something they would like to eat. Lunches are funded nationally for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All other year groups must pay £2.20 per meal. We ask that this is paid on the day or in advance. Menus are published on our fortnightly newsletter and available to view on the school website www.marpoolprimary.co.uk.

Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, maths and spelling.

Reading: it is an expectation that children will read at home at least 3x each week. Please support your child with their reading and sign their reading diary each time they read. We read every day in school, so please ensure your child's reading record and book are in school every day.

Home learning will be given out on a Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Spellings will be tested each Friday.

Rewards

At Marpool we reward children for good behaviour choices and excellent learning. We have 2 systems for this.

The Top 10 rules for behaviour are rewarded by tree points, with children belonging to bird groups: Owl, Woodpecker, Raven and Blue tit.

Excellent learning is broken down into Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards. In addition to this, children may receive a Headteacher's Award.

Volunteers

If you would like to come and help, we'd love to see you. You can come as little or as often as you'd like to. We'd love to see Dads and Grandparents too. Please come and talk to your child's teacher - you will receive a very warm welcome!

Open Evening

Open evening is on Monday 16th September from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This is an informal opportunity for you to pop in to see your child's new class and meet their new teachers in a relaxed and friendly way. If you need to discuss something in detail you will need to make a formal appointment.

School Dates: Autumn Term 2019

	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Venue
S e p t e m b e r	Wednesday 4th	8.45am	School opens for Autumn Term	
	Monday 9th/10th	3.00pm	MSA Second-hand uniform sale	Playground
	Tuesday 10th	All day	Individual and family photo's	Drama studio
	Friday 13th	All day	Roald Dahl day	Various
	Sunday 15th	9.30am - 2.00pm	Avocet rotary walk	Bicton College
	Monday 16th	3.30pm - 5.30pm	Parents open evening - Meet the team	Bases
	Monday 16th	7.00pm	MSA AGM	Old staffroom
	Monday 16th	7.30pm	MSA committee meeting	Old staffroom
	Wednesday 18th	9.00am	Class assembly - Y5/6 Rowan	School hall
	Thursday 26th	6.45pm	Last night of the Proms	Exmouth Pavilion
	Friday 27th	8.30am	Macmillan coffee morning	School hall
	Friday 27th	6.30pm	MSA Bingo	School hall
O c t o b e r	Wednesday 2nd	9.00am	Class assembly - Y5/6 Beech	School hall
	Friday 4th	8.20am	Farmers' market	School hall
	Friday 4th	6.30pm - 8.00pm	MSA Halloween disco for KS2	School hall
	Saturday 12th	2.00pm - 3.15pm	MSA Jumble sale	School hall
	Saturday 12th	Evening	Exmouth carnival - tbc	Exmouth
	Friday 18th	3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday	
	Monday 21st - Friday 25th		Half term	
	Monday 28th	8.45am	Children return to school	
N o v e m b e r	Friday 1st	During school day	MSA Bring and buy sale	Drama studio
	Wednesday 6th	9.00am	Class assembly - Y5/6 Palm	School hall
	Friday 8th	9.00am	MSA Bag2School textile recycling	Playground
	Friday 8th	8.20am	Farmers' market	School hall
	Monday 11th	7.00pm	MSA Committee meeting	Old staffroom
	Wednesday 13th - 15th		Y4/5 Skern Lodge residential	Skern Lodge
	Wednesday 13th	3.00pm	MSA Second-hand uniform sale	Playground
	Thursday 14th	3.00pm	MSA Second-hand uniform sale	Playground
	Friday 15th	All day	Children in Need	Various
	Wednesday 20th	9.00am	Class assembly - Y5/6 Silver Birch	School hall
	Monday 25th	8.45am	MSA Christmas squares go on sale	Classrooms
Friday 29th	8.20am	Farmers' market	School hall	
D e c e m b e r	Tuesday 3rd	9.00am	FSU Christmas show	School hall
	Thursday 5th	12.50pm	MSA Square prize giving	Playground
	Thursday 5th	4.30pm - 6.30pm	MSA Christmas Fayre	Main building
	Monday 9th TBC	11.00am TBC	Year 3 / 4 Christingle	St Johns
	Tuesday 10th	9.30am	KS1 Christmas performance	School hall
	Wednesday 11th	1.30pm	KS1 Christmas performance	School hall
	Thursday 12th	11.30am - 1.00pm	Christmas dinner	School hall
	Friday 13th	7.45am	Breakfast with Santa	School hall
	Monday 16th	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Carols by candlelight	School hall
Wednesday 18th	3.15pm	School closes for Christmas Holiday		