# **Diary Dates**





# **Achieve, Believe and Celebrate**

17th December 2021

# Merry Christmas

This has been a very difficult term. There have been a large number of absences—both for children and for staff. Thank you to those who have worked hard to keep everyone safe by wearing face coverings recently, with the change of infection rates. Thank you for keeping school informed and up to date when your children have had potential symptoms.

Some of you have asked if school is open in January. At this moment in time the answer to this is yea. However, we saw thngs change rapidly last year so we need to be ready to change plans if we have to.

We are ready to welcome the children back in the New Year but if we need to we can go back to home learning by posting lessons on our class Twitter pages and providing a small number of devices if needed.

We hope you have a peaceful holiday season. Although we are not in school, urgent messages will still be picked up via

our marsh Green Facebook messenger, so please do not struggle in silence.



We still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is a very worthwhile role and enables you to have a say in the running of the school. Please contact Mrs G Leigh to find out more.

## January

Tuesday 4th—Back to school Thursday 6th—nasal flu catch up Thursday 20th—Speech and Language clinic Governors' Meeting Friday 21st—Speech and Language cClinic

# <u>February</u>

Friday 311th—Tangled Web—e-safety production (Y4-Y6)

\*\*Half Term Monday 21st—Friday 25th February\*\*





#### Being Active

Every week we have PE lessons in school, most of which are run by coach Andy. It has been amazing to see the new skills being developed by the children. A couple of weeks ago we sent some Year 6 girls to Robin Park to partake in a Football Tournament. Their behaviour was amazing and they made us all proud. They even went on to win some of their games! Well done!

We have a number of after school clubs running to further develop a range of sporting skills. Please see your child's class teacher for further details.

#### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all those who took part in our recent questionnaire. The responses were overwhelmingly positive but we have also taken on board a number of your suggestions. We are not able to implement all of your ideas, unfortunately. For example, some parents want to see a ramp installed between the 2 playgrounds. We have looked into this in the past and this is too expensive and would be too steep. This is why we have the entrance at Heyford Road to allow for access for prams. If your are struggling to get children to each of our classes please let us know so that we can come up with an alternative arrangement.

#### Parking and dropping off

Please be aware that we have a few children and a governor that are registered disabled. It is crucial that the disabled parking spots are kept clear for those members of our school that need these spaces. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you also for your support at keeping dogs off the school grounds at drop off and pick up points and for remembering that school is a no smoking zone, including e-cigarettes.

#### Good Bye!

Today we sadly waved goodbye to Mrs Glover, who has served the school for over 30 years. This is a huge achievement. Mrs Glover has worked as a Lunchtime supervisor but has also been an active member of staff in Breakfast club, as well as making morning toast and bagels for our children. Good luck in your retirement, Mrs Glover and thank you for all you have done for generations of children at Marsh Green.

#### **Parents in School**

We have been pleased to be able to welcome parents back into school for our Friday coffee Group. This runs each week between 9-10am and gives parents the opportunity to chat over a drink and a biscuit. It was wonderful to see so many at Parent's Meetings. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment. When we all work together we get the best outcome for our children.

### Pre-loved Uniform and Clothing

In school we have a selection of good condition pre-loved uniform and items of clothing. This is a great way to

recycle and reuse for a greener school.

Mrs Green, Mrs Leigh, Mrs Bolus and Mrs Lowery are all available on the playgrounds in a morning. If you need any items of clothing or shoes just ask and we will see if we have what you need in the right size.

We know how frustrating it can be to lose an item of clothing. Please make sure your child's name is in every item of clothing so that anything lost can easily be returned to its owner.