

**Marshfield CE VC Primary School**

## **Term 1 Newsletter**

**7 September 2018**



**This term's value is Respect**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break- I can't quite believe how quickly the summer has flown by and how lucky we have been with the beautiful weather!

The children and adults have settled back in to the daily routines of school and the class rooms are once again full of energy and enthusiasm. Every time I have visited a class I have been welcomed by smiling faces eager to share what they are learning: from stunning pastels in class 6, bamboozling numbers linked to scales and our solar system in class 5, epic dragons in class 4, pirates invading class 3, animals taking over class 2, to our already confident reception children exploring their new surroundings in class 1.

We are pleased to welcome 17 new children and their families in Reception. We still have spaces in both Class 1 (Reception) and Class 2 (Year 1) - if you know someone who is looking for a place please ask them to contact South Gloucestershire admissions (01454 868008) or the school office (01225 891246).

Jessica Bolt  
Headteacher

### **NEW STAFF**

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team – Mrs Hachani (Class 3) and Miss Bateman (Class 2). We wish them both an enjoyable first year at Marshfield!



Mrs Hicks continues to be our **Parent Link** member of staff. She will be in school every morning and is holding her first coffee morning on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9:00-10:30am**. Please come and enjoy a coffee/tea and a chat- this is an informal meeting where you are able to ask questions, seek support or just enjoy the company of Mrs Hicks and other parents! We look forward to seeing you then.

Want to find out more about our school? What to see what your child has been up to? Follow us [@MarshfieldP](#) for regular updates! **You don't need to have a twitter account to look at our wonderful learning!**

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## OPEN BOOKS

On **Tuesday 2nd October** from 3:30-3:55pm you are warmly invited to come into your child's classroom and look at their exercise books. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about your child's progress and learning in school.

## Attendance

Regular attendance at school is a legal requirement and registers are monitored by the school and local authority on a termly basis.

If a child's attendance falls to a worrying level a monitoring letter may be sent to inform parents: this includes information on the percentage attendance and number of broken weeks. Whilst we understand that some absence/ illness cannot be avoided, it is important that everyone is kept informed and we encourage parents to talk to us if there are any on-going medical issues or you have any worries.

If attendance falls below 90% we are required to hold a SAM (school attendance meeting). At this meeting any concerns regarding attendance can be discussed and support strategies put in place to help improve attendance.

As a community, both parents and school want the absolute best for our children and we appreciate the support of everyone involved. Please do speak to us if you are all concerned.

**100% = Regular attendance**

Best chance of success and progress!



**90 -95% = Worrying**

Less chance of success and harder to make progress

**This = 10 - 19 days absence per year**

**Under 90% = Serious concern**

Detrimental to success and progress

**This = 29 days + absence per year**

## Office Hours

Our school office will be open for the following hours:

**Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm**

**Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm**

We do have an answerphone service and this can and should be used outside of office hours.

All unforeseen absences due to illness should be reported using the answerphone system. Please leave your child's name, class and reason for absence.



# Homework

Please see below the table below for the homework your child will receive this term. Homework is always given out on a Friday and due in by the following Wednesday morning. If you have any questions about homework please see your child's class teacher by Tuesday at the latest, thank you.

- KS1 (year 1 and year 2) - up to 20 minutes per task
- KS2 (year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6) - up to 30 minutes per task

Week	Focus
1	Value homework and spelling School Council (optional)
2	English and spelling
3	Maths and spelling
4	Creative Curriculum and spelling
5	English and spelling
6	Maths and spelling
7	Creative Curriculum and spelling
8	English and spelling

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## READING

Marshfield currently hold the Platinum Award for reading (a local authority initiative) and we are determined to maintain this standard. In addition, strong evidence tells us that children who read regularly achieve better than those who don't, not only in reading, but in all areas (including focus, memory and retention, vocabulary development, empathy and many more) and so we ask for your continued support: ensuring that your child/ren are involved in a 'reading experience' **at least 5 times a week at home** and that this is recorded in their reading record.

If you could spare any time to share reading experiences with children during the school day we would be very grateful. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the main reception area. Thank you for your continued support.

This year's ever popular **Book at Bedtime** event will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 6:00-6:30pm. More information to follow...



# CLASS NEWS

## Miró Class – Mrs Tilley

Another new school year and 17 new faces have joined Miró Class! Everyone has settled in really well and we have made lots of new friends already! We have been finding our way around the school and learning a new set of routines. Those with siblings have enjoyed seeing them at break times and we are all looking forward to being buddied up with members of Hockney Class who will help us to settle in even more.

Our first theme is 'Ourselves' and within this theme we will learn about our bodies and emotions as well as making friends in our new class. The whole school value this term is 'Respect' which fits in perfectly to first theme where we can think about our new friends and the relationships we will develop over our first year at school.

We will be starting our phonics learning by thinking about rhyming and alliterative words as well as starting to recognise the first few letters and sounds. Our Maths focus this term will be on number where we will be doing lots of number recognition activities including spotting numbers in our environment.

Please feel free to pop in and have a look at some of our work which will be on display over the next few weeks!



## Van Gogh Class – Miss Bateman

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to introduce myself and say that I am very excited to be the new Year 1 teacher at Marshfield. This school has an excellent reputation and I am really looking forward to being part of the community and to meeting you all and getting to know your children over the next year.

### Our Topic



This term, our topic is '*Rumble in the Jungle*'. We will be researching jungle animals and creating our own non-fiction fact files in English. We will also be writing our own scripts and performing our own Rumble in the Jungle in class. In art we will be creating different animal pieces using paint and fabrics. In music we will be creating our own jungle songs.

### PE

Our PE days are on **Wednesdays** (Games) and **Fridays** (Dance / Gymnastics), so please ensure that your child is provided with suitable PE kit on these days. Please can you also ensure that any items are **labelled**, to avoid mix-ups when changing.

### Water and Snacks

In year 1, all children are entitled to free fruit or vegetables during morning or afternoon break. If you would like your children to bring in their own snack, please be mindful that only fruit and vegetable snacks are allowed, in line with our school policy. Children may also wish to bring a water bottle into class with them, to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the day and to encourage healthy habits for life. Please be aware that only water may be drunk in-class.

## Home Learning

There will be many opportunities to learn outside of school. On Friday, your child will be issued with a 'home learning book', which will contain weekly home learning activities. This is due in by the following **Wednesday at the latest**. Homework will be a mix of English, Maths, Phonics and other subjects.

Your child will also be issued with reading books and a reading comments book. The expectation is that each child will read a minimum of five times per week at home/ outside of school. You are also encouraged to continue reading a range of books to your child, to develop a love of reading and develop their understanding of different text types.

I would like to make use of the outdoor space as much as possible so please bring a pair of wellies to keep in school.

I look forward to sharing this exciting year with you and your children and please feel free to ask me anything along the way.

Kind regards,

Miss Bateman

## Klee Class – Mrs Hachani

Dear parents / carers,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Marshfield! I am pleased to be able to introduce myself to you all formally, having met some of you already. My name is Mrs Hachani and we will be ably assisted this year by the wonderful Mrs Park. As I'm sure you know, year 2 will be a bit of a 'step up' for many children this year, as they become increasingly independent and confident learners.

### Our Topic

This term, our topic is '**Arr! Pirates!**'. We will be learning all about famous pirates from history and exploring the world's seas, oceans and continents in our pirate ships. In English, we will be reading and writing different types of texts connected to our theme, to further help us in our learning.



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## Home Learning

As in class 2, there will be many opportunities to learn outside of school. On Friday, your child will be issued with a 'home learning book', which will contain weekly home learning activities, due in by the following **Wednesday at the latest**. This week's homework will be connected to our school value which, this term, is **Respect**. Spelling homework is also issued weekly and must be completed.

As in class 2, your child will also be issued with reading books and a reading comments book. The expectation is that each child will read a minimum of five times per week. You are also encouraged to continue reading a range of books to your child, to develop a love of reading and develop their understanding of different text types.

## Class Dojo

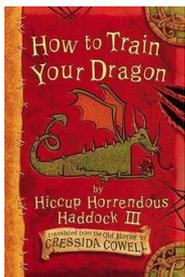
As in class 2, we will continue to use Class Dojo to reinforce and reward positive behaviour. You will shortly be issued with a code to access your child's account, so that you can celebrate successes with your child. Small prizes and rewards will be issued on occasion to reinforce good behaviour.

Thank you again for making me feel welcome in Marshfield. I look forward to meeting with you all as we continue to work together.

Kind regards,  
Mrs J Hachani

## Monet Class – Mrs Rubel

Welcome back! The children have returned to school full of energy, enthusiasm and big smiles, we are all really excited about our learning this year!



Our topic during terms 1 and 2 is Incredible Invaders, where we will be learning about The Celts, The Romans, The Vikings and The Anglo-Saxons.



In English lessons, we will be focusing on our class book, How To Train Your Dragon and writing recounts, instructions, narrative and poetry all based on the characters from the story.

In mathematics lessons, we will be learning about geometry, place value, addition & subtraction, fractions and telling the time.

Our PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and needs to be back in by Wednesday at the latest please.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me after school.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Rubel

## Kandinsky Class – Mrs Luton & Mrs Lewis

Welcome back to the new school year; we hope everybody has enjoyed a fun-filled and restful summer break. We are already so impressed by the positive attitudes that all members of Kandinsky Class have shown. Our first week back has been busy with the launch of our new theme 'SPACETACULAR' where we will be exploring all things Earth and Space. The children are full of enthusiasm and lots of deep questions have been asked... Our minds are already blown by the vastness of our solar system; the children have been comparing the distance of the planets from the sun and the size of the planets in relation to the sun! Our first term will also include opportunities for art and DT (all linked to our space theme). It is going to be a very exciting 8 weeks!



Maths and English lessons will continue to take place every day, including reading related activities so please make sure reading comment books are brought to school each day (our school expectation of 5 x reading experiences at home each week continues and we really hope that the whole of Kandinsky will rise to this challenge and support our class in reaching their 100% target each week). PE lessons will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Unless the weather is really bad, these lessons will be outside so please provide appropriate outdoor wear. We are very excited to be learning Spanish this year. This will be a new language for many of us but I'm sure we will all have lots of fun with this.

Dates for your diaries: please check the 'important dates' section of the newsletter where you will find dates for our Class Sharing Assembly.

## Hockney Class – Mr Looker-Jones

What a week; what a class! Every member of Hockney 3.0 has returned to school with great enthusiasm



and we have enjoyed a fabulous first four days together (the class song is sounding particularly great this year!). Please find the time to come into our beautifully refurbished classroom and see the children's incredible artwork inspired by *The Owl and the Pussycat*.

Indeed, our first topic is 'EvOWLution' – a science-based theme during which we will be learning all about evolution and inheritance with a particular focus on owls. As well as analysing Edward Lear's classic poem, we have also started reading David Almond's *Skellig* which introduces the mysterious eponymous character – just what kind of being is Skellig, and why has he come into our protagonist Michael's life? We will be writing our own transformative 'Rags to Riches' stories based on a similar narrative structure to the novel itself.

Another text we will be reading is *What Mr. Darwin Saw* which will introduce the class to the famous naturalist and his theory of evolution. As we learn how to classify living things, we will discover how plants and animals, both here and abroad, have evolved over long periods of time as a result of natural selection, using fossils as evidence of this phenomena. Our learning will culminate in a visit to the amazing Living Rainforest in Berkshire on 19<sup>th</sup> October – an opportunity to see how unique plants have adapted to life in a tropical climate.

We will be finishing the term as we began, with artwork, when we will study Picasso's owl sculptures and produce our own using a new material: mod-roc. Meanwhile, as the creative topic unfolds, we will be working on number and place value, addition and subtraction in maths, whilst Hockney PE will be on Mondays (football) and Thursdays (aerobics).

**The PTA** - We are very lucky to have a wonderfully active and supportive PTA. This year alone the PTA raised money to purchase a new sound system (wireless microphones and supporting equipment), benches for the playground and paid for all staff to be trained in outdoor learning. Without the funding from the PTA we would not have such a rich learning environment. I know several events are already planned and the PTA need continued support from everyone. If you are able to support either as a member of the committee or at some events please let us know.

### **Family Days**

You will see from our Diary Dates at the end of the newsletter that some of our Classes will be having 'Family Days' this year. These will replace the 'Male Role Model in School' days and are open to any family member who would like to join their child in school for the afternoon and partake in lots of learning and fun activities! (NB just one family member per child). More information will follow closer to the time.

# The PTA Page



Welcome to the new school year and a warm welcome to any new children and parents who have joined our lovely school. The PTA has **LOTS** of things coming up this term..... take a look:



## Book at Bedtime – Wednesday 26th September, 6.00-6.30pm

Children (and some of the grown ups!) come into school all ready for bed and listen to stories in their classrooms, whilst the PTA serve hot chocolate and biscuits. Parents can enjoy the Book Fair whilst they wait.



Don't miss MarshFest – Marshfield's first one day festival featuring a fantastic line up of live bands, delicious food and drink, kids activities including The Makery Children's Craft Tent, circus skills, Balthasar's Bubbles and much more! Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2 -11:30pm at Marshfield Cricket Club. Money raised goes to the PTA, Friends of Huck and the Cricket Club. More info at [www.marshfieldfest.co.uk](http://www.marshfieldfest.co.uk)

## This year's Mudlark – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 10:00am

Marshfield's very own multi-terrain cross country event with a race for every age and ability. Why not give it a go?! More info at [corshamrunningclub.co.uk](http://corshamrunningclub.co.uk). All proceeds to the PTA.

### Marshal Mission!!

In order for the Mudlark to run smoothly and safely, we need a number of people to marshal the event 26 in total – could you help? If so, we'd love to hear from you – we can promise a hot brew and a bacon roll after it's all over! Please contact Louisa on [loupylou22@hotmail.com](mailto:loupylou22@hotmail.com) if you can help.

### Come and join us!

We always need new people to come along and join us on the PTA - **Our next meeting is on Thursday 13th September, 8:00pm in the Lord Nelson** or email [clairemooney1@hotmail.com](mailto:clairemooney1@hotmail.com) for further info. We'd love to hear from you. \*\*\*we are looking for a new treasurer – please contact Claire if interested\*\*\*

## Dates for your Diary

Term 1	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 1 begins
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual & family group photographs
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September @ 3:00pm	Reading Workshop for EYFS parents
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2 – 11:30pm	MarshFest
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 6 – 6:30pm	Book at Bedtime
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September @ 1:30pm	Harvest Service at St Mary's
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 3:30 – 3:55pm	Open Books
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 9 – 10:30am	Parent Link Coffee Morning
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October @ 10:00am	Marshfield Mudlark
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Hockney (Class 6) trip to the Living Rainforest
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term – Inset Day
Term 2	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Term 2 begins
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet (Class 4) trip to Ufton Court
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2:30pm	Monet (Class 4) Sharing Assembly
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 10:00am – 12:00pm	School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December @ 6:00pm	Infant Nativity
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2:00pm	Infant Nativity
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 6:00pm (TBC)	KS2 Christmas Service at St Mary's
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 9:30am	Hobgoblin Theatre Company present 'The Snow Queen'
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 1:30pm	Marshfield's Got Talent!
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term
Term 3	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 begins
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to LifeSkills
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Hockney (Class 6) Trip to Highclere Castle
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January @ 2:30pm	Hockney (Class 6) Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 3:30-3:50pm	Open Books
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term
Term 4	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 4 begins
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Inset Day

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 1 – 3:30pm	Kandinsky (Class 5) Family Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 2:30pm	Kandinsky (Class 5) Sharing Assembly
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April @ 1:30pm (TBC)	Easter service at St Mary's
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term
<b>Term 5</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term 5 begins
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 3:30-3:50pm	Open Books
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 1 – 3:30pm	Miro (Class 1) Family Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May @ 2:30pm	Klee (Class 3) Sharing Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term
<b>Term 6</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term 6 begins
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (afternoon)	Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June @ 2:30pm	Van Gogh (Class 2) Sharing Assembly
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Camp Week (years 5 and 6)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Van Gogh (Class 2) Family Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July @ 6:00pm	KS2 Production
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July @ 2:00pm	KS2 Production
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July @ 2:30pm	Miro (Class 1) Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 1:30pm (TBC)	Leavers service in St Mary's
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term

# CLUBS

Please ask your children to sign up for their lunchtime clubs on the clipboard outside the office.

<b>Monday</b>	KS2 Choir	12.30 –1.00pm	Mr Looker-Jones	KS2
	Football	3.30-4.30pm	WB Soccer	Charged and organised privately
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sports Club	12.30-1.00pm	Mr Hull	KS2
	Cross Country	3.30-4.15pm	Mr Hull	KS2 (see form below)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Spanish Club	12.30-1.00pm	Mrs Hachani	KS2
	Multisports	3.30-4.15pm	Mr Hull	KS1 (see form below)
<b>Thursday</b>	Baking Club	12.30-1.00pm	Mrs Bolt	KS2 (max. 6 children) £6 per term

**For ALL children attending Cross Country and Multi-sports after-school clubs please sign the form below and return to the office. Any child without a slip will be sent home.**

My child .....would like to attend the ..... club  
after school.

*(Please indicate below how your child will be going home after the club)*

1. **Collected by parent**
2. **Collected by another adult (*please name*)** .....
3. **Walk home alone**

**Signed by parent/Guardian**..... **Print Name** .....