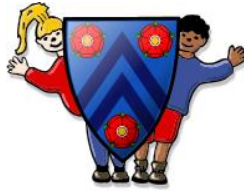


MARSHFIELD CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together, inspiring each other, achieving our best

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Friday 17th September

Dear Families,

I do hope you are all well and enjoying the return of some sense of 'normality'. The children have settled brilliantly in to the new school year and it has been a pleasure to welcome new families and children to our community.

The relaxation of guidelines has meant that bubbles are no longer in place and children can enjoy lunch and break times together – playing happily with friends and siblings across classes and year groups. Some of our children have experienced lunch in the hall for the first time (!) and we are ready to begin key stage assemblies, in person, together. I personally cannot wait to share this time with the children, in particular, hearing them sing as a whole! We are very hopeful that we can return to whole school assemblies before the end of this term.

Classrooms have been full of fun and learning and I know the children in KS2 are enjoying being back to group tables and the freedom of moving around the class. Each class adds photographs to our Twitter page at least weekly – please do take a look (you do not need to have a Twitter account):

[Marshfield Primary \(@MarshfieldP\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/MarshfieldP)



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Clubs will begin again next week. Thank you for the responses received – we will be in touch by 8pm this evening if your child has a place in their chosen clubs. We hope to be able to offer clubs throughout the year and will ensure any child who wanted to attend a club that was oversubscribed, is put on a waiting list for the next time it runs. A new club letter will be sent out at the end of this term in preparation for term 2 clubs (which teachers are already planning) – this will include a community choir!

Every term our website is updated with details of the curriculum being taught in each class.

<https://www.marshfieldprimary.org.uk/our-curriculum/>

<https://www.marshfieldprimary.org.uk/termly-overviews/>



Reading

Can **reading diaries** please be brought in to school **every day**. This way teachers can record reading in school and share comments with you too.

Families should share reading experiences at least 5 times a week – this can be sharing a story, reading a magazine, reading school books or reading instructions for a game. Please record each experience in your child's diary.

Reading information evenings:

Wednesday 29th September

Reception & KS1 5.00 - 5.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85329174115?pwd=WkRRNTdJTkcxKzZQMTBzTEpSQnRMUT09>

KS2 5.45 – 6.15

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89853204064?pwd=dG01L01JaG91M2NYNzB6MDBpMUh1Zz09>

Book at Bedtime

**Thursday 23rd September
6 – 6.30**

Children in classes for a story and hot chocolate

Parents welcome in the school hall to browse and purchase books from the School Book Fair

Please drop off and collect children from their external class doors

Wellies

Please ensure your child/ren have a pair of wellies in school.



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Lunches

Please can all parents log on to Parent Pay and **book lunches online** – this **includes children who are having a packed lunch** (please just select packed lunch).

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to universal free school meals.

From year 3, lunches must be paid for and currently cost £2.30 – please pay for lunches as they are ordered.

Families can apply for free school meals at any time – further information can be found at: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply>

Speeding and Parking

Sadly, a number of cars have been seen speeding and some parents do park in a manner that puts lives at risk. **For the safety of our children and community**, can all parents please ensure they **stick to the speed limits and park legally and safely**.

Parents and families can park at the Community Centre or at the Tennis Club and walk to school – this not only reduces the number of cars in and around the school, but is a healthy way to begin and end the school day.



Drop off

Children in **Reception and Key Stage 1** should arrive at school at **8.40** with registers closing at 8.45.

In **Key Stage 2** children should arrive at **8.50** with registers closing at 8.55.

Children who are in KS2 without siblings in KS1 should not arrive until 8.50 – children arriving early is causing unnecessary crowding at the gate.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest service is booked to take place at St. Mary's Church on Friday 1st October at 1.30 pm.

We warmly invite parents and families to attend church to celebrate with us.

Each class will be taking part in the service and will walk to the church. If any parents are able to volunteer to walk with us, please notify the school office.

Donations of tinned and dry goods for the will be gratefully received and children will place donations in church as part of the service. These will be sent to the Sisters of the Church in Bristol.



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| Term 1 | |
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| Date | Event |
| Thursday 23 rd September @ 6pm | Book at Bedtime |
| Wednesday 29 th September @ 5pm KS1 @ 5.45pm KS2 | Reading Information Sessions (Virtual) |
| Friday 1 st October @ 1.30pm | Harvest Service @ St. Mary's Church |
| Tuesday 12 th October 3.40pm – 6.30pm Thursday 14 th October 3.30pm – 4.30pm | Parents' Evenings (virtual or in-person) |
| Half Term Saturday 23 rd October – Sunday 31 st October | |
| Term 2 | |
| Monday 1 st November | INSET – no children in school |
| Tuesday 2 nd November | First day in school for all children |
| Thursday 9 th December @ 2.15pm or 6.00pm | Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance 2 tickets per family per performance £2 each via Parent Pay (open for booking in November) |
| Tuesday 14 th December @ 6pm | KS2 Christmas Service @ St. Mary's Church <i>Whole school community and families invited to attend</i> |
| Friday 17 th December (during school day) | Hobgoblin Theatre performance (in school) £3 contribution via Parent Pay |
| Christmas Holiday Saturday 18 th December – Monday 3 rd January | |
| Term 3 | |
| Tuesday 4 th January | INSET - no children in school |
| Wednesday 5 th January | First day in school for all children |
| Tuesday 15 th February 3.40pm – 6.30pm Thursday 17 th February 3.40pm – 6.30pm | Parents' Evening (virtual or in person) |
| Half Term Saturday 19 th February – Sunday 27 th February | |
| Term 4 | |
| Monday 28 th February | First Day in school for all children |
| Friday 8 th April @ 1.30pm | Easter Service at St. Mary's Church Whole School Parents and families welcome |
| Easter Holiday Saturday 9 th April – Sunday 24 th April | |
| Term 5 | |
| Monday 25 th April | First Day in school for all children |
| 23 rd May – 27 th May Friday 27 th May (details to follow) | Sports Week including Sports Day |
| Half Term Saturday 28 th May – Sunday 5 th June | |
| Term 6 | |
| Monday 6 th June | INSET – no children in school |
| Tuesday 7 th June | First Day in school for all children |
| Thursday 14 th July @ 2.00pm or 6.00pm | KS2 Performance |
| Wednesday 20 th July @ 9.30 | Leavers' Service |
| Thursday 21 st July | INSET – no children in school |
| Summer Holiday Friday 22 nd July – Thursday 1 st September 22 | |



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