

# Marshfield CE VC Primary School

Learning together, inspiring each other, achieving our best

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Families,

It has been a whirlwind of a start to term (returning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January was quite a shock to our systems!) and we are half way through already. The INSET days at the end of last term and start of this term were both **fantastic learning for our team**.

In December, we focused on trauma and attachment, and in January ADHD and Wellbeing. Both of these sessions were led by experts in their field with Owen O'Kane (author) sharing how anxiety and stress affect our whole bodies, the autonomic reactions we have and how we can try to 're-set'.

- How to settle your mind quickly
- How to focus and retrain your brain on dealing with stress
- How to restructure unhelpful patterns of thinking
- How to develop ways of communicating that are more effective

He led us through a guided activity (which left us feeling very relaxed) and we look forward to not only using this ourselves, but with the children too.

In December, the Sunday Times published their primary league tables. It was pleasing to see that we remain in the top 1% of schools nationally (143<sup>rd</sup> out of over 16,000 schools) and 8<sup>th</sup> in the entire South West region; demonstrating that our children continue to be well supported to **achieve their best**.

The end of last term also allowed our brilliant children (and team) to **showcase their talents** and hard work in the arts. The reception and key stage 1 Nativity performances were a hit (so many smiling faces as they sang) and key stage 2 had two outstanding performances. The first at the Bath Forum was stunning. Marshfield was selected to sing individually (the only school to be given this opportunity) and were **inspiringly led by Mr Looker-Jones and Mrs Hachani**. Mrs Hachani was also selected to lead the whole choir (including over 100 children). The second was the magnificent service at St Mary's church. The children led us through the Christmas story and included not only confident speakers, but the children (and teachers) singing harmoniously in multiple parts across several songs – I had goose bumps.

This term, we have our Singing Square to look forward to – this is always something the children enjoy. Each class sings a song (usually linked to their topic) and then teaches it to the other classes. This is an in-school event for the children only, however, I am sure you will be hearing the children practicing at home very soon!

## DATES THIS TERM:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January @ 9:00am – **Rags2Riches collection**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1:30 – 3:25pm – **Pangolins Family Day**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 7:30pm – **PTA Auction Evening at Marshfield Cricket Club**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – **Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 3:40 – 6:30pm – **Parents Evening**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 3:40 – 6:00pm – **Parents Evening**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 9:00am – **Parents Forum with Mrs Bolt and Steve Jefferys (Chair of Governors)**

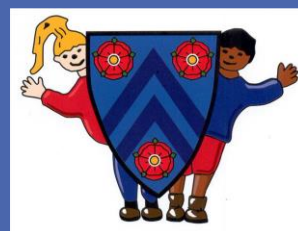
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – **Singing Square**

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Please use the answerphone to leave a message if we do not answer – we will get back to you as soon as we can.



## Parent Forum (with Mrs Bolt and Steve Jefferys – Chair of Governors)

Our next Parent Forum will be held on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 9:00-10:00am**. The focus, as suggested by one of our parents, will be home learning. If you are unable to attend and would like to share your views on homework, please either call, catch me at the gate or email.

## Clubs

Our clubs are run as an opportunity to attend **extra-curricular activities**: they are not intended to be child care (we do appreciate they can help, and knowing in advance what is available is most useful).

The clubs are changed and varied based on **requests from the children** and we try and ensure we run something **to interest a wide range of children across a school year and give opportunities to try new things**. With the exception of Mr Hull's Multi-Sports club, they run from week 2 of each term and the end date is stated on the letter (usually the last week with the exception of terms with parents' evening). We do try our best to get the new club letters to you the week before term ends. Next term's letter should arrive on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## Attendance

**Holidays in term time are not authorised and may incur a fine** (please see our attendance policy on the school website or ask the office for a copy).

**All absence must be requested** using the absence request form – this is available from the office. **Failure to inform the school of an absence will incur a fine** (please see the attendance policy).

100%	Perfection Best chance of success	0 days missed
99%	Excellent Best chance of success	2 days missed
97%	OK	5 days missed 25 + hours of learning missed
96%	Slight concern Chance of success and good progress is reduced	8 days missed 40 + hours of learning missed
95%	Concern Chance of success and good progress is reduced	2 school weeks 70+ hours of learning missed
90%	Very concerned Negative impact on progress, achievement and success	4 school weeks 140 + hours of learning missed

### Fruit Snacks

Snacks brought in for break times must be fruit – please do not send biscuits, cakes, chocolate or crisps.

### School Uniform

Please ensure children are wearing the correct school uniform:

- Plain black shoes or boots
- Navy jumper or cardigan
- White polo tops
- Plain black, navy or white socks
- On PE days, plain navy tracksuit or plain navy joggers/ leggings and sweatshirt/ school hoodie

Thank you

Our school value this term is: **Perseverance**  
Philippians 4.13: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."