

Marsworth CE Infant School



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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the October Half term. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. The values for this term are **Friendship, Courage and Freedom**. These will form the basis of our collective worship.

MEDICAL INFORMATION



Please could we have any updated Medical information on your children for our records. As a precaution, our school community have agreed that we do not have Peanut butter sandwiches or any **nuts** in Break/packed lunches.

WET WEATHER

It is that time of year that the weather is rather wet and cold. However the curriculum still includes learning to take place outside. The children will be required to go out in the rain or in damp wet weather. It is important that they are dressed appropriately. Could **ALL** children ensure they have a coat and suitable foot wear such as wellington boots. These can be left in a carrier bag on your child's peg in the cloakroom.

PARENT OPEN MORNINGS

After the success of our Open Mornings last year these will start on **Friday 10th November**

We will be holding two more on **Thursday 23rd November 2017** and **Thursday 7th December 2017** from 8:30-9:00am

GATE KEEPER

Would you be willing to be a Gatekeeper at School? This is to check that no child leaves through the gate. Ideally this would be from 8.50 – 9.00 am Monday to Friday. If you are able to help please speak to Mrs Pankiw as soon as possible.

SAFEGUARDING

E-safety

In an ever changing world where children are having more access to things online I feel that it is important to address this. As part of the computing curriculum the children are taught about how to safety safe online and the do's and don'ts, we will be covering this in more detail throughout the year. However it isn't just at school where children can have access to the internet.

48%

of parents believe that their children know more about the internet than they do and 73% of children agree.
Are you being left behind?

(Pace of Change Report Research focused on how parents and children differ in their use of the internet December 2015)

internet
matters.org

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>
<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/digital-parenting-magazine/>

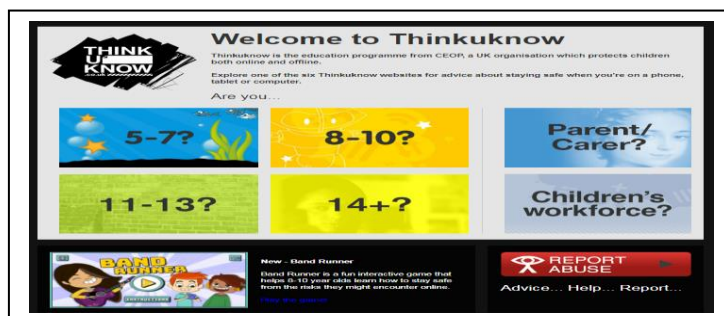
41% of Primary School pupils claim to have communicated with people they do not know.
Is your child one of them?
(Source Techknowledge research 2015)

internetmatters.org

Below are some helpful websites to support children online of all ages.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

www.getsafeonline.co.uk
www.internetmatters.org



Emotional health and well being

They also have a free, confidential Young Minds Parents' Helpline: **0808 802 5544** (Mon – Fri 9.30am – 4pm. Free for mobiles and landlines)

What to do if you have a concern?

<http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/parents-carers/resources-for-the-public/>
<http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/parents-carers/information-for-parents-and-families-who-have-lost-a-child/>

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year we have decided to do something a little different. We would like the children to donate £2. For this donation we would like the children to wear something spotty, they will also be given a Children in Need wrist band. Throughout the day they children will be taking part in Children in Need activities such as making Pudsey biscuits or cakes.

We are also holding a fundraising event for both Staff and Parents. The competition this year is to chose a duck for a duck race! You can tune in to the race on the Children in Need Facebook page to see if you win!! To enter with your answer please see Mrs Pankiw in the office with your £2 donation! The winner gets to keep half of the money raised with the other half going to Children in Need.

Additional wrist bands will be for sale for £1 in the school office.

REMINDERS

Last year we purchased a licence from Discovery Education. This company created the website Espresso which is a tool we use in school to enhance the children's learning in all subjects. As part of the package the children will be able to access this at home in a safe and secure way. The children are given a username and password. The website has daily challenges and educational games, activities and videos that support their learning in school. We have trialled this for half a term and have received positive comments from the children.

Further information will follow with the children's username and password.

We also purchased RM Easi maths. The children have been using this in school and will also include home access in which the teacher can set online homework tasks. Usernames and passwords have been issued. Should you require your child's logon details please contact either Mrs Polatci or Mrs Stevens

SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Could we remind all parents that parking outside school on the yellow zig-zag lines is forbidden by law for safety reasons. The parking ban extends from the start of the school car park to the end of the school premises next to the school house. Also, we would request that parents do **not** park on school grounds when dropping your child off.

Could we also ask that your children **do not climb** on the low walls at the front of the school.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

As of 1st December the Christmas card post box will be placed in the corridor by the school office. The children will be able to send cards to each other and post them in the box at the start of each day. The Year 2 children will then sort the cards and deliver them.

We will also be having a tree decorating assembly in school where the children decorate the school tree with a decoration.

On **Thursday 7th December at 2.30**, the children will take part in a Christingle service at All Saints Church. I do hope you are able to join us as it is a lovely service.

Monday **17th December is our annual trip to** the pantomime, this year to see Aladdin at the Elgiva Theatre in Chesham. There will be a certain number of parent places available so if you wish to go, please let Mrs Pankiw know.

Our Christmas Nativity performance will be held at 9.30 on the 14th December at All Saints Church – once again everyone is welcome.

The children's Christmas party day is being held on Tuesday 18th December.

The term comes to an end on Wednesday 19th December.

Further and more detailed information will be issued nearer the time.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Thursday 2nd November **Bags to School**

Friday 3rd November **Cake Sale after school. We will also be holding an Usborne book sale at the same time**

Friday 10th November **Open Morning from 8.30**

Thursday 23rd November **Open Morning from 8.30**

Tuesday 28th November **7:30pm Reading and phonics workshop for all parents**

Saturday 2nd December **Christmas Fayre at Marsworth Village Hall – 2-4pm**

Thursday 7 th December	Open Morning from 8.30 Christingle Service at 2.30pm – All Saints Church, Marsworth. We welcome everyone to join us
Tuesday 12 th December	Pantomime at The Elgiva Theatre
Friday 15 th December	School Nativity play at 9.30 – All Saints Church - details to follow
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party day, details to follow
Tuesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas

May we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Marsworth School.

School re-opens for the Spring Term 2018 on Thursday 4th January 2018