

# Marsworth CE Infant School



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**RESPECT, COURAGE, COMPASSION, CURIOSITY**

*'Teach children how they should live,  
and they will remember it all their lives.'* Proverbs 22:6

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable summer. Welcome back to school! Another exciting and inspiring school year lies ahead and we sincerely hope that this will be a return to normal education for all. I wish an extra special welcome to the new reception children. We are sure you will be happy at Marsworth C of E Infant School and will quickly feel part of our school family. We would also like to welcome Ms Ahmed who will be working in Goldfinches Class in the mornings.

**The staffing arrangements are as follows:**

### **Robins (EYFS)**

Monday - Wednesday - Mrs Jan Stevens  
Thursday and Friday - Mrs Emma Williams  
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Sam Carter

### **Goldfinches (KS1)**

Monday and Tuesday - Mrs Eleanor Turney  
Wednesday - Friday - Mrs Karen Scott  
Teaching assistant – Mrs Wendy Casterton  
Teaching Assistant – Ms Ferdousa Ahmed

Wednesday morning swimming will be covered by Mrs Jan Stevens (from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September). Mrs Amanda Oxley is undertaking ELSA training and will provide Mental Health and Wellbeing support.

### **What we will be learning**

Topics for this term are 'All about Me' in Robins Class and 'The Great Fire of London' in Goldfinches Class. Children will experience a range of stories and cross curricular activities related to the topics. We hope that your child will share some of their exciting learning with you all.

### **Establishing Routines**

The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning and behaviour in the school. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish classroom routines and to set expectations of behaviour and working well together. Please help us by ensuring children are in school by 9. Please could you ensure the children wear the **correct** school uniform and have a named water bottle for them to access throughout the day. Please can the bottle contain **water** only.

### **Uniform**

For boys, the uniform is grey trousers or shorts, a pale blue or white polo shirt (blue ones with a school badge are available from the office), a blue school sweatshirt and black school shoes. For girls the

uniform is either a light blue checked summer dress or a grey pinafore with a blue or white polo shirt and a blue school cardigan or sweatshirt, navy or grey tights and black school shoes. Children also need to bring a hat into school on hot days as we have limited shade on our field.

### **PE.**

P.E. kit is navy shorts and a white T shirt with black plimsolls. For colder months, children may wear navy joggers and a navy sweatshirt or hoodie. We ask that children bring their P.E. kit into school in a named bag. P.E. is on Tuesdays and children get changed after lunch. For swimming we ask that boys wear trunks (not baggy shorts) and girls wear a one-piece costume. All children need to wear a swimming cap and bring a small towel to dry themselves (no bath sheets please). We also ask that no goggles are worn. On Wednesdays we ask that children come to school wearing their P.E. kit, with their swimming kit in a small rucksack.

### **Swimming**

We are incredibly lucky at Marsworth to be able to offer swimming lessons to all our children. We travel to Aqua Vale in Aylesbury on Wednesday mornings and lessons will start on Wednesday 15th September. We will be doing an extra P.E. lesson this week in place of swimming so it is important that children have their P.E. kit in school for both Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Updating information – alert in advance**

At this time of year, we need to update the information we hold in school about your child. We try to keep the number of requests to a minimum however it is important for the safety of all children that we have up to date and accurate information. I thank you for a timely response to any such requests, which will come to you in the coming weeks.

### **Covid update**

As per stage 4 of the Government roadmap, we are now able to invite parents into school and to have all children arrive and leave at the same time. The wearing of facemasks remains a personal choice. If a child has been identified as a close contact (where there is a suspected case of Covid at a child's home) the situation now is that the child must remain at home until the adult has received a negative test. If the adult tests positive, then the child must do a PCR test and if they test negative they don't need to isolate, but may return to school. We ask that all parents keep us up to date regarding their situation at home. In school we remain vigilant regarding handwashing and ensuring good ventilation throughout the school.

### **School clubs**

We plan to return to normal and will be providing details in the next few weeks of sports and other clubs which may run at lunchtime and after school.

### **Harvest**

We will celebrate harvest in school through our Collective Worship and RE lessons and also hope to have a harvest celebration at the church which parents will be invited to attend. We will let you know as soon as we have arranged a date for this as well as details for collecting food donations.

### **Parents Evening**

We hope to run these after half term, and to have them in school again. However, if you have any concerns in the meantime, we ask that you speak to your child's teacher.

### **Meet the Teacher sessions**

For those children new to Marsworth, or new to KS1, we are running meet the teacher sessions after school next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 3:30. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new

teacher and to ask any questions you may have. It is an informal session and we expect it to last 30 mins. If you are unable to attend but would still like to contact the teacher, please let the office know.

### **Curriculum**

We are planning a full and varied curriculum with a 'back to normal' approach. Copies of the class Topic Webs which detail curriculum coverage will be sent out shortly. We are also planning a whole school trip to Waddesdon Manor for a story writing challenge. After half term we are looking forward to taking part in the Pop Up Literacy festival where children's learning will focus on a key text and they will meet a real author. As a school we fully believe that early reading, little and often (5-10mins EVERY day) will have lasting benefits not just in their reading ability but in their language development, confidence, self-esteem and is closely linked to their learning in other subjects.

Please could children read every day either a school book or a book from home or library. It would be very helpful to us if a short comment could be recorded in their reading record books. This will help us to support the children further and find out what books they are interested in reading.

For the last few years we have purchased RM Easimaths. 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. We will be sending out a separate letter with further information.

We have also purchased a spelling and reading subscription to Nessy. Letters with further details and login usernames will be sent out within the next few weeks.

### **Safety outside of 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 and railings at the front of the school.

### **Dates for diaries**

Friday 22nd October	Break up for half term
Monday 1st November	Inset day
Tuesday 2nd November	Back to school
Tuesday 30th November	Whole school trip to Waddesdon Manor
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas

Don't forget this newsletter and lots of other information is published on our website so if you forget any dates please take a look online at [www.marsworthschool.co.uk](http://www.marsworthschool.co.uk)

We are all very excited for the term ahead and hope that it will be an enjoyable one for all children. Please do get in touch if you need any further information.

Best regards,

Karen Scott  
Acting Head teacher