

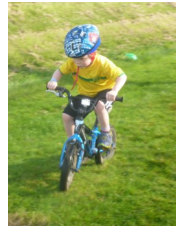
Marlborough

St Mary's News



TRIATHLON

Last week's Triathlon was a wonderful success. Almost 90 children between the ages of 4 and 11 took part, the sun shone and everyone had a fantastic time.



Congratulations to all the participants. Everyone challenged themselves to do their very best and there were some outstanding sporting achievements from many children. Thank you to Marlborough College for the use of their facilities and to Sally Wolfenden and the Marlborough Rotary Club for providing the medals and helping to organise the event. Our wonderful Friends of the school were also out in force! Special thanks go to



Mrs Haines who was the main organiser of the Triathlon and Mr Ferris. Many members of staff from across both

sites gave up their Saturday to help and we are very grateful for their support and commitment.

HARVEST

The Harvest season is on us again and this year's Harvest Festival will be held at St Mary's Church on Friday 21 October. We will be staying with the format of previous years with the KS2 celebration at 9.15 and KS1 at 2.00.

WELCOME

A big welcome to all our new children. We have 53 children starting in Reception this year, together with 8 new students in Key Stage 1 and 9 in Key Stage 2. We hope you will all be very happy in our new school.

We also welcome Mrs Holford-Wright, our new Deputy Headteacher and new teachers - Miss Knapp in Year 3 and Miss Knowles in Year 4. Mrs Smith is also back from maternity leave.

There are two new teaching assistants in the infants, Mrs Lester and Mrs Panter who are working 1-1 with children in Y2.

DIARY DATES

- w/c 3rd Oct: Bikeability Year 6
- 5th Oct: Anti bullying show Years 2 - 6
- 6th Oct: Y3 Curriculum Meeting – 2:30-2:50 in the Hall
- 7th Oct: Y5 Curriculum Meeting – 2:30-2:50 in the Hall
- 10th Oct: Y6 Curriculum Meeting - 2.30-2.50 in the Hall
- 11th Oct: Election count for parent Governor
- 20th Oct: Harvest Lunch KS1
- 21st Oct: St Mary's Church - 9.15 Harvest Festival KS2, 2.00 Harvest Festival KS1
- 24th - 28th Oct: Half Term
- 31st Oct: TD Day: School Closed
- 1st Nov: First day back to school

READING BOOKS

Some of you may have noticed your children bringing home different coloured reading books. The books will be at the same level of difficulty as previously but some of the books are being re banded to ensure that the systems in the infant and junior schools are the same.



AUTUMN TERM 1

HOUSES

We have decided to introduce a system of house points across both the infant and junior sites.

Congratulations to our new House Captains.

RED – Ruby Pike and Sol Hopkins

YELLOW – Adam Blundy and Gracie Rockell

BLUE – Oscar Atkinson and Lucy Barrett

GREEN – Ellen Greenbank and Freddie Peel-Cross

The House Captains will be meeting later in the week to share ideas from the children and decide on the names of the new houses.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Harris and Mrs Stevens who are both expecting new arrivals in the New Year.

MORNING ROUTINE

Key Stage 2 parents will be aware that the morning routine on the junior site has changed so that the children come straight into school at 8.35. Teachers will be in their classrooms from this time and children will be set morning activities. This enables the children to have a calm start to the day and allows parents who would like a brief word with their child's class teacher to do so. One of the reasons for this change is that children were being left unsupervised in the playground early in the morning. Please support us in this new initiative by not dropping off your children before the school gates are open.



PENCELLI

The Year 6 children have returned from a week's adventure course in Pencelli, in the Brecon Beacons. Among other things the course involved crawling through underground rivers, standing under waterfalls, walking through a 500m long tunnel in the pitch black and rock climbing on the damp and slippery limestone quarries. The children were amazing! They all challenged themselves and more importantly learnt to work as a team and support each other. Thank you to all the KS2 staff who came along to work with the children and especially to Mr Ferris who organised the trip.

NEW SCHOOL

Work on the new school is going very well, most of the ground works have been completed and the foundations have been dug. Drainage has been put in place for the multi use games area and this has now been surfaced and used to house the site offices. There will be an official 'Groundbreaking Ceremony' on Friday 14th October attended by Claire Perry, MP for the Devizes Constituency, the Mayor of Marlborough, representatives of the Local Authority and representatives of the governors, staff and children from Marlborough St Mary's School.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council elections were held last week. Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen to represent the school and their classmates on the School Council.

KS2: James Hamilton, Laura Hammond, Rohan Biswas, Evie Mundy, Macy Manning-Rooney, Izzy Barnett, Meenashi Thethron –Seenaj, Izzy Thrift, Freddie O’Shaughnessy

KS1: Meggie Mcgrath, Luca Swift, Ava Waters, Rory Ryan-Jones, Shaun Boyle, Hally Scarr-Brown, Ella Cook, Josh Fern

CLEANER

A cleaner is required to work mornings or evenings for 1 hour a day at Marlborough St Mary’s Infant Site. Please contact Susannah Greenbank in the office on 01672 513101.

PARKING

All parents are offered half an hour free parking in the George Lane Car Park at pick up and drop off times. Vouchers can be collected from the school office. **Please do not park on the double yellow lines outside the schools or block the drives of residents.**

HEADTEACHER’S AWARDS

KS1

9th September Reid Lummes

16th September Nina John-Rose

23rd September Anderson Ruta



KS2

9th September Finn O’Reilly

16th September Rosie Tunmore

23rd September Rachel Darby

ALPHA COURSE—ST MARY’S CHURCH HALL

An Alpha Course is running this autumn in Marlborough. Alpha offers an opportunity to discuss one’s faith and some of life’s difficult questions in an easy-going, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. The group meet on Wednesday evenings at St Mary’s Church Hall for a meal followed by a short talk (DVD) and then the opportunity to chat and ask questions in small groups over coffee and cake. Contact Revd Dr David Maurice for information:

david_maurice2000@yahoo.com (514119).

Or check out: [facebook.com/marlboroughalpha](https://www.facebook.com/marlboroughalpha)

HOME-START KENNET

Home-Start Kennet has just won a Big Lottery grant enabling them to continue their unique family support service to families in the Devizes, Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth areas.

They are eager to meet local people who will enjoy the satisfaction and challenge of working with a young family and help them to give their children the best possible start in life. For more information please visit

www.homestartkennet.co.uk or phone 01672 569457.

MISSION STATEMENT AND VALUES

Children and adults in the school have been sharing ideas for our new Mission Statement and values.

If you would like to have your say, add your ideas to the Mission Statement Display in the entrance hall at the infants or in the library at the juniors.

We are choosing 6 of the following values:

1/Courage 2/Friendship 3/Love 4/Perseverance 5/Honesty 6/Compassion (Kindness) 7/ Peace 8/Respect

9/Reflectiveness 10/Justice (Fairness) 11/Wisdom 12/Thankfulness 13/Trust 14/ Forgiveness 15/Hope

Circle the six values you feel would best represent our school and return the slip to the office on either site to have your vote included.