

Marlborough

St Mary's News 2



Mrs Macdonald

After ten years at the school, as Class Teacher, Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Macdonald is retiring at Christmas. Mrs Macdonald has been a pivotal part of the school and was instrumental in driving the school improvement that led to the St Mary's Outstanding Ofsted inspection in 2015. Most of the children in KS1 and KS2 will have fond memories of being taught by Mrs Macdonald, and staff, children and parents will all miss her. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Macdonald a very happy retirement, and of course we all hope to see her in the future at Marlborough St Mary's!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Gisbourne who will be teaching alongside Mrs Smith in Galaxy when we return after the Christmas break in January.

Mrs Palmer

Mrs Palmer will also be leaving at Christmas. Mrs Palmer has been a Playleader/Mid-Day Supervisory Assistant at the Junior School for nine years. We would like to give our best wishes for the future. Mrs Palmer will be continuing in her role as lollipop lady.

Seeker Class

Congratulation to Mrs Harris who is leaving the school next week to go on maternity leave. For the time being Mrs Haines will teach full time in Seeker Class.

DIARY DATES

- 9th Dec: KS1 Nativity St Mary's Church 2pm
- 13th Dec: Year 3 Production 2pm
- 14th Dec: Year 3 Production:6pm
- 15th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinners
- 16th Dec: KS2 Carol Service St Mary's Church 9.15am
- 16th Dec: Term Ends KS1 1.15pm, KS2 1.30pm
- 3rd Jan: Term 3 starts

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all the parents, teachers, teaching assistants, friends and Father Christmas who helped to make our Christmas Fayre such a success. Particular thanks to the Friends of the School who worked tirelessly to organise the event. The children love the Christmas Fayre and without their hard work it just wouldn't be possible.

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

KS2 Wear a Christmas jumper to school in exchange for a £1 donation to Save the Children.

KS1 Christmas Party Day. Children can wear party clothes (sensible shoes please). We are hoping that Father Christmas will be able to make time in his busy schedule to come and visit the children in the afternoon.

This is the day when Christmas lunches will be served at KS1 and KS2 sites.



NEW SCHOOL

The building of the new school is going exceptionally well and most aspects are up to three weeks ahead of schedule!

The Educational Funding Agency, with some support from the LA has provided the funding to build the school, however they do not supply new equipment to go into the building. Some of the IT equipment we have in school is quite old and we would very much like to equip our wonderful new building with some state of the art technology. A new whiteboard, projector and laptop will cost approximately £2,000 per classroom. If you know of a company or anyone who would be interested in sponsoring a classroom or any other equipment please let us know.

We are also looking for volunteers to start a fundraising campaign for the new school - **Can you help?**



'ONCE UPON A DREAM' POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following children who entered the recent poetry writing competition and will have their poems published in a book.

Macy Manning-Rooney,
Euan Gannon, Lottie Turnell,
Gracie-Joyce Rockell,
Thea Wratten, Erin Ferris,
Margarita Rumbold,
Emily Hatch,
Rufus Townsend,
Meenashi Thethron Seenaj,
Freddie O'Shaughnessy,
Jacob Gannon and
Amelie Haines.

Childcare Survey for Parents 2016

Do you have a child aged 0-14? (0-19 with a disability?)

Wiltshire Council has a duty to secure sufficient childcare for parents who require it. Please help

by completing an online survey. The survey runs until 31st December 2016.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-survey>

They would like to hear your views on

- Childminders
- Nurseries
- Preschools
- Breakfast clubs
- After school clubs
- Holiday clubs

A report will be available on the Wiltshire Council website in April 2017.

For more information please contact: Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN.

Tel: 0300 003 4561. Email: earlyyears@wiltshire.gov.uk.

TRIATHLON

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the triathlon. £1,638.80 was raised and with the extra money we received from the Rotary Club, we have almost £2,000 spend on new PE equipment!

SPORTS AND CLUBS

We know that lots of children attend sports and clubs outside of school. If your child has taken part in a sporting event, progressed onto the next stage or won a trophy or medal for sports etc. please tell us about it!

You can pass on the details (with a relevant photo) by email to Mrs Smith for KS1 on infants@marlboroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk or to Mrs Haines for KS2 on admin@marlboroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk These will then be displayed on our Sport Stars noticeboard and celebrated on our newsletter or in assembly.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

KS1

7th October: Tom Baker
14th October: Rory Ryan-Jones
4th November: Oscar Mann
11th November: Georgia Riches
28th November: Katie Amor



KS2

7th October: Svea Rosedale
4th November: Kai Watson
14th November: Jamie Greenwood
18th November: Henry Smith
25th November: Isabel Barnett

GUITAR LESSONS



Would your child like to learn to play the guitar? Lessons are available for beginners at either KS1 or KS2. Lessons are given during the school day and cost £10 for a 20 minute lesson and £15 for a half hour lesson.

For more information contact Lyndsay Bateman on lyndsay@batemanmusic.co.uk.

WEBSITE

The new website is up and running - the address is www.marlbroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk

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.**

WATER BOTTLES

Please only put water in children's water bottles. No juice or squash.



HOUSES

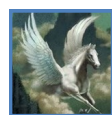
The new house point system is up and running.

The house names which were chosen by the children are:



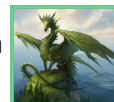
Red - Phoenix

Yellow - Gryphon



Blue - Pegasus

Green - Dragon



CHILDREN IN NEED

The Infants raised £102 for Children in Need and the Juniors raised £192.

Well done and thank you to everyone!



A community play on the streets of Marlborough - for more information email the team at: marlbroughpp2017@gmail.com

MOBILE PHONES

Some children at KS2 bring mobile phones to school. These must be handed in at the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

Job Vacancies at Marlborough St Mary's

PLAYLEADER/MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

A playleader/mid-day supervisory assistant is required on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes at the KS2 site. 1 hour per day, 12.30-1.30pm. Please contact Sue Kent in the office on 01672 513158 or email: admin@marlbroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk.

ADVENTURERS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ASSISTANT

An assistant is required for the Adventurers After School Club at the KS2 site for 2 or 3 afternoons per week. Please contact Sue Kent in the office on 01672 513158 or email: admin@marlbroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk.