

Marlborough

St Mary's News 4



Welcome back to our families after half term; hopefully you all enjoyed the break. Last term was action packed, starting with the School Choir's trip to the O2 to sing in the Young Voices event and ending with the Enchanted Day on both sites which was a great success. Years 3 and 4 had a frosty trip to the forest on Friday 10th February. They made magical pictures, built dens for a sleeping dragon and learnt some orienteering skills. The events celebrated the end of a wonderful term's learning through the theme "Enchantment".



Don't forget to look at the school website to catch up with the latest photos and information

www.marlboroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk



Our next main event will be World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Miss Burdge has organised a range of activities and children have been asked to come dressed as a character from their favourite book. The costumes children wore on the Enchanted Day can be worn again for World Book Day.

STAFF NEWS

- * We are saying farewell to Mrs Seddon who will not be returning after her maternity leave. Mrs Seddon taught at St Mary's Infant School for many years and will be missed by all the staff and pupils.
- * Congratulations to Mrs Stevens on the birth of her little boy Joshua. Mum and baby are both well.
- * Welcome to Mrs Jeffery who started teaching in Discovery Class just before half term.
- * Mr Taylor will be teaching in Seeker Class on Fridays until the end of the academic year.

SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday 9th February two teams of 6 gymnasts took part in the Primary Gymnastics Festival at Amesbury Sports Centre. The gymnasts excelled themselves in their performances. Amelia Cable, Evie Mundy, Neriya Nahmias, Sara Lopes, Svea Rosedale and Ellie Neathey were the winning team of the higher level competition. Amelia Cable performed an excellent routine and came joint 1st place in the girls' competition. Jeremy Taylor, Emily Barnett, Sam Perez Kolenkiewicz, Jacob Gannon, Amber Maddams and Sophie Boyle all competed well to be placed 3rd in their category. Sam overcame his nerves to perform his routine superbly and was placed 1st in the boys' competition.



The hockey team played really well at the Hockey Festival on Monday and finished 3rd in their group. Their overall position was not a true reflection of how well they played. They were awarded 2 teamwork stickers for their communication and play as a team.

Some Year 5 and Year 6 children are training to take part in a swimming gala in March.

Congratulations to Amy O'Sullivan, Diana Horton and Ellen Greenbank who successfully passed their Royal Academy of Dance ballet exams.

READATHON

The Readathon ends on World Book Day.



Well done to all the children who have been avidly reading to raise money to buy books for children in hospital.

Please give monies by cheque or online payments through the Readathon Website. 20% of the money raised will go towards new books for the school.

NEW SCHOOL

The Bishop of Ramsbury conducted a 'Topping Out' Ceremony in January when the roof of the building was finished. The building was blessed by the Bishop with holy water and the four children who represented the school helped to lay some bricks.



ADDITIONAL CLOSURE DAYS

In order for the school to manage the move we have been granted four additional closure days, two at the end of the summer term and two at the beginning of the autumn term. Although the contractors will move the furniture and equipment, school staff will need to pack up the contents of the school and label furniture and boxes to ensure it arrives in the right place. Once in the school everything will need to be unpacked and organised ready for the children to start in their new classes. We also have a TD Day at the beginning of the new term to give the staff from the two sites an opportunity to get together to share good practice and finalise procedures and policies. This will mean that the summer term will finish at lunchtime on **Wednesday 19th July** and the school will reopen in the new building on **Wednesday 6th September**.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

KS1: Olivia McColl, Naomi Holford-Wright, Lily Presley, Tom Liddiard

KS2: Max Pratt, Lucy Barrett, Daniel Neshev, Louisa Oakshott



The kitchen was inspected before half term and was given a 5* rating for cleanliness, hygiene, safe preparation of food and record keeping. Congratulations to Mrs Crook who runs the kitchen and her assistant Mrs Cleford.

FRIENDS OF MARLBOROUGH ST MARY'S NEWS

Sponsored Bounce (infants) Friday 24th February
Sponsored Swim (juniors) Saturday 13th May
KS1 Easter Egg Hunt Friday 7th April
KS2 Easter Quiz Friday 7th April
Summer Fete Saturday 24th June.

YOUNG VOICES

43 children took part in the Young Voices choir event at the O2 Arena in London joining with children from other



schools to sing in a choir of 7139 voices. The children sang beautifully and arrived back to school after midnight, tired but having had a fabulous time.

Thank you to Mrs Holford-Wright who rehearsed the choir and organised this



trip, along with a visit to St John's in February, for the choir to sing in French at the 'Cantad' Festival.



HOUSE NEWS



Well done to Pegasus House - KS1 and Gryphon House – KS2 who won the house competition last term.

Congratulations to the four vice captains, who have been chosen to support the House Captains this term.

**Phoenix - Jamie Greenwood
Pegasus - Emily Barnett
Dragon - Henry Smith
Gryphon - Sadiya Sultana**



MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY PASSION PLAY 2017 - Letter from Helen Stokes Artistic Director

Easter Saturday, 15th April 2017 is the date of the Marlborough Community Passion Play, a performance that will be in the open air in the streets beginning in the late afternoon. This is an exciting project that aims to involve as many people within the town and wider community as possible.

Children from Marlborough St Mary's will be retelling the Passion in their Easter service, to prepare them to be members of the procession welcoming Jesus in Marlborough High Street in the Community Passion Play.

It is hoped that large numbers of families will come along to the Marlborough Community Passion Play on Saturday April 15th 4pm in costume and take part, forming the procession and being in the audience in The Parade. It promises to be a wonderful and exciting occasion and a fantastic chance for parents and children to be involved together whilst watching the Passion Play unfold. We are really keen to have as many people as possible take part as we believe this will be an event to remember for years to come!

We are also in need of adults to help with a variety of things from costume to stage management to being Stewards -dressed by our team as Roman soldiers!

We hope you will embrace the opportunity for your school to have a profile at Marlborough Community Passion Play 2017, and add your energy to making this happen.

The Passion Play at Wroughton in 2016 anticipated an audience of 3-400. In the event, nearly 2,000 people came along!

See: <http://www.marlboroughnewsonline.co.uk/features/arts-entertainment/6403-rehearsals-for-the-marlborough-community-passion-play-start-as-cast-welcome-their-professional-lead-actor>

PARKING



Please do not park on the double yellow lines outside of either school. This is extremely dangerous and illegal.

We have had reports of the access to The Parade being blocked which is particularly dangerous as this is used by the fire service.



CROSSING PATROL

Please be aware that Mrs Palmer is unable to be on duty in the afternoons and on Wednesday mornings for a few weeks. We would ask that if your child walks to school on their own you remind them to be careful when crossing the road.



MORNING ROUTINE

Making sure children are in school in good time gives them a calm start to the day with time to catch up with their friends before lessons start. Parents are welcome to bring their children into the classroom on both sites.

Key Stage 2

Gates open at 8.35 - Please do not leave children on their own before this time. Children should be in school by 8.45.

Key Stage 1

Gates open at 8.45 - School starts at 9.00. Adults need to vacate the premises by 9.00 when the gates are closed.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2017

We are collecting vouchers again this year - please help us to collect as many as possible. Vouchers can be handed in at either building.

Job Vacancies at Marlborough St Mary's

PLAYLEADER/MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

A playleader/mid-day supervisory assistant is required on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes at the KS2 site. 1 hour per day, 12.30-1.30pm. Applications by 13th March. Please contact Sue Kent in the office on 01672 513158 or email: admin@marlboroughstmarys.wilts.sch.uk.

DIARY DATES

- 24th February - sponsored Bounce KS1
- 2nd March - World Book Day
- 18th March - Dance Festival - Dance Club
- 24th March - Red Nose Day
- 7th April - Easter Service (KS2) St Mary's Church 9.15am
- 7th April - End of Term 4 (Pick up children at 1.15 KS1, 1.30 KS2)
- 24th April - Start of Term 5
- 26th May - End of Term 5
- 5th June - Teacher Training Day
- 6th June - Start of Term 6
- 26th - 28th June - Braeside for Year 4
- 7th July - Teacher Training Day
- 18th July - Leavers' Service KS2 St Mary's church 9.15am
- 19th July - End of Term 6 (Pick up children at 1.15 KS1, 1.30 KS2)



**Coffee
and Chat**



Monday 6th March
8:45am - 9:45am
Marlborough St Mary's KS2 site
Dance and Drama Studio

and

Thursday 9th March
9:00am - 10:00am
Marlborough St Mary's KS1 site
Main Hall



Pop in and join
Mrs Holford-Wright
and Mrs More for a
drink and a chat



All parents welcome

Toys available for toddlers