

Marlborough St Mary's

News 3 - December 2017



Last week, amid great excitement, Radio Wiltshire broadcast the Graham Seaman show from Marlborough St Mary's. The children introduced articles and interviewed guests. Click on the link to listen. <http://www.marlboroughnewsonline.co.uk/news/7241-tune-in-to-marlborough-st-mary-s-on-thursday-30-november-live-on-bbc-wiltshire> Thank you to Kath Black and Bea Knowles who organised the event.

December is here and as we move towards the festive season things are beginning to get even busier at Marlborough St Mary's! Do look at the diary dates in the newsletter to see what's going on.

We have had an exciting and successful start to our new school; the building work is due for completion at the end of January and we look forward to working with our families in 2018.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Don't miss our fantastic Christmas Fayre.

This Friday, 8th December 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Children can come into school on Friday without school uniform, in return for a bottle for the bottle tombola.

NATIVITY PLAY

The Infant Nativity Play will take place on 18th December in the school hall. There will be two performances, one at 9.30am and one at 2.00pm.



Ticket information for parents with children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will follow.

HOUSE NEWS

Dragon lead the term totals!

Totals	Phoenix	Gryphon	Pegasus	Dragon
This week	270	<u>302</u>	292	299
This term	1117	1153	1199	<u>1281</u>
This year	1633	1778	1812	<u>1909</u>

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual Junior Carol Service will take place on Friday 15th December in St Mary's Church. Come along, listen to the children sing and join in with your favourite carols.

MEDIEVAL DAY

Last Thursday, children and staff from the infants dressed as knights, dragons and all things medieval to get together for a fun day of learning that culminated in a Medieval Banquet in the Infant corridor.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Tuesday 19th December is a special day at Marlborough St Mary's. Christmas dinner is on that day and Father Christmas will be coming to meet the KS1 children. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers and we will be collecting donations for Save the Children.

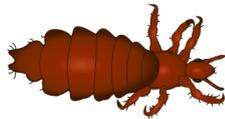


Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

HEADLICE

This is an ongoing problem - please make sure that you check your child's hair regularly.

If your child comes to school and headlice are visible, we will ask you to take children home to be treated.



BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. Which raised over £800 for the school.



SNACKS

Fruit is on sale at break time for children in KS2. The cost is 20p per item.



KS1 children receive free fruit as part of the government scheme.

DIARY DATES

- Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre 4-7pm
- Thursday 14th December - Canal trip for Acorn and Oak classes
- Friday 15th December - Carol Service 9.30am at St Mary's Church
- Monday 18th December - KS1 Nativity Play 9.30am and 2pm in the School Hall
- Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Lunch
- 20th December - Term 2 Ends (1.15pm)
- 4th January - Start of Term 3



SCHOOL TRIPS

This has been an exciting half term for school trips.

To link with their topic on the Romans, Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic day out at the Roman Baths, impressing everyone with their knowledge of life in Roman times

Years 5 and 6 have been studying World War 2 and groups of children have been evacuated to the scout hut, experienced a WW2 style air raid warning siren and visited the REME museum.

Thank you to the Friends of Marlborough St Mary's for subsidising the trips and to the teaching staff for organising.

FRIENDS OF MARLBOROUGH ST MARY'S

8th December - Christmas Fayre

26th January - School Disco

23rd February - Sponsored Bounce

28th April - Sponsored Swim

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Tuesday 19th December

If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch for your child, there is still time to do so.

The closing date for orders is Friday 15th December.



CROSSING PATROL VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a crossing patrol person in the afternoons. If you are interested or know of anyone else who is, please contact the school office. This position would be subject to references and a DBS check.



TRAFFIC

Along with the staff and governors of the school I know that many of you are very concerned about road safety and I would like to reassure parents that the school is working really hard to improve matters. An application to Wiltshire Council was made last year asking for additional crossing points; revised speed restrictions on George Lane and Ducks Meadow; yellow zig-zag road markings on Duck's Meadow; cycle path marking; directional (vehicle and pedestrian) signage to the school from George Lane; and 'no parking' signage around the new school entrance. The application was turned down by the Council, with the comment *"investigation of traffic volumes and speeds and pedestrian movements is an integral part of the feasibility phase of the two-year process, and it was felt that the data collected would not be representative of journey patterns when the school is located on one site."*



A Travel Committee has been in place for sometime and we are still trying to get the issue resolved, which is why we have asked for parents to put pressure on the Council to get something done. Governors have been monitoring traffic and parking around the school and the Eco Warriors group have requested high-vis jackets from the Findlay Foundation for children who are walking to school. We are also actively recruiting for a crossing patrol person in the afternoons.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for the new school is on-going and the total has now reached approx. £52,000. Apart from the additional furniture we still need, we are raising funds to equip the multi use games area with line markings, football, netball and basketball posts and are hoping to raise enough money to replace the KS2 climbing frame, which had to be left behind at the old school.

ENCOMPASS

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Wiltshire Police: ENCOMPASS is the reporting to schools, by the next school day, when a child or young person has been affected by a domestic incident.

ENCOMPASS will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be shared the information in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, affected by or exposed to a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

SPORTS

On Thursday 23rd November, Marlborough St Mary's sent 2 teams to participate in a level 2 Netball Festival taking place at Marlborough College. We were very proud of both teams who improved with each match and displayed great teamwork. The B team came 11th in their section and the A team came joint 3rd in their competition which was a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all team members.

A big thank you to all of those who wanted to join the hockey club. We were overwhelmed with interest. To ensure as many children as possible could join we have set up 3 after school hockey sessions. It is fantastic to see so many enthusiastic participants.



OUTDOOR LEARNING AREAS

Staff in Year R and Year 1 spend a lot of time preparing the outside areas for the children to access during the school day. We would be grateful if parents did not allow their children to play with these resources at the beginning and end of the day.

Children should not arrive at school before 8.45am when the doors open.

ECO WARRIORS

It's been a busy term for the Eco Warriors, who have worked on an eco code to help everyone understand how to be eco friendly in school. They have also explored composting possibilities and garden plans. Raising awareness of traffic issues around the school has been a key priority for the club. The Eco Warriors have written to the Findlay Foundation who have provided hi-vis jackets for children walking to school. These are available free from the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

We have numerous items of lost property. To make it easier for items to be returned to their owners, please make sure that all of your child's school uniform is named.



DOGS

We would like to remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premises (with the exception of assistance dogs). Please do not leave your dogs tethered at the Van Diemens entrance.

Thank you



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This term Headteacher's Awards have been awarded to :



KS1: Freddie Rowlands, Georgia Plank, Scarlett Rogerson and Erin Blackmore

KS2: Kaiden Scott, Rebecca Daly, Stefan Pintilei, Humza Gul

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Each week an award is given by Mrs Holford-Wright for excellent work. This term's winners are: Jonny-Dean Topp and Thea Wratten.

Congratulations — You are all a credit to the school!

CONTACT DETAILS/FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Please remember to inform the school of any change in family circumstances.

It is also very important to let the office know if you change your address, telephone number or email address. Thank you.

MUSIC

Congratulations to Kai Watson who has passed his Grade 1 Music Theory Examination.



Music lessons are available in school for guitar, drums, piano, woodwind, ukulele, accordion and brass instruments.

Please talk to the office if you are interested in registering your child for lessons.

END OF TERM

A reminder that the last day of term is **Wednesday 20th December.**

School will finish at **1.15pm.**

