

# Marlborough St Mary's

## News 4 - January 2018



We are now almost halfway through the first year in the new school and are delighted with the building, the facilities and most of all with the fantastic staff and children, who have worked so hard to make the school into a wonderful community.

As you can imagine, Marlborough St Mary's is in a state of great excitement as we prepare for the visit of Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall on Tuesday. We would love to have had all the parents with us on the occasion, but the Palace decided that a January visit should take place inside the building. Mrs Black is accompanying the press team, so we should have lots of photographs on the web site to look at.

### OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening of the school is on Tuesday 30th January. HRH, The Duchess of Cornwall will be greeted by some of the children from KS2 and will later meet all the children and be entertained by Robin Class and the School Choir. After visiting the new Sensory Room the Duchess will visit some classrooms and chat to children in Year 6 about their work. She will also visit the ICT Suite to talk to some of the children about the new radio station. During the opening ceremony HRH will unveil a plaque to celebrate the opening and the Bishop of Ramsbury will bless the school. Children from KS1 will wave the Royal Party off.



### YOUNG VOICES

Along with children from schools across the country, on 1st February, the 49 strong school choir will be visiting the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert. The Choir will be entertaining the Duchess of Cornwall with two of the songs at the opening on Tuesday.



### Go Green Dress Down Day Friday 9th February

This year all the schools in the Marlborough area will again be supporting the Prospect Hospice by 'Going Green'. Children are invited to come into school wearing green or yellow (no football kit, please), in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. Collection boxes will also be distributed for parents who would like to collect change at home.

To link with the Superheroes topic, children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) can dress up as a Superhero if they would like to – it is optional and could be just a cloak or a mask!

A donation would still be appreciated.



### STAFF

Mrs Stevens will be returning from maternity leave at the beginning of February and will be teaching in Water Vole. Mrs Cook will continue her work with SEN and will be spending some time in Oak Class.

Miss Burdge will be back in Swallowtail after half term, following a successful hip operation. Thank you to Mrs Fry, Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Smith, who have done such a fantastic job covering the class.

Mrs Prosser is off at the moment having a knee operation and Mrs Dewar will be off for some time on sick leave. We wish them both well. Thank you to Mrs Blunden who has been covering in the Finance Office.

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas seems a long time ago now, but there were several events at the end of term which are certainly worthy of a mention!

### Staff Panto

On the last day of term, several members of staff took part in a pantomime for the children. The pantomime was Peter Pan. Thanks to Mrs Bathurst for writing and narrating the show.

### Nativity Play

Children in KS1 performed a fantastic nativity play for their parents. They worked really hard with Mrs Kuryszko and it was enjoyed by everyone.

### Carol Service

We held a traditional Carol Service and would like to thank everyone who came to St Mary's Church and Dr Canosa for teaching the children the songs.

### Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to the Friends of Marlborough St Mary's for organising the Christmas Fayre. This was a great success. Thanks also to everyone who came along to support.

### Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Rachel Darby who won 1st prize in the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition.

## FRIENDS OF MARLBOROUGH ST MARY'S

26th January - School Disco

23rd February - Sponsored Bounce

28th April - Sponsored Swim

30th June - Summer Fete (t.b.c.)

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre. A total of £3,000 was raised, which is a fantastic amount.

A **Curry and Quiz Night** is being planned - more details and date to follow.

There is an **official** Friends of Marlborough St Mary's Facebook page where you can more information about the Friends of Marlborough St Mary's.

## ONLY ONE YOU

As part of our whole school topic on Superheroes we are reading the book 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz. To link with the illustrations in the book everyone in the school is painting a pebble to go alongside the path in our school garden.

Kellaway Building Supplies kindly donated 15 bags of white cobbles to enable us to complete the project. All the children have designed their pebble and painting will begin very soon.



## FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to Carrie Watson, who has spent several Saturdays painting the beautiful tree in the entrance hall. The leaves, with the names of donors engraved on them should be arriving in time for the Royal visit. Thank you to all our friends, donors and helpers.

## DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 30th January - Official Opening of the School by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall
- Thursday 1st February - Young Voices
- Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day
- Friday 9th February - Going Green Dress Down Day
- Friday 9th February - end of Term 3
- Monday 19th February - TD Day: School closed to Pupils
- Tuesday 20th February - Start of Term 4
- Thursday 1st March - World Book Day
- Saturday 17th March - Marlborough Dance Festival
- Friday 23rd March - Sport Relief
- Tuesday 27th March - KS2 Easter Service in St Mary's Church
- Thursday 29th March - Term 4 Ends at 1.15pm



## TRAFFIC

We have been informed by Wiltshire Council that going forwards, we will only be allocated 40 parking permits for the George Lane Car park. The governors are looking into this and discussing how these permits might be allocated. As you can imagine, given the problems we already have with illegal parking around the school, we are not happy with this situation!

The Eco Warriors are looking at ways to encourage more families to walk, scoot or cycle to school in order to ease pressure on parking and encourage a healthy lifestyle.



## MUSIC

Congratulations to Bertie Bate and Max Pratt who passed their Drumming Examination, Max passed with distinction



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.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Freddie Wyatt who plays for FC Wiltshire and at under 9's they play as part of the Junior Premier League. Before Christmas he was picked as one of three boys invited to go for trials to be part of a Junior Premier League Representative Team and was successful.

Evelyn Marshman-Renn who recently passed a Grade 1 Ballet examination.

Emilia Baker who recently received an award from LAMDA for a poetry recital.

Please let Sue Kent, in the School Office, know if you would like your child's out of school achievements in the newsletter.

## THE NEW SCHOOL

The new school building and car park will be completed, just in time for our Royal visitor on Tuesday. We are still dealing with some snagging issues so please let us know if you spot any problems



Please be aware that the car park is not open to parents and is for staff and visitor use only.

## SPORTS

We would like to thank Marlborough Golf Club for the help and support they are giving in the teaching of golf in PE lessons and the running of an after school club.



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This term Headteacher's Awards have been awarded to :



**KS1:** Isabelle Hughes - Wren, Sophie Trotman - Badger, Antonio Marques - Hedgehog  
**KS2:** Finlay Dewar - Mallard, Byron Hepworth - Kingfisher, Ruby Butsuebsai - Dragonfly

## DEPUTY HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Each week an award is given by Mrs Holford-Wright for excellent work. This term's winners are: Charlotte Morley, Jemimah Vunipola, Peter Braithwaite, Macy Manning-Rooney, Finn O'Reilly.

**Congratulations to all and well done!**

## HOUSE NEWS—Check totals

**Pegasus lead the term totals!**

Totals	Phoenix	Gryphon	Pegasus	Dragon
This week	233	258	<u>299</u>	255
This term	708	721	<u>734</u>	718
This year	2738	2879	2934	<u>3022</u>

## 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

## CROSSING PATROL

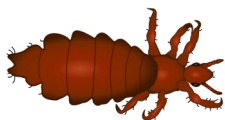
At present Mrs Palmer is unable to carry out her crossing patrol duties in the mornings. If you know of anyone who is willing to carry these out on a temporary basis, please contact the school office.



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.

## 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 them home to be treated.

## 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.



## 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.

## MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not permitted in school. If your child brings a phone to school it must be handed in to the school office and collected at the end of the day.

## HOMESTART KENNET ARE LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS NOW!



**CAN YOU SPARE 2 HOURS PER WEEK?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP FAMILIES IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?**

**You** will receive 40 hours of training in preparation for your role and will be supported every step of the way by professional Family Support Organisers and the entire Home-Start team. There will be an opportunity to attend peer support sessions where you will meet other volunteers, network, and take part in additional training sessions. Travel and other agreed expenses are paid.

*"HS provided an excellent and thorough briefing course. The staff are a good balance of friendly and professional. They are very supportive and efficient and inspire confidence in their volunteers"* HSK Volunteer

Come and join us. Our next training course starts on **March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**. For more information please see the volunteer pages on our website: [www.homestartkennet.co.uk](http://www.homestartkennet.co.uk) or contact us on 01672 569457