

Marlborough St Mary's

News 5 - March 2018



What a busy term it's been! Thank you for bearing with us over the snow days; it is always a really difficult decision to close the school.

This term we have been looking at all things local. The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust have been in school helping the children to build a willow dome. This will be great fun for the children to play in once the weather improves. We have also obtained 100 free trees from the Woodland Trust to plant around the site. Many thanks to Rachael Herring who has been helping to coordinate this. Year 6 are taking part in the 'Action for the River Kennet' trout and eels projects, taking care of baby eels and trout and watching them grow before releasing them into the River Kennet. The children in Hedgehog class have been building links with Coombe End and visited last week to make Easter cakes. Check out our website for more information.

STAFF

After 26 years at the school we will be saying goodbye, at Easter, to Mary Brown. Mary has been a huge asset to the school over the years and will be missed by everyone. Mary has supported many children in the school through her work as a class teaching assistant and supporting phonics and reading. If you would like to make a donation to the collection for a retirement gift, please leave it at the school office.

HOUSE NEWS

Congratulations to Dragon house who have the most team points this term. As a reward children in Dragon House can come to school in their everyday clothes, instead of school uniform, on Wednesday 28th March.

Totals	Phoenix	Gryphon	Pegasus	Dragon
This	236	251	246	<u>277</u>
This term	1024	941	1027	<u>1089</u>
This year	4125	4214	4432	<u>4546</u>

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

As we approach the Easter holidays we have several Easter events planned.

All parents are invited to our Key Stage 2 Easter Service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 27th March at 9.30. Parents of children in Robin and Wren are invited to school on Monday 26th March at 2.00pm when the children will be performing an Easter Assembly.

Thank you to the Friends of the School who are organising Easter events for all the children on Wednesday and Thursday.

TRAVEL

For a long time now we have been campaigning for better signage, considerate parking and safer roads around the school. There is a short online consultation for a 20mph speed limit in some roads around Marlborough (see attached poster) <http://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/survey> Unfortunately George Lane is not included as the average speed of the traffic was deemed to be **too fast!** If you would like to see traffic speeds reduced on George Lane please include this in the comments box at the end.

EASTER MESSY CHURCH

All are invited to our "Easter Messy Church", which will take place on **Saturday 31st March from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm, at St Mary's Church, Silverless Street, Marlborough SN8 1JQ.**

Come and have fun with crafts; making Easter gardens; decorating Easter biscuits; a scavenger hunt; face painting; a dramatisation of the Easter story by our Open the Book team, and singing, followed by lunch. All ages are welcome, but **under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.** There will be a creche for babies.

There is no charge but booking, by 27 March, is essential.

To book a place, or for more information, please contact Annie Studdert-Kennedy at anniestuddertkennedy@hotmail.com tel. 01672 514357



SPORTS

Children from the school have taken part in a number of festivals over the last few weeks and had particular success at the Gymnastics Festival where one of our teams came first in the advanced routine, with Evie Mundy awarded the accolade of best overall girl. Our other team came second in the subsequent competition, with Amber Timmins achieving the award for joint best overall girl.

As a result of this success the school has been invited to take part in a higher level competition in the summer term.

Congratulations to all!



PROSPECT HOSPICE BOXES

Thank you all for your support of the Prospect Hospice appeal. If anyone has a Prospect Hospice collection box at home please return it to school and we will arrange for collection. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

- Monday 26th March - Robin and Wren Easter Assembly in the hall, 2.00pm
- Tuesday 27th March - KS2 Easter Service in St Mary's Church 9.30am,
- Thursday 29th March - Term 4 Ends at 1.15pm
- Monday 16th April - Term 5 starts
- Week commencing Monday 14th May - SATs Week
- Friday 25th May - End of Term 5
- Monday 4th June - TD Day
- Tuesday 5th June - Term 6 starts
- Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th June - Year 4 Braeside Residential Visit
- Friday 6th July - TD Day
- Wednesday 25th July - Term 6 ends at 1.15pm



LEGO

We run a Lego club at lunchtimes. We would be grateful for any additional Lego, so if you have any that you are willing to donate to the school, please let the school office know.

Thank you.



FRIENDS OF MARLBOROUGH ST MARY'S

Saturday 28th April - Sponsored Swim

Saturday 30th June - Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sponsored Bounce - we raised over £1,000, final total to be confirmed.

Sunday evening, 13th May - A **Curry and Quiz Night** at Marlborough Football Club

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.

DANCE

The Annual Marlborough Dance Festival took place last weekend with teams from KS1 and KS2. 38 children from Marlborough St Mary's participated in the festival. The children danced beautifully and their behaviour was fantastic. Thank you to Rachel Haines who choreographed the dance routine and taught it to the children during Dance Club. Thanks also to all the staff and parents who gave up their time on Friday and Saturday to support.

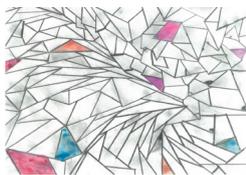
MUSIC

Earlier in the term the school worked with Marlborough College on a music project based on the book 'The Man with the Violin' by Kathy Stinson.



The book tells the true story of Joshua Bell, the famous violinist, who played unannounced in the subway one day. Of the thousands of people who rushed past only 7 stopped to listen for more than a minute!

Children produced pictures in response to the music and illustrations in the book and Marlborough College brought along their string orchestra to play for the school. A huge thank you to Marlborough College for a very enjoyable afternoon.



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.

Any lost property which is not claimed at the end of term will be disposed of.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This term Headteacher's Awards have been awarded to :

KS1: Etzel Dakpoe, Olivia Hawthorn, Poppy Deane, Leo Hall, Eva Stansby and Lewis Green

KS2: Ellie Neathey, Charlie O'Shaughnessy, Summer Goddard and Elina Pfeiler

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Each week an award is given by Mrs Holford-Wright for excellent work. This term's winners are: Alfie Wernham, Lucy Thorbek-Hooper, Nathan Ringor, Barney Pike, Theo Allardyce and Eve Lucas

Congratulations to all and well done!



VICE CAPTAINS

Four Vice House Captains were appointed for the spring term,

and have been doing a fantastic job in their roles.

Phoenix – Evie Mundy

Gryphon- Oscar Hiscock

Pegasus -Eleanor Holford-Wright

Dragon- Phoenix Mildenhall

THE NEW SCHOOL

We would like to remind you that the car park is not open to parents and is for staff and visitor use only.



SWEETS

Sweets are not allowed in school. A couple of parents have mentioned that their child/children have been offered sweets outside classrooms at the beginning of the day .

FINDLAY FOUNDATION

The Findlay Foundation are holding an Easter Craft Fair on Saturday 24th March, 9.30—4.30 at the Corn exchange in Devizes.

The Findlay Foundation have helped the school with donations of high vis jackets for children walking to school and going on school trips so do support if you can.

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

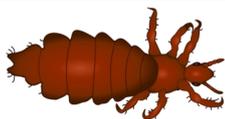
CROSSING PATROL

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.

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.



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.

LUNCHES

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please make sure that it is a healthy one!



No chocolate bars or sweets. Thank you.

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.

MARLBOROUGH AND DISTRICT JUNIOR ATHLETICS CLUB

If you are between the ages of 7 to 17 and would like to try athletics why not come and enjoy a free session on a Sunday morning.

Under 9s/11s train between 9.15-10.30 with under 13s/15s/17s training from 10.30 to 12.00.

M.A.D.J.A

Marlborough College Track, Marlborough

www.madja.co.uk

Email: enquires@madja.co.uk

2018 Season starts on 25th March.

Wednesdays 18.30-20.00

(u13s to u17s only)

Sundays 9.15-10.30 (u9s/u11s)

10.30-12.00 (u13s to u17s)



HAPPY EASTER

A very happy Easter to all our children and families. Thank you for bearing with us, in what has been an incredibly busy two years! Hopefully, now we are settled in our new school, things will start to calm down!

School finishes on Thursday 29th March at 1.15pm and recommences on Monday 16th April

Best wishes to all for a happy, restful, and hopefully, warm and sunny holiday!

