



# Martley Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015



### **Dear Parents and friends of Martley Church of England Primary,**

Welcome to the first of our school newsletters for this academic year.

It has been super to see everyone back at school after our Summer break. Even the sun has come out to welcome us!



I would also like to give a very special 'hello' and 'welcome' to all of our new children and families who have joined us. Our new Martley children families include our new nursery children, 16 new reception children and Dylan (Year 4) and Macallan (Year 6).

The new school year always encourages us to look carefully at our school values and vision, together with our home-school partnership. I remind you of our Home-School Agreement (copies available on our website and from the office). This agreement helps us all to play our part in providing the best education for our children.

It sets the expectations out for children, parents and school. We are looking to further develop our working relationship with home over the year, keeping you up to date with events and the learning going on here at school. I know the class Dojo system has been a success in KS 2. Thank you for your positive feedback so far!



We look forward to working in a productive partnership once again!

This newsletter will mainly contain some brief updates and key dates already known for your diary for this term. I know that you will have separate newsletters from your child's class teacher to read on Monday so I will keep 'extras' in this letter to a minimum! Here's to a super academic year 2015-16! Andrew Massey  
Head Teacher



### **Other news and updates:**

#### **Staff Update:**

**Welcome:** Mrs **Lucy Cox** (our new deputy head) and Mrs **Caroline Stubbs** who will be teaching some days this Autumn in Willow when Mrs Cox is carrying out her deputy duties.

**Welcome** to **Ryan Norgrove, Laura Lillis and Kate Jordan** who will be carrying out some teaching assistant roles in school.

**Farewell** to **Tess Crawley**, who has been a teaching assistant with Martley for 12 years. Tess will leave next Friday to pastures new outside of Education. We wish her every success and thank her for all that she has done for the many children, families and staff over the years.



**Other updates:**

**'New Parents & Family Members Welcome Assembly for Reception and New Children':** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9.10 a.m

Come and meet Rev Sherwin (and 'Chucky'!). Please try to come along and join us for a happy school assembly.

**Reminders:**

**School Uniform & P.E Kit**

Thank you for ensuring that our children look smart and are fully prepared for their new school year. Please help them to remain smart by ensuring that each piece of uniform is **LABELLED WITH THEIR NAME.**

A new lost property box is in the entrance hall-please help us to keep it empty!

School Uniform continues to be available through Tesco's [www.uniformeasy.com](http://www.uniformeasy.com) and 'School Togs'. [www.schooltogs.com](http://www.schooltogs.com) or their shop in Worcester city.

A reminder about jewellery: studs only can be worn and should be removed, where possible, for P.E sessions.

Footwear-'sensible' and safe dark flat shoes.

Drinks bottle + lunch boxes + healthy snacks.

Thank you for providing your child with a healthy snack choice at breaktimes and a NAMED drinks bottle with water each day. Please note Holly and Maple class

have a piece of fruit daily provided by school.

**Staying Safe: dropping off and collecting children**

**(a)In the morning:** The playground is supervised from 8.45 a.m. each morning by a member of staff. Please do not allow children to arrive unsupervised before this time as we cannot guarantee their safety. Thank you.

**(b)At the end of the day:** With the exception of Holly class (Reception children), children are to be collected from their classroom fire door at the end of the day. ***THIS INCLUDES WILLOW CLASS CHILDREN***-Our temporary experimental change exit door for Willow has not worked so thank you for your patience!

Holly class (Reception children), **WILL** continue to be dismissed to parents from the children's exit/entrance by the seat maze near the main school entrance.

**(c)Late pick ups-**Children who have not been collected from their respective doors after 5 minutes will be assembled in the school hall for your collection. Please do everything you can to pick up on time. It causes anxiety for children and prevents staff from starting their after school duties promptly. We understand that there are always exceptional circumstances. Please do phone the office if you are running late. We can then make alternative arrangements with after school club. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## **Pre-school and Breakfast/After school clubs**

A reminder that we run a daily service from 8-6p.m. wrap around care. I know that some children attended holiday club over the summer and had great fun too!

Please contact Kath Norgrove and her team at the pre-school for more details.

## **Car parking:**

Please do park considerately (1 car per space) and take great care when using the school car park, both in and out of your vehicles.

Remember the school bus has priority on the slope up to the main road exit.



Only cars with disabled occupants should park here. Thank you for your consideration.

## **School Lunches + Parent Pay**

Please ensure that your account stays up to date/in credit. Thank you. Please do come to see us if you wish to discuss anything regarding Parent Pay or any other related matter.

## **'Bikeability'- Year 6**

All of our Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in cycle proficiency training next week. Look out for them around the village!



## **CLUBS UPDATE**

A full list of clubs on offer this half term will be advertised in a separate letter later next week.

**Website:** A reminder that our school website has electronic copies of all newsletters and regular postings of photographs of events at school.

[www.martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk)

**TERM DATES: Autumn Term:**

## **September**

**W.b. 14<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 'Bikeability week'

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** -9.10 a.m. parents of new reception children and new children to school invited to Welcome assembly with Rev Sherwin.

## **October**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** Reception children's parents invited to stay and play session

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Applefest at The Chantry

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** 1.45 p.m– Harvest festival service at St Peter's

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>- Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 Old Vicarage residential.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** 4-5.30 p.m. Parents' evening

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** 5-7.30 p.m. Parents' Evening.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Break up for half term

## **November**

**Monday-2<sup>nd</sup>** Children return to school(Note Martley Primary school OPEN for children this day-The Chantry are having a Training Day)

**December Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**-break up

**Return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** (Chantry return on Monday 4th).