



Martley Church of England Primary and Pre- School NEWSLETTER



Monday 11th September 2017

Dear Parents and friends of Martley Church of England Primary,

Welcome to everyone for this new academic year!

This newsletter will contain lots of updates and news to help you to get an overview of the next term and year. Please note the **dates section** which will help you to plan for the term ahead.

We look forward to enjoying another school year together and ensuring that we provide the very best for the children and families of Martley.



First of all, **some THANK YOU's!**

(1) Thank you to the PTFA and everyone who helped the Summer Fete on the last day of term run so well. It was a lovely end to the academic year!



I know that there are other letters and messages being circulated about PTFA events this year so please do look out for them. The funds raised and the goodwill generated by the events make for a very important aspect of life here at the Primary and Pre-school. With funds raised by the PTFA a new gardening area has been developed at the rear of the school over the Summer



break. We look forward to developing this and many more projects in tandem with you and the PTFA over the coming year. The first PTFA meeting is on **Monday 2nd October 7-8 p.m. at The Masons Arms.**

(2) Thank you to you for helping the children to look so smart in their **school uniforms**. We appreciate the effort that everyone has gone to over the Summer to accommodate the changes we have made to some parts of the uniform. We know that there have been problems with suppliers etc. **THANK YOU** for your help. It really has made a difference already in both the way the children appear with respect to consistency of appearance and also helped to fit in the bags and coats much more easily into the cloakrooms. **THANK YOU!**

Please help us to keep the children looking smart now by **ensuring that all of the children's items are LABELLED** and that they have a **coat** at school. **THANK YOU!**



The updated uniform policy is available on the school website or from the office.

(3) Thank you for your patience regarding the work on the **path and school car park**. This work is being completed by the



Highways Agency and Kendrick Homes. The timing is out of our control. Soon we hope to have a replacement low level hedge and fence alongside the car park and white lines painted on the car park itself to mark out the bays. The cones are placed by the Highways Agency and will be removed once the work is completed. ***Thank you for your considerate use of this area in the meantime.***

(4) Thank you for your anticipated co-operation in the prompt completion and return of the **data collection** and **consent for images on the internet permission slips**. We do need this back from everyone-data collection sheets will be circulated later this week.

Other news and updates:

(a) Welcome to our new Maple class teacher, Miss Kate Smith!



We also Welcome Miss Charlotte Graham who will be working across Holly and Maple classes on Mondays and Tuesdays for this half term.

Mrs Mabbort, our SENDCo, will now be in school on Wednesdays (instead of Thursdays). If you would like to meet with her then please contact the office, or Mrs Mabbort through your child's class teacher.

Miss Richardson has got married!
Her new name is Mrs Bradford.
Congratulations!



(b) Pre-school and out of school hours club building has undergone a transformation in the last few months with lots of new furniture and décor following the flood! A huge thanks to the staff and you for your efforts and patience as we have worked together to get the rooms up and running whilst maintain a level of service. We look forward to continuing the momentum and over the course of this year making the Pre-school and Breakfast and After school club some of the very best on offer in the county. We will have a formal re-launching of the services on Friday 6th October to coincide with an open afternoon. More details to follow! In the meantime, it is now business as usual for both pre-school and the out of school clubs.

(c) Monday 18th September Willow and Rowan Viking Day visit to Bishop's Wood. See separate letter. (Oak class visit on 27th September).



(d) Thursday 21st September 9.10- 9.30 a.m. 'New Parents & Family Members Welcome Assembly for Reception and New Children' (Please stay on for a tea and a biscuit afterwards too and an opportunity to join your child for part of the morning if they are new to Holly class.



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

(e) Tuesday 26th September 6.15 p.m.

Year 6 SATs information and residential update meeting (Separate letter to follow)

(f) School Harvest festival at St Peter's Church on THURSDAY 5th October, 1.45 p.m.

All the children will be there, taking part in the service. You are most welcome to join us! More details to follow.



(g) Chantry Apple Fest Saturday 7th October 11-3 p.m.

(h) School Photographs-Individual and family by Tempest-Tuesday 10th October (more details to follow)

(i) Parents information evenings Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th October (more details to follow)

(j) Year 6 residential at The Pioneer And Old Vicarage centres- Wednesday 18th-Friday 20th October

(k) Friday 20th October Break up

(l) Monday 30th October- children return to school

Other key dates for the term

i. Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December afternoon and evening Holly/Maple class Nativity performances (Provisional dates only)



ii. Monday 18th December: School Christmas Service at St Peter's (6.15 p.m-provisional date/time)

iii. Tuesday 19th December-last day of Autumn term

iv. Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – School closed-Training Day

v. THURSDAY 4th January 2018 - School opens for pupils.

Other Reminders:

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. Milk is also provided free for our 4 year olds and is available for other children if parent's pay. Please contact the office for details.

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. We have been informed that The Chantry have discontinued the use of Parent pay. **We are continuing with Parent Pay.** Former pre-school parents do need to start a new account now that their child has started Holly class. Thank you.

Lunches-hot lunches are available for all children. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are free. Payment is required through Parent Pay for any other child not qualifying for free school meals.

Important Reminder: No Nuts or nut products in children's packed lunches please as some children have allergies. Thank you.



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.

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.

We understand that there are always exceptional circumstances. Please do phone the office if you are running late. We can then make alternative arrangement with after school club. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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

Class Dojo-Remember you can always keep in touch with your class teacher and your child's activities through ***Class Dojo***.



Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you require further details.

School Values-



This half term we will be exploring the value of 'co-operation', one of our 5 Core Values (5 C's). Please take a look at the attached sheet to help with you to discuss the importance of this Value through 'friendship' with your child. Thank you.

And finally-

Thank you for your on-going support here at your local mixed age Village Primary school. We continue to strive to give the very best education and experiences for all of the children in our care. We appreciate the support we get from families and the community. We know that sometimes things don't always go to plan. Please do come and talk with us if you have any concerns. Often, a quick conversation can help to put things right or clear up any misunderstandings. Working together we can make a huge positive difference! Thanks

Andrew Massey-Head Teacher