

Newsletter November 2023



Poppies

Poppies and Poppy Appeal stationery are now on sale in school.

Phonics for parents

Parents with children in Reception and Year 1 are invited to a Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 7th November at 3.15pm. A message went to parents on 1st November with more information.

Communicating with school staff including teachers

Can we take this opportunity to remind all parents the only way to communicate via email with anyone in school is through the enquiries email: enquiries@mareham.lincs.sch.uk This will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

Some parents may have the email addresses for some teachers/staff which were used during the pandemic. Please do not use them now. There is no need to copy teachers into any emails which you send to the office. The only email address which is monitored daily is the enquiries one.

May we also politely ask that when communicating with school it is done so respectfully and directly with the school. We would really appreciate if any grievances were not aired on any social media.

School Behaviour System

Following on from the recommendations from our Ofsted report, and in response to data collected, we have put in place a school-wide traffic light system which allows the children to see the high expectations (green) that are essential for good learning. If the children behave in a manner that does not reach these expectations then they are given two warnings. On the third occurrence, they will be moved to amber and have a discussion about how to improve their behaviour at break. If the behaviour improves within the session then the children will move back to green.

More serious behaviour issues or, persistent low level amber behaviour will also mean a child can be placed on the red light and a more significant discussion will take place at lunch/break.

If there are multiple occurrences of being placed on red then parents/carers will be asked to come in and work with school to find a solution to the issues and help improve the learning environment for their child.

Breakfast Club

PLEASE can we ask parents to book their children in to breakfast club through Parentmail by Sunday for the following week. Breakfast club is getting much busier, which is fantastic, but we are unable to provide the right staffing levels if we do not know how many are attending. We are aware things change at the last minute so on these rare occasions children can attend without booking in advance. However, these should be rare occasions and not regular. If you have booked and paid in advance and do not attend, you will be provided with a credit back to your breakfast club account for you to use at a later date. These may take a few days to be entered.

Christmas Dinner

On Monday 18th December our PTFA are very kindly cooking and serving Christmas Dinner to the whole school free of charge. If your child is vegetarian please let the school office know by 10th November.

Holidays and general attendance

Please let school know by 9.15am if your child is not attending due to illness. This can be done either via email to enquiries@mareham.lincs.sch.uk, Parentmail on the absence tab or telephone. If you are taking your child out of school for any reason that is not a medical appointment, remember to complete a holiday form in advance.

School Development Targets for this school year.

1. To improve monitoring, evaluation and feedback.
2. To develop a culture of positive growth mindset.
3. To ensure the Christian distinctiveness of the school is effective.

4. To review the non-core subjects so the curriculum is well planned and sequenced.

Diary Dates

November

7th Tuesday: Phonics for parents with children in Year 1 and Reception 3.15pm

17th Friday: Children In Need – bring £1 and wear something yellow with their uniform. Yellow socks, t-shirt, hair slides, t-shirt etc. Rest of clothing to be school uniform.

24th Friday: Bingo. Doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm. Organised by PTFA

December

7th Thursday: Nativity in the church at 1.30 and 5.30pm. **All children in Red and Yellow Classes are taking part.**

Further details to follow.

13th Wednesday: Pyjama day organised by School Council. More details to follow.

18th Monday: Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day. Donate £1 for Save the Children and wear a Christmas Jumper/ top/ t-shirt for the day. Rest of clothing to be school uniform.

19th Tuesday: Evening carols around the school Christmas tree. Refreshments from 5.15pm. Carols start 5.30pm. Everyone welcome. PTFA are selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper.

20th Wednesday: Last day of term

January 2024

3rd Wednesday: Back to school

8th Monday: Young Voices trip

February

9th Friday: Last day of term

19th Monday: Back to school

March

7th Thursday: World Book Day. No need to buy an outfit. Children will be asked to make a hat which represents a story.

8th Friday: Mother's Day celebration in Red and Yellow Classes. Mum's (or Aunties/Grandma's if mum is not available) are invited to school at 2pm. Only one family member per child please. Thank you

15th Friday: Comic Relief – donate £1 (or more) and wear non-uniform. Red and Blue classes need to wear something they can do PE in and trainers.

28th Thursday: Last day of term

April

16th Tuesday: Back to school

May

13th Monday to Friday: SATs week for Year 6's. Please do not book any medical appointments or holidays during this week.

24th Friday: Last day of term

June

3rd Monday: Back to school

27th Thursday: Sports Day starting at 1pm. Please note you will be unable to access the field until 12.50pm on this day. Feel free to bring your own chairs.

July

19th Thursday: Year 6 leavers service at 9am

Last day of term

Term dates for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 are on the school website

A paper copy is available from the office if you wish.