



Newsletter September 2019

Welcome back everyone; I hope you have all had a nice summer.

Staffing

The only staffing change we have this year is Miss Johnson who is now Mrs Richardson after her wedding in the summer.

During the year we will have a student teacher in both M and S. They start in October and stay with us until mid-December then return later in the school year. They will be closely supervised by Mrs Richardson and Mrs Moore.

Entering School

Please remember children should be left at the side gate for them to enter school by themselves. Parents of reception children may come through the gate and escort their child in to the cloakroom, where a member of staff will meet their child. Parents are then asked to leave via the rear door.

Breakfast Club

This is open every day from 8am. Please book your child in at the school office and pay in advance. Regular users of the club will have booking forms sent home fortnightly. If you need to bring your child at short notice - please do not contact the breakfast club co-ordinators directly to see if there is room. Bring your child and we will sort staffing if necessary. The cost is £2.20 for the first/eldest child then £2 each for siblings.

Homework

Please see sheets at the back of this newsletter about how parents can help their child, recommended websites and details about homework.

Aldi Vouchers

We are collecting the school vouchers from Aldi, please hand them in at the office.

Drinks bottles

If you need new water bottles they are available from the office for £1.50 including the lid or new lids on their own are 50p. They should come to school each morning and go home for washing each night. Only water in them please. A different drink in a different bottle can be sent in for lunch time.

Attendance

This has once again become an issue across school. We are now going to hold regular attendance panel meetings which parents of children with poor attendance will be asked to attend, along with the Education Welfare Officer. An action plan will be produced and the situation monitored moving forward. Please remember – regularly arriving late to school is classed as an unauthorised absence and contributes to attendance percentages.

Star Value Collective Worship

Every Friday we have a School Value Collective Worship where children are awarded for their achievements during school time. We would like to invite parents of children receiving a star value award to join us in this special school celebration. You will be contacted by text on the Thursday afternoon. Although this is short notice, you are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Our Collective Worship starts at 9am and usually lasts about 20 minutes.

Parents Evening

Reception Class – Mrs Moore will be holding a parents evening for Reception children before half term to discuss how your child is settling in. Further details to follow.

Class M , L and F parents evenings will be on Monday 2nd December and Thursday 5th December. They will be set up on Parentmail. Parents are responsible for booking their own. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long for parents to see how their child is progressing. If, during this appointment, you would like to discuss something further, another appointment will need to be made at a later date. If you have not already downloaded the parentmail app, please do so. It makes appointment booking much easier.

Phonics session

There will be a phonics session for parents of children in Class M and S (Reception and years 1 /2) at 9am in the school hall on Monday 7th. Letters have gone home with all children in M & S.

School Photos

The photographer is coming on Friday 11th October am. All children will be individually photographed and all siblings in school will be photographed together. If you have younger children and would like them photographing with older siblings, please let the office know by 1st October. They will need to be here around 8.30 - 9am. Please note we only photograph children and their younger siblings, not any other family members, thank you.

Earrings

These cannot be worn for swimming or PE and staff are not allowed to remove them. Please ensure that if your child has their ears pierced they can remove them themselves, or they are taken out before they come to school. It is much appreciated if ears are pierced at the beginning of the long summer holiday and they practise taking them out before they come back to school.

PE

Please be aware that **all** children need trainers in their PE kit. As the weather is already quite cool they also need a pair of joggers/ leggings and sweatshirt to do PE in. Children do PE outside as much as possible. They will get changed after all clubs to try and prevent kit going home and not returning for the lessons.

School Milk

Reception children are entitled to free milk until their 5th birthday but to receive this, parents must register at www.coolmilk.com If parents of older children wish for them to have milk, they need to register and pay for the milk on the same website.

School Meals

If your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) but you do not wish to have the meals all the time, please login and cancel the ones you do not require. These meals are not fully funded by the government and there is a cost implication to the school which can be reduced if any meals not required are cancelled. Thankyou.

Free School Meals

Once again the Government has changed the way parents apply for free school meals if they are on low incomes. It is no longer something school does on your behalf. If you think you may qualify for them due to being on a low income or you receive benefits, please apply through the new parent portal: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>. If you require assistance with the application, please speak to Mrs Walker in the office. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and already receives FSM, you do not need to do anything.

Parentmail

New parents should have received a link to activate their parentmail account by now. If you have not already registered your online account and downloaded our app – please do so. It will make paying for trips and booking parents evening appointments much easier for you. A new activation link will have been sent to your email account today, if we have your email on record.

Text/Emails

We aim to communicate as much as possible via text and email. If your mobile number or email address has changed recently, please contact the office.

Swimming

Please remember swimming is £2.50 per week if you have not already paid up to half term.

Mobile Phones on school premises

Please can we remind parents, the use of mobile phones in the school building is prohibited. You may take a photo of your own child at special events (assemblies etc) but if you need to answer or take a call you will be asked to leave the premises through the front door, until you have finished the call.

PTFA

The school has a very active and committed PTFA who raise much appreciated funds for the school. New members are needed! Please come along to the next meeting on Thursday 26th September at the Red Lion, Revesby to see what they do.

School Uniform

Our supplier is Nationwide Uniform based at Spilsby. You will be able to go and purchase uniform from their shop or order it online and have free delivery to school.

Mrs Moore
Headteacher

Diary Dates

September

20th Friday: 11plus non verbal paper

24th Tuesday: Class F are having an E-safety workshop to consolidate the work we do in school regarding this topic.

30th to 4th October: PGL for Y5 & Y6 – children need a packed lunch or school dinner to eat in school on Monday 30th. Please bring bags etc into the hall where Mr Midgley/Mrs Johnson will be.

If they are having a packed lunch please remember to pick their lunch box up! They are not to wear school uniform on Monday 30th.

October

8th Tuesday: Harvest Festival in church 9.10am start. Everyone welcome – all children will be taking part.

8th Tuesday: Parents Evening for Class S (Reception) 3.30 – 5.30pm

11th Friday: Individual school photos. Please let the office know by 1st October, if you would like to bring siblings before school

18th Friday: End of term 1

*****Half Term*****

29th Tuesday: Back to school for term 2

30th Wednesday: Body Shop Party in school hall 7pm, organised by PTFA

November

4th Monday: Class F Trip to We'll Meet Again Museum. Further details to follow.

December

2nd Monday: Parent's Evening 3.30 – 6pm for M, L & F

5th Thursday: Parent's Evening 3.30 – 6pm for M, L & F

6th Friday: Bingo organised by PTFA in the school hall. Doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm

10th Tuesday: Panto in school – we would like to keep this as a surprise for the children if possible please

16th Monday: Nativity practise in church

17th Tuesday: Nativity performances in church at 1.30pm and 6pm. Every child will be taking part in both performances

19th Thursday: End of Term 2

*****Christmas Holidays*****

January 2020

6th Monday: back to school for Term 3

February

13th Thursday: End of Term 3

*****Half Term*****

24th Monday: back to school for Term 4

March

Monday 23rd: Parents Evening for all classes

Thursday 26th: Parents Evening for all classes

April

2nd Thursday: End of term 4

*****Easter Holidays*****

20th Monday: Back to school for Term 5

28th Tuesday: Book Fair after school until Friday. 3.15pm onwards in the school hall

May

4th Monday : School is open on this day, it is NOT a bank holiday

8th Friday: This IS a bank holiday – school is closed

11th to 15th all week: SATs for Year 6. Please do not book any holidays or appointments this week. We cannot reschedule these tests.

22nd Friday: End of term 5

*****Half Term*****

June

1st Monday: Back to school for Term 6

July

7th Tuesday: Sports Day 9.15am. We will be finished by 12noon at the latest.

21st Tuesday: Leavers service 9.15am.

School Finishes

Homework -

At Mareham, homework is valued as an opportunity for children, parents and teachers to build a shared responsibility for learning.

We believe homework can:

- Enable children to consolidate and reinforce their skills and understanding.
- Encourage children to develop the independence, resilience and self-discipline needed to study on their own.
- Build an effective partnership between home and school.
- Prepare older children for secondary school.

How can you help your child?

Parents and carers have an important part to play in ensuring that homework supports their child's learning and development.

We ask parents and carers to:

- Make sure they are aware when homework has been set and help to make sure it is returned on time
- Make sure that children have the necessary time and opportunity to do their homework
- Encourage their child and praise them when homework is completed

Reading

Reading should always be an enjoyable, shared experience where children develop a love of books and stories. Reading is fundamental to accessing the curriculum. Regardless of whether it is made explicitly clear, children are expected to **read on a daily basis** as an essential part of their homework. We ask parents to read to their child regularly as well as hear them read, even when their child has become an independent reader. Young children also benefit from having stories read to them that they cannot read themselves to help develop their imagination and vocabulary.

Number bonds (Year 1 & 2) Times Tables (Year 2 -6)

We ask children to learn their number bonds / times tables for homework. They are then tested in a weekly test.

Spellings

We ask children to learn their weekly spellings. They are then tested in a weekly test.

Spellings, number bonds and times tables are tested throughout school weekly and certificates are rewarded in Friday's celebration assemblies.

Topic

Your child's class teacher may occasionally set a variety of other activities for homework that link with their topic work.

Recommended websites:

Top marks - 'Hit the button' is a great interactive and fast pace game where children can practice their number bonds and times tables.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Discovery Education Espresso has lots of useful Phonics and Maths games to help your child.

To access Discovery Education Coding and Espresso from home;

- go to www.discoveryeducation.co.uk
- click the 'Login' button in the top right corner

- select 'Espresso' or 'Coding'
- enter the student username and password.

Student username: student20035

Password: mareham

Maths frame - is a timed multiplication check, which will help your child with fast recall of table facts.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication-and-division>

Any questions or queries please see your child's class teacher who would be happy to answer your questions.

Class M homework			Possible additions
Spellings	Set on a Monday	Tested on a Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number formation • Handwriting - letter formation • Counting forwards and backward from any given number • Topic based homework
Number bonds / Times Tables	To practice weekly	Tested on a Friday	
Reading	Daily		

Class L homework			Possible additions
Spellings	Set on a Monday	Tested on following Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telling the time is an area that requires constant repetition and reinforcement - Y3 to nearest minute, Y4 convert between 12hr & 24hr and roman numerals on a clock face.
Number bonds / Times Tables	To practice weekly	Tested on a Monday	
Reading	Daily		

Class F homework			Possible additions
Spellings	Set termly	Tested on a Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic based research / projects • Comprehension
Number bonds / Times Tables	To practice weekly	Tested on a Monday	
Reading	Daily		