



Holy Trinity & Little Marlow CE Schools Executive Headteacher Newsletter February 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new half term; I hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable half term break.

All the children and staff at Little Marlow would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for their new playground markings which were painted the week before half term. Everyone was incredibly excited and the children are now thoroughly enjoying playing the games and activities outside at break and lunchtimes - thank you all so much.

Please can I remind you all that we have parents' consultation evenings next week; Monday and Wednesday at Little Marlow, and Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Trinity. All parents should also receive a letter today with details of our recent assessment week which you may like to discuss at the consultation evenings.



Hot School Meals are coming!

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that we will be offering hot school meals at both Little Marlow and Holy Trinity Schools next term!

The meals will be prepared by Innovate who currently provide meals at Great Marlow, Borlase, John Hampden and Wycombe High Secondary Schools, as well as the Meadows and Chepping View Primary Schools. I have been in touch with all these schools and they all speak highly of the service they receive from Innovate.

Our meals will be prepared at the Great Marlow School kitchen and delivered to both schools by Innovate staff who will serve the meals at Little Marlow and Holy Trinity.

There is so much more we need to share with you so we would like to invite parents to an information and tasting evening very soon. Innovate staff will be present to explain the online ordering, payment system and details of the menus available. I will also be able to share with you exactly how we will manage hot school meals at both schools.

This is an incredibly exciting venture for both schools—something that I know many parents and children have been keen to see here. I hope that many of you will support us with our hot school meal provision and come along to our information evening. I will be sending more details very soon.



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World Book Day and Book Fayres

Our Little Marlow children are thoroughly enjoying their new library space. Our thanks go to Mrs Langley and Mrs Ambrose from Holy Trinity who spent an afternoon clearing and sorting our library - it's now much more spacious, bright and colourful, and the children seem far more enthusiastic about reading books there now! Thank you.

World Book Day is next week, and we're asking the children dress as their favourite book characters on Friday 3rd March. Both schools will also have Book Fayres next week when parents will be able to come in to school and buy books for the children. The book fayres will be at the end of the school day at Little Marlow on Thursday 2nd March and at Holy Trinity on Friday 3rd March. We will send further details next week.



Parent Questionnaires 2016/17

The Federation Governors would like to thank everyone who have took the time to complete our survey at the parents' consultation evenings in October and we would like to inform you of some of the analysis and discussions taken as a result.

We had 35% response rate across the Federation, broken down across the schools with 29% from Holy Trinity and 59% at Little Marlow.

The key concerns appear to be Hot School Meals and the channels of communication both of which are being looked into and researched for reporting back to you later in the year.

The key highlights are strong leadership, with excellent teaching and welcoming atmospheres where children feel happy and comfortable in a nurturing and community spirited environment.

Other aspects which have been addressed or are to be addressed are the student technology, parking and play-ground supervision.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thanks again for your valuable feedback.

The Federation of Holy Trinity & Little Marlow CE Schools Governing Body.

Remaining Term Dates 2016—2017

Spring 2nd Half Term: Mon 20th Feb—Fri 31st March

Summer 1st Half Term: Wed 19th Apr—Fri 26th May

Summer 2nd Half Term: Tues 6th June—Fri 21st July

Term Dates 2017—2018

Autumn 1st Half Term: Wed 6th Sept - Fri 20th Oct

Autumn 2nd Half Term: Mon 30th Oct - Tues 19th Dec

Spring 1st Half Term: Wed 4th Jan - Fri 9th Feb

Spring 2nd Half Term: Mon 19th Feb -Thurs 29th March

Summer 1st Half Term: Tues 17th Apr - Fri 25th May

Summer 2nd Half Term: Tues 5th June - Tues 24th July

Spring Term 2017 Diary Dates:

	<i>Holy Trinity</i>
Tues 28th Feb	Pancake lunch
Tues 28th Feb	Parents' Consultations 5.30 - 8.00
Thurs 2nd Mar	Parents' Consultations 4.00 - 6.30
Fri 3rd Mar	World Book Day 3.30 Book Fayre
Sat 11th Mar	PTA Curry & Quiz Night
Mon 13th Mar	Year 5 to Heatree House
Fri 17th Mar	Year 5 return from Heatree House
Fri 24th Mar	Doughnut Day & Children's Disco
Fri 31st Mar	Break up for Easter
Wed 19th Apr	Return to School

	<i>Little Marlow</i>
Tues 28th Feb	Pancake lunch
Mon 27th Feb	Parents' Consultations 3.30 - 6.00
Wed 1st Mar	Parents' Consultations 5.30 - 8.00
Thurs 2nd Mar	3.00 Book Fayre
Fri 3rd Mar	World Book Day
Fri 31st Mar	Break up for Easter
Wed 19th Apr	Return to School

Please can I again remind all parents about parking safely and considerately. We have had a number of local residents and parents complaining about parking in residents' bays or blocking pavements or roads. Please can I ask everyone to park responsibly near the schools to ensure all pedestrians and road users are safe and that residents can access their properties. Thank you.

Finally, we will be sad to say farewell to Mr Rodgers, our caretaker, at Easter. Mr Rodgers has been a reliable and valuable member of both school teams and will be hugely missed. We wish him all the best as he and his wife move to Kent to be nearer their family. If any parents are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested in a caretaking role at the schools, please do come and speak with me.

Kind Regards



Mr Butler
Executive Headteacher

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness"

Peter 1, 5,6