



# Holy Trinity & Little Marlow CE Schools Executive Headteacher Newsletter January 2017



Dear Parents,

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

You'll be pleased to hear the children seem to have settled really well at both schools and seem enthusiastic and focussed for the term ahead.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of the staff for all your best wishes, cards and gifts before the break - we were all extremely grateful, thank you.

It has been assessment week at both schools and it's been encouraging to see how well the children have applied themselves after the Christmas break. Tests at this time of year help to inform teachers of where they may need to focus or concentrate their teaching in the weeks ahead, but also provide useful data that we can use to monitor progress year on year. Teachers will be sharing information from our assessment week with you all at our parents' consultation evenings next half term.

Well done to children in Simpson and Lister at Holy Trinity who had their own multi-day today as a reward for winning our house point competition last term. This was an idea I discussed with the staff and school council and they all felt it would be a great way to encourage children to do their best at school. Well done both houses - I wonder who will gain the most house points this term?

All the children and staff at Little Marlow would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for their new reading books and class carpets which arrived last week. Everyone was incredibly excited and the children are now thoroughly enjoying far more space to sit in class and a much greater range of interesting reading material - thank you all so much.

Clubs at both schools start next week—I hope you have all returned your reply slips to register children for clubs and understand the arrangements. My thanks again go to all the staff who give up their time to organise these additional activities for our children.

## Hot School Meals

Following on from the overwhelming response in our parents' questionnaire last term, you will be pleased to hear that a working group of governors along with myself, Mr Williams and Miss Penney are meeting next week with a hot school meals provider to explore the potential of providing hot lunches at both schools later this year.

We hope to invite parents to an information and tasting evening later this term when we will share our ideas. Should we have sufficient parent support, and we can organise the relevant logistics, we would hope to introduce hot lunches later this year.

Watch this space—we will be bringing more news soon!



## Potential School Closures

Following the snow flurry yesterday, please can I remind you of our procedures should we have to close the schools due to adverse weather conditions.

Firstly, we will text all parents as early as possible to say that school is closed or starting later in the morning. Please can I remind you to make sure the school has your correct mobile number and that you do receive our texts, thank you.

Secondly we will post details of the school closure on the County Council website at <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk>

Please let me assure you that we will endeavour to keep the school open each day and that the decision to close will never be taken lightly. The decision to not open will be in the interests of the safety for our children and staff, many of whom travel a long way to reach school, and on the advice of local news and the highways agency.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Please see below the remaining term dates for this year and our school term dates for next year.

### Term Dates 2016—2017

Spring 1st Half Term: Thurs 5th Jan—Fri 10th Feb  
 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:

### Holy Trinity

Thurs 5th Jan	Return to School
Mon 9th Jan	Assessment Week
Fri 13th Jan	Year 4 Ufton Court Assembly
Mon 16th Jan	Y3 to Hazard Alley
Tues 17th Jan	Y3 to Hazard Alley
Tues 17th Jan	Y6 French Trip Parents' Meeting 6.00
Fri 3rd Feb	PTA Smartie tubes out to children
Wed 8th Feb	PTA meeting
Fri 10th Feb	Hot Dog day & Break up for half term
Mon 20th Feb	Return to School
	PTA Smartie tubes back
Tues 28th Feb	Pancake lunch
Tues 28th Feb	Parents' Consultations 5.30 - 8.00
Thurs 2nd Mar	Parents' Consultations 4.00 - 6.30
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

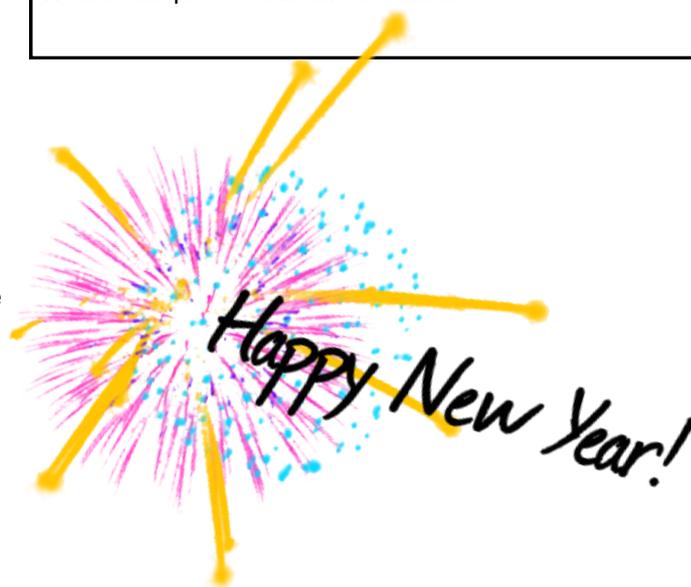
### Little Marlow

Thurs 5th Jan	Return to School
Mon 9th Jan	Assessment Week
Wed 11th Jan	PTA Meeting 7.30
Thurs 26th Jan	Film Night
Fri 3rd Feb	PTA Smartie tubes out to children
Wed 8th Feb	Children's Disco
Fri 10th Feb	Hot Dog day & Break up for half term
Mon 20th Feb	Return to School
	PTA Smartie tubes back
Tues 28th Feb	Pancake lunch
Mon 27th Feb	Parents' Consultations 3.30 - 6.00
Wed 1st Mar	Parents' Consultations 5.30 - 8.00
Fri 31st Mar	Break up for Easter
Wed 19th Apr	Return to School

Finally may I again wish you a happy new year and all the best for 2017, and thank you again for your continued support at both our schools.

Kind Regards

Mr Butler  
Executive Headteacher



*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11