



Little Marlow CE School

Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 23rd September

Dear Parents,

As this is my first school newsletter of the year I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the school community for making myself, Mr Butler and our new team of teaching staff feel so welcome here at Little Marlow.

I am delighted to say that the children have had a fantastic couple of weeks settling into routines and their new classes. Oak class are now staying all day and enjoying the afternoon activities on offer such as lunchtimes and PE. I have had the wonderful opportunity to teach in each class over the first few weeks and the children have been keen to learn and beautifully polite; an excellent start to the term!

Community News:

It was lovely to see so many of you before our term had even started at the Little Marlow fete. Thank you to those parents that helped organise our school stall and all the exciting games and prizes on offer.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our PTA for organising the 'back to school picnic' despite the wet weather. It was lovely to catch up with parents and see some of the children so excited to have a special picnic in our hall.

Finally, well done to those that came and supported the school procession at the Marlow Carnival, I particularly enjoyed the dance section at the end.

Curriculum updates:

Below is a brief taster of what the children will be covering this half term:

Oak Class - the topic is "all about me" where the children will be exploring similarities and differences as well as discussing their families and people who are special to them. The Literacy skills the children will be working on are pencil grip, name writing and simple letter and key word recognition. Development of mathematical concepts will be through exploring shape and numbers 1-10.

Aspen Class - children will be finding out about the local area. English sessions will be based on stories with familiar settings, instruction texts and poems. In Maths the children will experiment with the value of coins, telling the time and addition and subtraction skills.

Elder Class - the children will be studying the human body particularly the senses and how to keep fit and healthy. English sessions will be used to investigate "The Great Fire of London" using different genres such as diary entries, eye witness statements and letters. In Maths children will be concentrating on number, place value and measurement.

Homework:

Homework books will be sent out on a Thursday evening and will be due in the following Tuesday. This will be the same for each class to ensure consistency across the school. Spellings for Aspen and Elder classes will be tested and assigned on a Friday. If you have any queries regarding homework please refer to our current policy on the website or alternatively contact the school office for further information.

Parent Readers:

We are keen to continue with parents coming into school to listen to children read. If you are interested in continuing or would like to start, please contact me via the school office.

Meet and Greet session – Tuesday 27th September 3:30-5:30:

We look forward to seeing you during our informal meet and greet session on Tuesday 27th September where the children will be able to show you around their classroom and you can talk to the team about the exciting year ahead.

Miss Katie Penney, Head of School

Useful Reminders

Please remember to label all children's uniform so that lost items can be reunited with the correct owners.

Please be mindful of other cars as you are parking along school lane particularly when parallel parking.

With more children than previous years in school and therefore more demand for spaces it would be a great idea to car share. This would encourage children to enter school with friends and also support some of the traffic congestion on our road.

Pupil Ambassadors:

We are very excited to introduce pupil responsibilities this year, encouraging the children to take ownership of their school and support their friends and teachers in different ways.

Children were given the opportunity to apply for roles stating why they think they would be a suitable candidate. We had such a great number of applicants and so we hope to rotate some of these roles on a termly basis.

I am proud to introduce the Autumn term team as follows:

Play Leaders: Charlie, Daisy

Worship Leaders: Arlo, Anna

School Council: Joe, Poppy, Oscar, Eliza, Layla, Toby, Finlay and Anouk

The first important job for our school council will be to gather ideas for our brand new playground markings.

Staff Vacancy:

We are currently looking for a midday supervisor.

If you are interested in hearing more about this role please contact the school office.

Attendance:

The attendance so far this term is as follows:

Oak = 98% Aspen = 97% Elder = 98%

School Awards:

Each week during celebration assembly there is a "Star of the Week" certificate awarded in addition to a sticker and mention in our "Special Book" for those that have displayed the termly value. This term we will be highlighting children that have shown Courage in their school life, learning or play.

Well done to the following children who have received awards in our celebration assemblies so far:

Stars of the Week:

Tristan, Sophie D, Oliver
Cameron, Skye, Ellie
Arlo, Layla, Araminta

Courage award:

Lloyd, Barnaby, Mabel
Alfie, Oliver, Poppy
Codey, Danny R, Ava

Autumn Term 2016 Diary Dates:

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Sun 25th Sept: "All together service" at St John the Baptist Church
Tues 27th Sept: Individual Photographs
Meet & Greet, 3:30-5:30
Fri 30th Sept: Y2 Planetarium Visit at Holy Trinity
Mon 3rd Oct: PTA AGM
Thurs 6th Oct: Harvest Festival in church
Fri 7th Oct: Mufti day in exchange for bottles
Weds 12th Oct: PTA Disco
Fri 14th Oct: Mufti day in exchange for chocolate
Mon 17th Oct: Parents' Consultations, 5:30-8:00
Wed 19th Oct: Parents' Consultations, 3:30-6:00
Fri 21st Oct: Mufti day in exchange for raffle prizes
PTA Hot Dog Lunch
Break up for half term

ALPHA

Got questions about life?
If so please come and join us on the ALPHA course.
Starts 28th September 2016
Wednesday evenings: 19.30-21.45
Venue: All Saints Church Hall, The Causeway, Marlow
10 week course.
(no meeting Wed. 26th October)
Half-term)
Meal provided
Contact any of the clergy, or Marilyn Clarke on (01628 472774) or marilyn.clarke@ntlworld.com
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