



Newsletter

September 8th 2017



Dates for your Diary

Monday 11 th September		Music lessons start this week
Friday 22 nd September	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th Sept		Class 4 residential to Ford Castle
Sunday 1 st October	11.00am	Parish Harvest Praise and lunch
Tuesday 3 rd October	9.15am	Harvest Service at Christchurch
Friday 13 th October	1.00-3.00pm	Open Afternoon

- **Parking at drop off and pick up.** The Punch Bowl pub very kindly permit a **Park and Stride** where parents can park in their car park and walk the short distance to school at both the beginning and the end of the school day. Please make use of this as much as possible. Please **DO NOT PARK** on the concrete access by the gates to the fields opposite Marton Hall – access is required at all times for livestock.
- **Bike Rack** – if your child wishes to ride their bike to school there is a bike rack in the school car park where their bike can be secured during the day. You will need to provide them with a locking device which they can operate themselves.
- **If your child is ill** you need to inform the school office by **9am every day** that your child is unwell. If the answerphone picks up please leave a clear message. If you are dropping off a sibling and tell your child's class teacher, please make sure you inform the office also. If your child is suffering from vomiting/diarrhoea then they must stay off school for a full 48 hours after the last occurrence of the illness.
- **School Lunch Payments** – school lunches **MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE** via the school Gateway. If you owe more than one week's lunch payments you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child until payment is made. **Year 3 parents** – please remember that your child no longer receives government funded school meals and you will need to pay for your child's lunches.
- **Breaktime Snacks.** Our policy is to only allow pieces of fruit or vegetable to be brought in for a snack at mid-morning break. Children who bring in anything other than a piece of fruit or vegetable will not be allowed to eat the item and will be asked to take it home and bring in fruit or vegetable the following day. Thank you for your assistance with this.
- **DBS for parents** – if you come into school to help with reading / afterschool activities / helping on school trips we would like you to apply for a DBS check. It is an easy and free process, please see Mrs. Thirlaway or Mrs. Stocks in the office for further information.
- **Music lessons** with the peripatetic music teachers start again from this Monday, 11th September. Please ensure your child brings in their music, instruments and practice record on the relevant day (piano on Monday, brass on Monday, keyboard on Wednesday, woodwind on Thursday). If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument please enquire at the office for an application form.



- **KS2 swimming has re-started on Wednesdays** for children in Class 3 – please ensure your child brings in their swimming kit every Wednesday from now on.
- **School uniform** - Please ensure that **ALL** items of uniform, footwear and bags are **clearly named** either in permanent marker, or preferably by sewn-in name tape.
- **School Bags** - Please can you ensure that your children do not bring over-sized bags into school. PE kits should be in a soft drawstring bag or similar and bookbags should be satchel-sized. There is not enough space in our cloakrooms for large backpacks or sports hold-all style bags. School PE and Book bags are available to purchase from the school uniform shops.
- **Medicines in school** – please bear in mind that only medicine prescribed by a doctor in its original container can be brought into school and must be handed in to the school office where a form detailing its use must be filled in and signed by a parent. Medicines such as penicillin which have to be given 3 times a day should not be brought in to school as dose times can be fitted in around the school day. Over the counter medicine such as Nurofen, Calpol, antihistamines etc will not be administered by staff and must not be brought in.
- **Email address for payment and school invoice queries.** If you need to contact Ms Voakes about payments or your child's nursery or BAFTA invoices you should email direct at office@marton-cum-grafton.n-yorks.sch.uk. Ms Voakes is in the office all day Tuesday and on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.