



# Newsletter

## January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018



### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	8.40/8.50am	School opens for Spring Term
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January		Deadline for Nursery applications for April
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3.10/3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	8.40/8.50am	Children return to school
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	pm	Tempest Class Photos
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		School Easter Service at Christ Church -

**Please note change of date**

- **We are now a Nut Free School.** We have pupils who suffer from a severe allergy to nuts. For some pupils, coming into contact with nuts causes a potentially life threatening anaphylactic reaction. This reaction can be induced by smell, touch or ingestion of nuts. In order for us to reduce the risk of an anaphylactic reaction occurring at school, we would be very grateful if you could refrain from sending your child to school with nuts, or any product containing nuts or traces of nuts, for consumption at break or lunch time. Thank you.
- **Welcome to the new children** and their families who have joined school in Classes 1 and 2 this week.
- **New school rules** We have streamlined our school rules and have introduced them to the children this week. The rules are: **Be Respectful. Be Safe. Be Ready.** These contain all the elements of our previous school rules and are easier for the children of all ages to remember.
- **A request to Class 2 parents on Friday mornings.** As the children are getting ready for their PE session first thing on a Friday morning, please can parents drop their children at the classroom door and not enter the classroom. Thank you.
- **School lunch payments** If you pay for your child's school lunch please remember to make regular advance payments on the School Gateway so that your child's lunch money is always in credit. Thank you.
- **A New Year's resolution?** Please can all parents make sure that **every** item which your child brings into school is clearly and permanently named, including PE kit, outdoor clothing, **wellingtons** and spare winter weather clothing. Please could you also check to see if any of your child's property has ended up in the lost property box in the main entrance.
- **Applications for Nursery places in Summer Term** must be made by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. If you, or someone you know, has a child who has turned 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and would like to apply for a place, forms are available from the school office or the school website at <http://marton-cum-grafton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/nursery/>



- **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](mailto:office@marton-cum-grafton.n-yorks.sch.uk). Ms Voakes is in the office all day Tuesday and on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.
- **Calling all Lego Masters** - the TV production company, Tuesday's Child, who made the first series of the popular Channel 4 TV series 'Lego Masters' is on the hunt to find Britain's most talented Amateur Lego Builders. They are looking for anyone over the age of 9 (on 31st March 2018) who loves to build. Either individuals or teams (pupils, teachers and parents) are welcome to apply. A flyer is attached to this week's school newsletter email.

## News from The Friends

### *Happy New Year*

Next Friends Meeting - Friday 19 January at 9am

The next Friends meeting will be on Friday 19 January at 9am in the 'Green Room'. The 'Green Room' is the Year 2 Classroom which can be found upstairs past Nursery.

Please do come along and join us as you are all more than welcome - 'the more the merrier'. It is very informal and little ones are more than welcome to come along.

#### Secret Room

Thank you to Helen Medd, Katie Bentley-Briscoe and all those who helped before and on the day.

The Secret Room is and has been a very special event for both children and parents over the years and I would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to Helen Medd for making it so each and every year. Helen has kindly worked with Katie Bentley-Briscoe this year as Katie has generously agreed to take over from Helen next year.

#### End of Term - Festive Teas and Coffee with Mince Pies

Thank you to Class 4 for hosting the End of Term - Festive Teas and Coffee with Mince Pies and thank you to everyone that supported the event.

#### 200 Club

Congratulations to the following winners of this month's draw:

181 - 1st Howard Eastman

149 - 2nd Mr & Mrs Kehoe

139 - 3rd Mr Sargeant

002 - 4th Mrs E Watkinson

There still a few tickets remaining – please see Heidi Beattie if you have not yet purchased yours!

#### School Tea Towel and Bag Orders

We are still selling the tea towels and bags with the children's self-portraits. Please contact Bianca Gaspar (Oliver Class 2 and Sebastian Class 3)