



Newsletter

January 26th 2018



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 31 st January		Deadline for Nursery applications for April
Friday 2 nd February	2.30pm	Storytelling with parents in school
Friday 9th February	2.15pm	Sharing Assembly – dance performances
Friday 9 th February	3.10/3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 19 th February	8.40/8.50am	Children return to school
Thursday 22 nd February	pm	Tempest Class Photos
Friday 9 th March	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 27 th March		School Easter Service at Christ Church -

Please note change of date

- **National Story telling week.** In celebration of National Story telling next week, each day the children will be read an exciting story in their house groups. We have purchased some super new books and are looking forward to sharing them with the children. We thought it would be lovely if any parents wanted to share a favourite picture book with the children at school next Friday. If you are happy to read a story to a small group, please go to your child's class with your book no later than 2.30pm where you will be very welcome.
- **Sharing Assembly-** we would like to invite you to join us on Friday 9th February at 2.15pm (please note this is a change of date and time from last week's newsletter) and Friday 9th March at 2.30pm to celebrate the work which the children have been doing in class. The assemblies will be run by a group of children and they will have an opportunity to share with you some of their work. On Friday 9th February the children in Years 3-6 will also be presenting the dances they have been working on in PE.
- **Hot Chocolate Fridays** Today is the first installment of our new whole school initiative of 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. This involves staff nominating pupils who go 'above and beyond' in their approach to opportunities on offer in school. This might be something extra a child has done, said or contributed, or it may be a reflection of the consistency they may demonstrate in positive attitudes and in displaying our streamlined school rules: 'Be respectful, be safe and be ready'. The children will be presented with a Wonka style 'golden ticket' which is their invitation to relax and reflect on their interests and achievements whilst enjoying a yummy cup of hot chocolate, hosted by a member (or members) of staff, including Mrs Thirlaway. This week we are delighted to present the golden tickets to Lucas R, Sophie H, Zara, Henry H and Sophie B. Well done everyone!
- **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.
- **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.



- **Applications for Nursery places in Summer Term** must be made by the deadline of 31st January 2018. If you, or someone you know, has a child who has turned 3 by 31st 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. Ms Voakes is in the office all day Tuesday and on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

News from The Friends

Children's Valentine Disco – Friday, 2nd February

The Valentines Disco will be held at school on Friday 2nd February between 5.30PM – 7PM (Nursery Children to Year 6).

We hope that the children are looking forward to it! If you haven't already, please return the Valentines Disco slip and money (£4 per child) to 'The Friends' post-box by NO LATER than 29th January 2018.

Any questions please contact Susan Wilson (Esme Class 1 and Molly Class 2) or email martonfriends@gmail.com

'Shout Out' for Raffle/Tombolo Prizes

The box is looking rather empty after the 3 Nativity Performances before Christmas where some fabulous prizes were won and generous funds were raised!! Any donations of raffle or tombola prizes would be very well received.

From a yummy box of chocolates, a voucher, a bottle of wine, a book or anything you can think of.....or if you have any contacts with local companies that could donate that would be fabulous.

A box has been left in the Reception at School to collect – everything would be most welcome!!

'The Friends' Facebook Group

For those that don't know, 'The Friends' have a Facebook page which is called Friends of Marton Cum Grafton Primary School.

It's a great place for us all to communicate, have a conversation with each other and to find out what's happening. It's a closed group, only members of the group can see any information. To join please request to join and we will add you in. Jo King is responsible for administrating the page, so if you have any questions please either contact Jo or email martonfriends@gmail.com.

Some guidelines of how the forum should be used have been sent by email from 'The Friends'.

200 Club

There are still a few tickets remaining and is a great way to raise £600 for the school – please see Heidi Beattie (Poppy Class 2 and Freddie Class 3) 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).