



Newsletter

October 6th 2017



Dates for your Diary

Monday 9 th October		Columbus Day
Thursday 12 th October	pm	Tesco Farm to Fork visit to KS1
Monday 16 th October		Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	3.10/3.15pm	School closes for Half Term holiday
Monday 30 th October		Staff training day – school closed
Tuesday 31 st October	8.40/8.50am	Children return to school
Thursday 2 nd November	pm	KS2 fire safety workshops
Wednesday 8 th November		Parents Evening – please note date change
Friday 17 th November		Children in Need
Thursday 30 th November		Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 4

- **Our Harvest Service** – thank you to everyone who brought harvest offerings and made a donation to the collection plate at the school harvest service last week.
- **Columbus Day** As part of our whole school topic this term of 'Adventurers and Explorers' we will be holding an enrichment day for Reception to Year 6 this Monday 9th October. The children will need to come to school dressed in non-uniform clothes suitable for potentially messy outdoor activities!
- **Swim gala** well done and thank you to the 12 children from KS2 who represented the school at the area swim gala on Thursday and to Mrs Lees and Mrs Blunt for taking them.
- **The Reception Class new starters photo** is in this week's edition of the Ripon Gazette/Harrogate Advertiser newspapers.
- **PE kits MUST be in school all week** – please ensure that all children have a PE kit and trainers in school EVERY day of the week. Most PE lessons are held outside so please make sure they have suitable outdoor PE clothing. School PE hoodies are available from the school uniform shop. ALL kit must be clearly named.
- **Ford Castle** The children in Class 4 enjoyed a brilliant week away at Ford Castle in Northumberland last week. We would like to thank Miss Stride, Mrs Abbott and Mr Walkington who very kindly gave up their week and time with their own families to support the children while they were away.
A big well done to the children – both the Castle and school staff were very impressed with their positive and mature attitude towards all the activities and each other.
- **Flu vaccinations reminder permission online** All children in Reception to Year 4 are being offered the flu vaccination this year. The permission form for this is online at <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> and if you have not yet done so, please complete this form as soon as possible.



➤ **Parents' evening date change** - in a change to the dates published in the annual calendar, parents' evenings will be held on Monday 16th October and Wednesday 8th November. Sign up sheets for these are on classroom doors.

➤ **Resources for a new primary school in Uganda**

If anyone is able to donate any of the following resources they will be very gratefully received. Good quality, second hand items are ideal.

1. Second hand books up to year 4 level including picture books, toddler books (no witches, monsters and vampires please),
2. Phonics readers, flashcards, phonics games,
3. Simple puzzles (up to 30 pieces), large floor puzzles, duplo and lego, any educational toys, counting and sorting sets
4. Pens, pencils, crayons, colouring books, paper, packs of stickers,

I will be travelling and working in a school in Gulu, Uganda, in November, with the Christian charity Serve Direct and I want to take as much with me as possible. Travelling on a charity plane ticket gives you an extra luggage allowance!!

I will put a collection box in the reception area for any donations.

Many thanks for your support, Mrs Blunt (Class 3 teaching assistant)

➤ **Water bottles.** Please make sure that your child only has water and not juice or squash in their classroom water bottles. Juice and squash may only be sent in to school in packed lunches. Thank you for your help in this.

➤ **Lost Property** Please check the lost property boxes in the main entrance for any of your child's clothing. Any items not claimed by the end of this half term will be donated to the Friends Uniform shop. Thank you.

➤ **Secondary School Open Days** are held during the autumn term and may be of interest to parents of children in year 5 as well as those of children in year 6. Please double check times and dates with the school you wish to visit.

Rossett School	Sat 7 th October (parents and children)	9.30am-12noon
St John Fisher	Sat 7 th October	10.00am-2.00pm
St Aidan's School	Tues 10 th October	7.30pm
	Thurs 12 th October	7.30pm
	Sat 14 th October	1.30pm-4.00pm
Boroughbridge High School	Thurs 12 th October	6.00pm-9.00pm

➤ **Nursery Applications** The deadline for the next round of Nursery Applications is on 31st October for children who are three years old on or before 31st December 2017 and who wish to start in our Foundation Unit on or after 9th January 2018. If you have, or know a parent with, an eligible child and would like to apply for a place please either collect the application forms from the school office or visit the school website at <http://marton-cum-grafton.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-school/nursery/> and return the completed forms to school no later than Tuesday 31st October 2017.

➤ **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

Coffee Morning (School Fundraiser) at Marton Village Hall



Saturday 7th October 10am to 12noon

All Welcome

Donations for Cakes, Raffle Prizes and help on the day please see: Georgina O'Connor (Agnes Yr 2 and Monty Yr 4)

Raffle Prizes Needed

We require a number of raffle prizes this term for the School Coffee Morning and the KS1 Nativity Play, a box is in the school main entrance for donations. **Please give what you can.**

Join us at The Punch Bowl next Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm for a drink and a Friends Catch Up. There will be a quick meeting on this year's plans - as some people find it hard to make it during the day or on a Friday due to work or other commitments. We would love to see as many of you there as possible

We are looking to create a Uniform Shop - as a fundraiser for The Friends. It would be fantastic if you could all dig out any of the following....(and anything else you think would be useful we haven't covered):

School Uniform, Beavers, Scouts, Ballet, Sports wear, Shoes - school, football boots, ballet or dance, School Bags...

Please donate your items and provide to Heidi Beattie, we will then create the 'shop' and all sale/donations will go to The Friends.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or ways to support this cause. Heidi

School Tea Towel and Bag Orders

We are still selling tea towels and bags, please contact Bianca Gasper-Dunn (Oliver Yr 1 and Sebastian Yr 4)

200 Club

If you would like to get involved this year I will be selling 200 club tickets from October time to ensure we get enough tickets sold - £12 per ticket and we only need to sell 100 at school so if everyone buys at least one we are nearly there! Heidi

September 200 Club winners:

1 28 Zoe Hartley-Metcalf £40

2 117 Pat Tupman £25

3 190 Roger Naish £20

4 134 James Pollock £15

We are launching the 2018 200 Club Draw with the sale of tickets at the Friends of Marton School Coffee Morning at the Village Hall tomorrow Saturday 7th October from 10am..

Please come along and support the coffee morning and pick up your tickets for 2018.