



Newsletter

October 13th 2017



Dates for your Diary

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
Friday 3 rd November	9.00am	Bag2School collection date
Wednesday 8 th November		Parents Evening – please note date change
Friday 17 th November		Children in Need
Tuesday 21 st November	1.30-3.00pm	Open Afternoon
Thursday 30 th November		Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 4

- **Thank you for parking in the pub car park** We appreciate that parking around school is difficult at drop-off and pick-up and would like to express our thanks to those parents who are using the pub car park as suggested as a 'park and stride'. This is making a noticeable difference and we would encourage others to park in the pub car park or further away from school and walk in as it not only improves safety near the school gates but also is good for the children's health.
- **Thank you to Georgina and Brian O'Connor** and all who helped at, or supported, the coffee morning held at the Village Hall last Saturday. An amazing £800 was raised which, with match funding from Barclays organised by Mr. O'Connor, has been doubled to £1,600! This is a tremendous achievement and everyone's hard work and support is very much appreciated
- **Open Afternoon** – please note the re-scheduled Open Afternoon will now take place on **Tuesday 21st November between 1.00pm and 3.00pm**. This is for existing and prospective parents and other friends, family and members of the local community who wish to come along and see the school in action.
- **Transfer to Secondary School September 2018** Parents of children in Year 6 moving up to secondary school next September are reminded that they MUST complete their secondary school application online at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-secondary-school-place> by the deadline of **31st October 2017**. Failure to apply by the deadline will result in the application being treated as a 'late' application and will be considered after all the other applications which were made before the deadline have been processed.
- **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 this Monday 16th October and on Wednesday 8th November. Sign up sheets for these are now 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)

➤ **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.

➤ **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-graffon.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-graffon.n-yorks.sch.uk. Ms Voakes is in the office all day Tuesday and on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

News from The Friends

Our next Bag2School collection is at 9am on **Friday 3rd November at 9.00am**. Please have a sort out and donate your unwanted items to school to raise funds! Bag2School recycle good quality second hand clothing and pay the school £4 per 10kg weighed so **the more weight we have, the more we raise - please donate as much as you can!** A bag (1 per family) has been sent out in book bags this week although any refuse bag will be accepted and you can bring as many bags as you like. Please observe the list of 'no thanks' as we won't get paid for these:

YES PLEASE: clean clothing (adult or children's), paired shoes, handbags, ties, belts, hats, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedsheets, pillowcases and duvet covers & jewellery.

NO THANKS: Duvets or pillows, blankets, rugs or wet/damaged/soiled clothing, corporate clothing, cushions, carpet off-cuts, school uniform.

Please leave your filled bags on the grass by the new entrance next to the school vegetable garden before 9am on the day. Any queries, please ask Sarah Harrison (Thomas year 5). Thank you.

www.bag2school.com



Raffle Prizes Needed

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

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