



Newsletter

October 20th 2017



Dates for your Diary

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
Monday 6 th November	3.15-4.00pm	Parent internet safety workshop
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

- **Parent internet safety workshop** There will be a workshop provided by our Community Police Officer for any parent who would like to attend on Monday 6th November in Class 4 straight after school until 4.00pm. There is no need to book a place and a crèche for school age children will be provided.
- **Poppy Appeal** During the first week back after half term the school council will be selling poppies, wristbands, pencils, snapbands etc. to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. Suggested donations for non-poppy items are in the region of 50p to £1.00 each.
- **Competition time** The Literacy group would like your child to take part in a competition! We would like them to do a piece of writing about Autumn. It can be a story, poem or a descriptive piece of writing and can include a picture or decoration. There will be three categories: EYFS, KS1, KS2 and lovely prizes for the winners! Please can all entries be given to either Eliza or Lola P on the first day back after half term.
- **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.
- **Resources for a new primary school in Uganda** - A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in resources for me to take to Uganda. Every book, pencil, puzzle and game will be going with me to its new home in Gulu. Thank you for taking the time to sort out your donations, all of which will be very gratefully received. Mrs Blunt

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- **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.
- **Last call for 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 (the first day of next half term).
- **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

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.**

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