



Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

Friday 5th January 2024 – Spring Term Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back and a Happy New Year. We hope you all had a peaceful festive break. On our return to school, we were all excited to see the smart new playground markings. The children have enjoyed jumping, skipping and running around despite the weather. Please can we remind everyone to bring a coat into school as we always try to get outside for some fresh air.

Mrs. Stallard has now started her maternity leave and we wish her all the best for the safe arrival of her baby. Mrs. Pearson has taken over as interim Head of School and will be in school Tuesday -Thursday each week. Mrs. French will be available on a Monday and Mrs. Coulthard on a Friday.

We would like to invite you into our open classroom event from 3.00pm on Thursday 1st February. This will be similar to last term, where you can drop into your child's class and look at their books and see their learning space. This week we published the clubs for this term, please note there will be no musical theatre on Thursday 1st February.



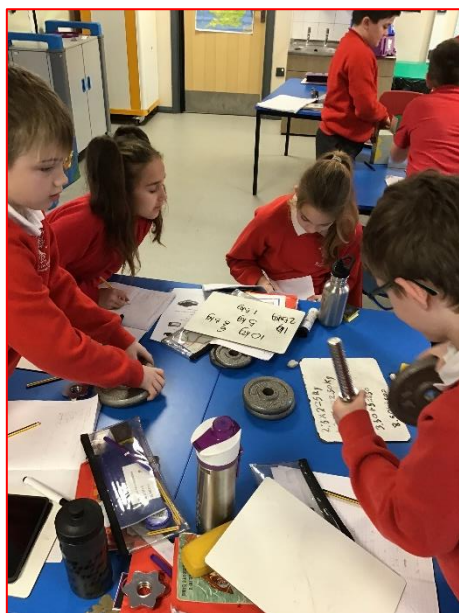
AROUND THE CLASSES

This (very short) week in Class 1 the children have been getting their brains switched on with some number bond maths challenges! They have also dived into their new Topic 'Polar Explorers' by listening to non-fiction texts and exploring their small world set up. They are very excited to learn more about the coldest parts of our planet and to find out about the animals that live there!





Class 2 have been learning about shapes in Maths this week and have enjoyed using Lego to make different shapes with.



Class 4 have settled back in well this week after a long Christmas break. In Maths the children have been exploring mass and capacity, using weights and measuring jugs to solve reasoning problems. They have also been busy baking in the kitchen in preparation for finishing off our DT unit!

FOREST SCHOOL

Our Reception children enjoyed their first Forest School session this term in the woods in glorious winter sunshine. What a relief after all the rain we have been having!



The children had lots of fun building dens and exploring mole hills! With the cold snap that is forecast for the next few weeks please would you ensure that your child has plenty of extra warm layers, a hat, gloves and warm socks to wear for their Forest School sessions. The children will often get quite muddy so old clothes, waterproof coats etc. are a good idea if possible. Thank you.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

From Monday 8th January the following arrangements will be put in place for the start of the school day:

- School gates will be opened at 8.50am
- **Class 1** children should be taken through the wooden gate by their outdoor learning area and dropped off by the class fire door there.
- **Classes 2 and 3** should be dropped off by the door to the porch.
- **Class 4** should be dropped off at the steps to their class room.

This will alleviate the issue of busy and congested corridors. Mornings can be a very busy time with staff settling children; if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please arrange an appointment to meet with them or catch them at the end of the school day when there is often more time.

SCHOOL OFFICE

From Monday 8th January the school office opening times will be:

Monday	8.45am - 12.15pm	LUNCH BREAK	12.45pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday	8.45am - 12.15pm	LUNCH BREAK	12.45pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday	8.45am - 12.15pm	LUNCH BREAK	12.45pm - 3.15pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.15pm	LUNCH BREAK	12.45pm - 3.15pm
Friday	8.45am - 12.15pm	LUNCH BREAK	12.45pm - 3.15pm

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have changed and you think that you may now qualify for free school meals, please apply online through the DCC Citizens Portal at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start primary school in September 2024. For the best chance of securing a place at your preferred school, please make sure you apply by the deadline of Sunday 14th January 2024.

There is lots of information on the education website to help you with your application, including a step-by-step guide: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you aren't able to apply online, you can call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 and request a paper form.

ATTENDANCE

Week ending 5th January

Reception	96.43%
Year 1	94.44%
Year 2	84.62%
Year 3	86.36%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97.92%
Year 6	87.50%
Whole School	92.99%

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 8th JANUARY

Monday 8th January	Classes 2 & 4 PE Mindful Makers after-school club. 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday 9th January	Whole school PE with Achieve 4 All Book Club - Lunchtime Achieve 4 All after-school sports club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Dance Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 10th January	Whole school church service - 9.15am - everyone welcome. Chess Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
Thursday 11th January	Musical Theatre after-school club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Year 5 & 6 Youth Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
Friday 12th January	Classes 1 & 3 PE Forest School - Reception in the morning Forest School - Year 3 in the afternoon

Congratulations!

The School Awards this week go to:

Reception: **Immy**

Year 1: **Lola**

Year 2: **Rufus**

Year 3: **Beatrix**

Year 4: **Theo**

Year 5: **Tira**

Year 6: **Ada**



The Attendance Cup this week has been awarded to:
CLASS 1

This week the House with the most house points is: **SAINT GEORGE**

The MTA award this week goes to: **Denzil** for being polite and helpful at lunchtimes.

Our Writer of the Week is: **Rufus**

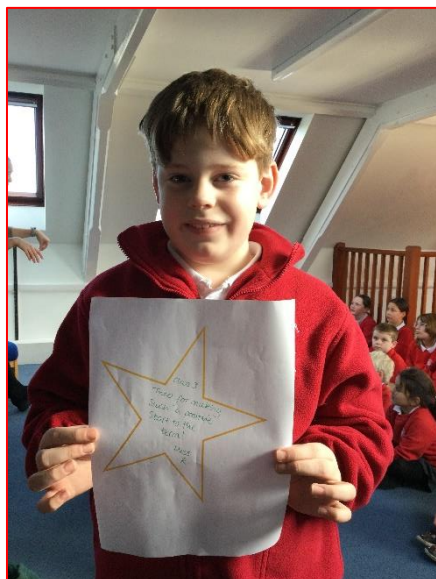
Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Pearson
Interim Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

STARS OF THE WEEK



DIARY DATES - New events in 'Red'

Thursday 1 st February		Open Class Rooms. 3.00pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 th February		SHF Dance Festival at Malborough village hall. 2.30pm to 7.00pm.
Friday 9 th February		Break-up for Half Term
Monday 19 th February		Return to school
Wednesday 6 th March		Visit from author Clare Helen Welsh.
Thursday 7 th March		World Book Day.
Friday 8 th March		Mothers' Day posy making (morning)
Friday 8 th March		Mothers' Day Service in Church at 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th March	KS2	Exeter Synagogue and RAMM
Friday 15 th March		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Thursday 28 th March		LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 15 th April		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Monday 6 th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9 th May	Year 3	Extended day visit to Forest & Beach
Friday 24 th May		Break-up for Half Term
Monday 3 rd June		Return to school
Monday 3 rd June	Year 5	Bikeability cycling proficiency course
3 rd to 5 th June	Year 6	Residential visit
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 4	Residential visit
Friday 14 th June	Year 5	Residential visit
Friday 21 st June		Sports Day
Friday 19 th July		Year 6 Leavers' Service
Friday 19 th July 2024		LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM