



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

Friday 9th February 2024 – Spring Term Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach half term, we can reflect on a successful six weeks in school. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all during my first six weeks at Malborough. We received a warm welcome in church on Wednesday. Becky reminded us of how important our beautiful planet is and how we should look after it.

Last week, we shared our new behaviour reward system with the children. Fuzzies will continue to be rewarded for good behaviour but these will go into a class jar and this will equate to positive behaviour time at the end of each week. Mrs Nixon has adjusted the system slightly for the children in Class 1 so that it works for them.

For children who find it difficult to make the right choice, behaviour time can be taken away but earned back when they make the right choice. We are working with the whole school to embed the system that is being implemented across the South Hams Federation.



After half term, we will be continuing to look at the provision at lunchtimes and need your help. We have had a couple of donations of lego but would love some more marble runs, lego, sticklebricks etc. If you're having a spring clean over half term please do pop any items no longer wanted into the school office.



At Malborough we pride ourselves on being part of the community. We have good relationships with our neighbours and supporters in the village. Unfortunately, we have been contacted by a concerned resident this week who does not mind people parking in his driveway for short periods of time but would like to maintain access to his property.

To ensure that we continue to have positive relationships within our area can you please make sure that you are considerate when parking at drop off and collection times. Thank you.

CHURCH SERVICE

At our whole school church service this week Becky spoke to the children about caring for our environment. She explained to the children the many different ways in which they can look after the world around them and how God had made all of the miraculous things we see.



SHROVE TUESDAY

The children had great fun making pancakes with Mrs Pearson whilst learning about Lent and the meaning of Pancake Day during their whole school assembly this week.

As Mrs Pearson explained why pancakes are made, the children mixed their pancake ingredients together.

Everyone was very excited to watch the pancakes cook, they smelt delicious! We hope that the children will be able to share their cooking skills with you all on Shrove Tuesday next week.



GYM AND DANCE FESTIVAL

On Wednesday we welcomed Loddiswell, Modbury and Stokenham schools to join us in our federation Gym and Dance Festival in the village hall.

Libby R, Georgina, Milly, Mila, Charlotte, Indie, Dotty, Betsy, Libby D-F and Flora represented our school with some beautifully choreographed and energetic routines dancing to 'Red Flags', 'Fight Song' and 'Roar'.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all of the parents, carers and staff who came along to watch the performances.



AROUND THE CLASSES

Class 2 have been exploring non-fiction texts this week. They have enjoyed reading through their library topic books to look at the features of a non-fiction writing.

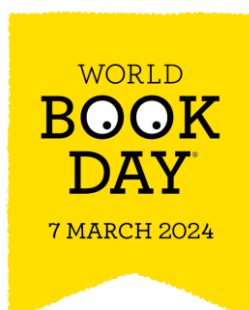


At Forest School the Reception children stayed warm and safe from the wild weather and created their own clay hedgehogs! They then used their creation to inspire their own stories which they wrote and illustrated before having the opportunity to tell their story to their classmates.



Class 4 have started their new English unit 'Varjak Paw'. Exploring the text and understanding why the author has chosen to contrast bleak city and Mesopotamia. In Art, the children have been creating land and cityscapes using the skills learnt across the unit. Both Year 5 and year 6 have moved onto their Decimals units and are doing well across the class engaging with arithmetic and reasoning questions. In science, the children have been looking at irreversible changes, including when fuel is burnt and when bicarbonate of soda is mixed with vinegar!

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and they deserve a well-earned break!



This year as part of our World Book Day celebrations we have arranged for the children's author Clare Helen Welsh to return to school to work with the children on 6th March.

On World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, we are asking that all children come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We know that we will all have great fun guessing who everyone is!

If you would like to find out more about World Book Day, please click on the link: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

ACHIEVE 4 ALL

The Achieve 4 All after-school club for Spring Term (2nd Half) is now on the booking system and ready for bookings.

The club can be booked by going to <https://achieve4all.co.uk/> you will then need to click on 'Book Now', log in to your account or if you have not booked before you will need to complete a short registration.

Next half-term the club will be a Dodgeball and Sports Club for KS1 and KS2 and will run every Tuesday from Tuesday 20th February. The cost will be £24.00 for the six weeks.

ATTENDANCE Week ending 9th February

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| Reception | 81.4% |
| Year 1 | 100% |
| Year 2 | 93.1% |
| Year 3 | 89.1% |
| Year 4 | 89.3% |
| Year 5 | 85% |
| Year 6 | 90% |
| Whole School | 89.1% |

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY

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| Monday 19 th February | Classes 2 & 4 PE Mindful Makers after-school club. 3.30pm to 4.30pm |
| Tuesday 20 th February | 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 21 st February | Chess Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Year 6 SATS Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. |
| Thursday 22 nd February | Musical Theatre after-school club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. After-school Youth Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. |
| Friday 23 rd February | Classes 1 & 3 PE Forest School - Year R (a.m.) & Year 4 (p.m.) |

Please note that Forest School sessions next half-term will be for **Reception** and **Year 4**

Congratulations!

The School Awards this week go to:

Reception: **Arthur**

Year 1: **Toby L**

Year 2: **Austin O**

Year 3: **Autumn**

Year 4: **Betsy**

Year 5: **Jack**

Year 6: **Mason**



The Attendance Cup this week has been awarded to: **CLASS 2**

The MTA award this week goes to: **Kip** for following instructions and making good choices.

Our Accelerated Readers are: **Denzil, Esmee-Rose, Dorothy, Amelia, Autumn, Ada.**

Our Recognition for Reading Progress goes to: **Ava, Arabella, Isabella, Maisy, Rufus, Annie.**

Our Word Millionaires are **CLASS 3** - they have read 1,217,566 words.

Our Class 4 TT Rockstar awards for the highest points scored go to:

1st Ben 2nd Kip 3rd Jake

The biggest increase in points scored:

1st Max 2nd Freddie 3rd Kip

Our Class 3 TT Rockstar awards for the highest points scored go to:

1st Betsy 2nd Grace 3rd James

The biggest increase in points scored:

1st James 2nd Herbie 3rd Cooper

Well done everyone! We hope you have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 19th February.

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'

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| Saturday 17 th February | | Bell Tower Open Day at St Peter's and All Saints Church. 10.00am to 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 6 th March | | Visit from author Clare Helen Welsh. |
| Thursday 7 th March | | World Book Day. Dress up as your favourite book character. |
| 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 |
| Friday 22 nd March | KS1 | 'The Donkey's Tale' Easter workshop & story-telling at Buckfast Abbey |
| Tuesday 26 th March | | Science Explorer Dome in village hall. 9.00am to Midday. |
| Tuesday 26 th March | | Parents' Evening. 3.30pm to 6.00pm. |
| Wednesday 27 th March | | Parents' Evening. 3.30pm to 6.00pm. |
| Wednesday 27 th March | | Easter Service in church at 2.30pm. |
| Thursday 28 th March | | LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM |
| Monday 15 th April | | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM |
| Wednesday 17 th April | | KS1 visit to East Soar |
| Wednesday 1 st May | | KS2 visit to East Soar |
| Monday 6 th May | | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Thursday 9 th May | Year 3 | Extended Day Visit to Forest and Beach |
| 13 th to 16 th May | Year 6 | Key Stage 2 SATS Week |
| Tuesday 21 st May | Classes 2 & 4 | Devon & Somerset Fire Safety Talk. 9.30am - Midday |
| 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 5 th June | Year 6 | Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm. |
| Wednesday 12 th June | Year 4 | Residential visit |
| Wednesday 12 th June | Year 6 | Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm. |
| Friday 14 th June | Year 5 | Residential visit |
| Wednesday 19 th June | Year 6 | Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm. |
| Friday 21 st June | | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Year 6 | Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm. |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Year 6 | Year 6 Transition Day at KCC. |
| Thursday 4 th July | | SHF Swimming Gala at Quayside. 1.00pm - 3.00pm. |
| Tuesday 9 th July | | Bantham Beach Day |
| Friday 19 th July | | Year 6 Leavers' Service |
| Friday 19 th July | | LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM |