

Marwood Primary School Newsletter

25/09/2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Please follow this link for parents on when you or anyone in your family needs a test for Covid 19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

At Marwood School we have a duty to respond to the three Covid 19 symptoms and ask for a test to be undertaken. Everyone in education is aware of the upheaval this has on family life and of the frustrations of getting a test. We all need to do our part.

I am clear that children who are unwell without Covid 19 symptoms can return to school without a test once they are well enough.

Covid tests: A small number of families have now had their children tested and all results have come back negative.

Dressed for all weathers Please ensure your child is dressed for all types of weather. I have been very pleased to find that jumpers and coats have names in and that property is being returned to children. As part of our Covid 19 risk assessment we are keeping classroom doors and windows open to give a good flow of fresh air. Please make sure your child is warmly dressed for class. Ideally they need several thin layers; vest (or a another t-shirt), school t-shirt and sweatshirt or fleece.

MSA Thank you to the MSA Committee for their great work at the AGM on Tuesday. There is a plan for events and fundraisers coming soon. Thanks also to Michael Hesketh for hosting the Teams meeting after my link failed.

After school clubs: There are two after school clubs running – both can take children from either bubble securely.

Monday – Tennis 3:00 – 4:00

Wednesday – Karate (non-contact) 3:00 – 4:00 <https://www.northdevonkarate.co.uk/bookings>

It is hoped that football club will start again in November when the Exeter Soccer School staff return.

Next week I will give details of how we are going to run virtual parent / teacher consultations in October and the plan for children's learning if they have to isolate from school for 14 days.

Music Lessons – Rob Norris is teaching keyboard on Tuesdays (he has a waiting list.) Susan Northrop is teaching wind instruments on Thursdays (her information is at the end of this newsletter.)

Gary Mitchell is unable to teach guitar this year. If anyone knows of a suitable children's guitar teacher please have them contact me.

Getting back to normal – Friday Assemblies to celebrate children’s achievements. The first bronze awards were given out today along with 6 children receiving medals and stickers for their activities in the Virtual Devon Games over the summer. Well done all.



School dinners – The number of children having a school meal has gone up this week. The return to eating off plates and having the possibility of seconds has really helped. Thursday 1st October is Census Day. The more children that have dinner that day the better; especially children in Classes 1 and 2.

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Marwood Menu

	WEEK BEGINNING 28/09/2020	Classes 1 and 2 will have their meals off a plate every day. Classes 3 and 4 will have meals served on a plate – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday			
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Pasta Bolognaise	Pepperoni Pizza Muffins	Roast Pork	Hot Dogs	Mini Battered Fish Fillet
OPTION 2	Spanish Omllette	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Muffins	Tomato Tumble	Vegetarian Hot Dogs	Cheese Wheels
OPTION 3	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	X
SIDES	Mixed Vegetables	Mid Potatoes and sweetcorn	Roast potatoes, carrots and broccoli	Curly Fries and veg	Chips & Seasonal Vegetables



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**SAXOPHONE/CLARINET/FLUTE/TOOT
 LESSONS AT MARWOOD PRIMARY**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Clarinet, saxophone and flute lessons are available in school for years 3 – 6 and take place during the school day. We do have instruments for students to try! Susan Northrop will be teaching woodwind, she teaches at various schools in the area including Pilton College.

Toots are an option for starting flute and can be bought from amazon for £30. Search “Nuvo Toots” on amazon. Instruments can be hired for £30 a term from Devon County Council, <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Individual-Hire-Form/> alternatively you can hire an instrument from John Packer, Taunton for £15 a month which goes towards purchasing the instrument.

This is a great opportunity for your child to learn an instrument. Music lessons have been proven to improve maths and English skills, build your child’s confidence as well as being a fun and social experience.

A short “Agreement for Instrumental Lessons” will be included with the first invoice which clearly states the terms on which lessons are provided.

We look forward to hearing from you,
 Sarah Steed

MARWOOD SCHOOL

Pupil’s name.....Year.....

Instrument.....

Your name & address (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss).....

.....Post Code.....

E-mail.....

Mobile.....

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