

Dear Parent / Carer

Covid secure: I wish to thank everyone for all their efforts to keep safe. Staff, governors and I are reviewing our practice and I wish to share with you a concern about a lack of space for distancing at the end of school. Parents picking Class 3 and 4 children up from the lane gate have very little space to stand once the cars are parked. From next week we are going to cone off the lane between the school gate and our neighbour's drive. This are will then give space for parents to wait for their children to be let out of the gate. I appreciate that this reduces the available parking and the setup will be reviewed after the first week.

<u>Dressed for all weather:</u> 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.

<u>MSA – The Amazon wish list is proving a great success and I wish to thank Gen Hickson for setting it up and everyone who has made a purchase for the school. https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SXIMYK6PJVA5?ref =wl share

After school clubs:</u>

Monday - Tennis 3:00 - 4:00

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

<u>Virtual Parent / Teacher Consultations</u> Governors and I are trialing an online booking system and I hope to share a link with parents of children in years 1 to 6 at the start of next week. This will allow you to select two days when you will be available between 3:30 and 5:00 for an online MS Teams meeting with your child's teacher.

<u>Music Lessons</u> – 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.

<u>Governor Vacancies</u> We have places for two parent governors on our board. Please find attached the details. Please give this vital role your consideration.

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Marwood Menu

	WEEK BEGINNING 02/10/2020	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	Meatballs and pasta	Roast Chicken	Beefburgers	Brunch (bacon, sausage and egg)	Fish Fingers		
OPTION 2	Cauliflower Cheese bake	Vegetable Plait	Quorn burgers	Vegetarian Brunch	Vegetatian fingers		
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	Roast potatoes, green beans, cabbage and carrots	Potato wedges and sweetcorn	Tomatoes, mushrooms and beans	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

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