

# Marwood Primary School Newsletter

12/02/2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope everyone has been keeping warm and active. Controlling the temperature at school has been a challenge, as we need to keep the rooms well ventilated. The children and staff have been dressed in many layers and have been hard working throughout. Next week is a chance for children to rest from their studies and be ready for 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb and the challenges of learning at home and school.

At the end of this half-term, I wish to thank and congratulate a great many people:

- The MSA for their support and continued work and for buying all the remaining items on the Amazon wish list. It felt a bit like Christmas as so many resources were delivered this week.
- Fullabrook CiC for the grant to purchase 5 ChromeBooks – already being well used.
- Marwood School Governors for their support and guidance
- Marwood staff who have adapted teaching to fit with children at home and school and for all their work keeping in touch with everyone.
- All Marwood children and families for all the amazing effort to keep children healthy and learning.

Change to INSET day – Marwood School is open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. School is closed to all children for INSET on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. (Please note this INSET may change once the government make their announcement.) Term dates have been updated [here](#).

Everyone at school is very much hoping that school will reopen on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The decision is expected by government on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

There are some annual 'school' events in March that we want everyone to enjoy. World Book Day, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March (Please see Mrs Cohen's message) and the opportunity to join in with Comic Relief fund raising on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Covid 19 contact tracing over February Half-Term break – If a child, who has been in school, returns a positive test result up to and including Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February please email [adobson@marwood.devon.sch.uk](mailto:adobson@marwood.devon.sch.uk). I will then let the parents of the children in that bubble know if their child needs to isolate.

Parent Consultations for those with children at home will continue until 4<sup>th</sup> March. Consultations for parents with children in school part-time or full-time will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> March with booking opening on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Possible B3230 Muddiford to Plaistow road closure starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. I am aware of a proposal to close the road for 4 weeks, but no details are available yet. I will send updates via School Gateway over half term if I have any more information.









Half term holiday club – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. A holiday club for vulnerable children and children of critical workers is available at Southmead Primary in Braunton run by [primary-sports.co.uk](http://primary-sports.co.uk). Details attached with this newsletter.

Please note email contact: [north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk) or call 07531530131(Jemma) or 0789954068(Tia).

Braunton Together – Embracing Diversity Poster Competition. All children invited to design and make a poster to embrace and inform everyone who visits Braunton that they are welcome and valued members of our community. Entries can be handed in at school or posted to the school office. Please see details further down.

Kind regards

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## World Book Day – Toilet Roll Challenge

World Book Day is on the 4<sup>th</sup> March and we thought it would be fun to take part in this competition set by the Babcock School Library Service as we can't celebrate in our usual way.

The challenge is to use any size roll (loo roll/ kitchen roll/ wrapping paper roll) and decorate it to represent your favourite character or book.

### The Brief:

- The design should be created using cardboard tubes whilst in their original cylindrical shape – that's the challenge!
- The tubes cannot be wrapped in paper but it is acceptable to stick things on to create the design.
- The design should represent your favourite book character or book.
- Any size cardboard tube is acceptable e.g. kitchen roll tube, wrapping paper tube.
- Any medium can be used to achieve this e.g. felt tip, ink, paint, collage.



The categories are:

- KS 1
- Yr3/4
- Yr5/6

There will be a prize for each category in school. The winners will then be submitted for the Devon-wide competition.

Please email me a photo of your entry by the end of the school day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February: [vcohen@marwood.devon.sch.uk](mailto:vcohen@marwood.devon.sch.uk)

We will be in touch with more reading ideas and activities for ways to celebrate 'World Book Day' at home this year.

Get creative and good luck!

Mrs Cohen



# Your Fire Service needs YOU!

As we are still unable to visit our schools for the annual fire safety talks, we still want households with children to be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms.

If you don't have working smoke alarms then you can call **0800 05 02 999** to request a **free HOME SAFETY CHECK**  
(quote code : 294)

And if you or someone you know answers "yes" to at least one of these questions:

- is over 65 years old?
- finds it difficult to move around?
- can't hear things very well?
- smokes?
- doesn't have one smoke alarm for each level of their home?
- has NO smoke alarms?

They can also request a free **HOME SAFETY CHECK** by calling **0800 05 02 999**

## Devon Cricket Virtual Skills Challenge!!!

### Week 3 - Target Throwing

- <https://youtu.be/03YTnH42s2I>
- Score Submission Sheet - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWwcP0NOYPdyugxXC51nbhCzDBYu5GXAR8\\_HAobdMbB\\_qzWQ/viewform?fbzx=447766518798064](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWwcP0NOYPdyugxXC51nbhCzDBYu5GXAR8_HAobdMbB_qzWQ/viewform?fbzx=447766518798064)

### Leaderboards

- There will be individual leaderboards for each challenge as well as an ongoing school leaderboard
- The school finishing top of the overall leaderboard will win a Kwik Cricket kit bag

### Share your efforts

Don't forget to tag Devon Cricket in on Social Media & use the hashtag #DCVirtualCricketChallenge with any great videos or pictures that you take of yourself in action & we'll share as many as we can!

FACEBOOK - [@DevonCricket](#)

TWITTER - [@devoncricket](#)

INSTAGRAM - [@devoncricket](#)

**Good luck!**James Kemp

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# Marwood Menu

WEEK BEGINNING <b>22/02/2021</b>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Beef Burger Potato wedges and beans	Pasta Bolognese  Mixed Vegetable	Roast Chicken  Roast potato broccoli and carrot	Pepperoni Pizza Muffin  Potatoes and sweetcorn	Fish and Chips  Peas
OPTION 2	Quorn Burger Potato wedges and beans	Cheese Wheel  Mixed Vegetables	Quorn Fillet  Roast potato broccoli and carrot	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Muffin  Potatoes and sweetcorn	Quorn Nuggets and Chips  Peas
OPTION 3	Jacket Potato  Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato  Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato  Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato  Beans and Cheese	<b>x</b>
Dessert <small>Fruit is available</small>	Yoghurt	Flapjack	Ice Cream	Shortbread	Biscuit

# **BRAUNTON TOGETHER – bringing people together**

*'Braunton Together' is a group of people in Braunton that is focused on bringing everyone together, whoever they might be.*

## **'Embracing Diversity Poster Competition'**

Young people attending any one of the 'Braunton Learning Community' schools are invited to create a poster to embrace and inform everyone who visits Braunton that they are welcome and valued members of our community

The purpose of the competition is to encourage young people to reflect upon what Equality, Diversity and Inclusion means to them and to create a poster that can be displayed throughout the village, in all the shops, restaurants/bars and homes.

*There will be a winner and runner-up from each of the 5 schools, each receiving a RESPECT Goodie bag*

All entries must be on either A3 or A4 paper/card and presented at their school's Main Reception by the **Closing Date: midday on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### **Equality, diversity and inclusion definitions (provided to help entrants and supporting staff):**

***Equality** is about providing a level playing field for disadvantaged groups to ensure fairness and encourage respect.*

***Diversity** is about valuing everyone as a unique individual and celebrating this difference.*

***Inclusion** is regarded as a process of addressing and responding to the diverse needs of all people, supporting everyone, through increasing participation to feel part of the community they are in.*

### **Judging criteria**

Entries must clearly meet the following judging criteria:

- Clarity and accessibility of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion message
- Level of effort shown
- Originality of concept
- Quality of work
- Impact on viewer/audience
- Scope for awareness raising and promotion

## **A message from Alan Cruden regarding Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

1st Marwood Scouts; <https://www.1stmarwoodscouts.com/>

6-8 years Beavers start back on Zoom from 4.2.21 at 5pm to 6pm then every Thursday.

8-10 1/2 years Cubs & 10 1/2 - 14 years Scouts combined is running every Thursday  
6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

To keep everyone safe this will continue until after Easter holidays, when decisions about returning to face-to-face scouting will be made.

If you are interested in your child joining, details and waiting list can be found here: [1st Marwood Scouts](#)

## A message from Mrs Greenslade

### Need a project for lockdown? How about carrying out some research?

10 years ago Anna Bowman wrote her book about Marwood. Since that time June Tamlyn, David Pepper and Graham Edwards have produced a graveyard plan for the church, Jane Rattue has photographed and transcribed our records from 1602 to the present and other pieces of research are ongoing.

When circumstances permit we would like this information to be made available to everyone. But there may be more? You may like to research your property, its inhabitants or you may have other historical information you could share. Could you record or write down your memories of events in Marwood? Do let me know if you can share any information or plan to do some research.

Margaret Greenslade tel.372065