

Marwood Primary School Newsletter

05/02/2021

Dear Parent / Carer

With one more week to go until the February break I am grateful to everyone who has put so much effort and time into educating Marwood's children at home and at school. Please remember that it is OK to take a break and that all of us make mistakes. Oak Academy maths answer sheets are an example of this!

We want to get all children back at school and to help them achieve and enjoy as soon as we are able. To help with this we are going to do Parent / Teacher consultations in two stages. Details have been sent to all families about how we are reporting on children's learning and targets this term. I have also placed a copy of the message in this newsletter.

The weather at the beginning of next week looks very cold; I have added the Severe Weather Policy in this newsletter. It contains useful links if we have wintry weather. Please take care in the lanes.









Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 9th February. I will be sharing the online assembly with children at school. If your child is at home on Tuesday, please show them this assembly and talk to them about 'trust.' [Virtual assembly for 7-11s | Safer Internet Centre](#)

Half term holiday – Monday 15th to Friday 19th 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. Details attached with this newsletter.

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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Parent / Teacher Consultations Spring Term 2021

Two stages

Stage 1 - 8th February to 4th March parents of children at home

Stage 2 - 8th March to 26th March parents of children who have been in school part-time or full-time

Dear Parent / Carer

As the school year has been impacted by the lockdown, Marwood School will not send your child's written report before Easter as usual. Staff will offer parent / teacher consultations in two stages.

Stage 1

Parents with children at home will be the priority in the weeks leading up to Thursday 4th March. Using the time available in the school afternoons, staff will have a 10 minute Teams meeting or phone call with you to talk through your child's strengths and areas for development. It will be an opportunity to share any issues and to target support as we aim to bring everyone back together to learn at school.

Stage 2

Once school (hopefully) reopens from March 8th, consultations will be arranged for critical worker parents and parents of vulnerable children; who have had their children with us in school part-time or full-time. These will be after school as they were in October last year. There will be a booking system for this once we are certain of the reopening date.

For Stage 1 - Class teachers available between 1:00 and 2:00 pm on the days below.

If you are a parent with a child at home please email your child's Class teacher to arrange a time for your Teams or telephone consultation.

Class 1 Monday / Tuesday sgriffin@marwood.devon.sch.uk

Class 1 Thursday / Friday gmay@marwood.devon.sch.uk

Class 2 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday lhume@marwood.devon.sch.uk

Class 3 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday nmannell@marwood.devon.sch.uk

Class 4 – Monday rpolak@marwood.devon.sch.uk

Class 4 - Wednesday / Thursday / Friday vcohen@marwood.devon.sch.uk

For Stage 2 details to be sent after February half term.

We hope to send written reports home later in the Summer term.

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Dear Parent

Severe Weather Policy

Following the advice of Devon Local Authority, Marwood School will endeavour to remain open during periods of severe weather; usually ice or snow.

Arrangements for School Closure

Either the headteacher or the Chair of Governors will make a decision to close the school based on the safety of children, parents and staff. We will take advice from the local police regarding road conditions and the Met Office website for weather updates. The decision will be made as early as possible, being aware that conditions can change quickly. If there is significant snow A&B Contractors will be used to clear snow and salt the lanes from Crocker's Bridge, past school, over the crossroads and back down North Lane to the Milltown / Ilfracombe road. An update will be posted on the school website if this has taken place.

Getting School Closure Information

Information on all Devon schools can be found at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/>

An email will be sent giving closure information to parents via School Comms.

Parents can sign up to be emailed directly from Devon County Council when a school is closed [here](#). The home page of the school website www.marwood.devon.sch.uk will be adjusted to give daily updates. Please be aware that weather conditions just a few miles from Marwood can be very different and check before you start your journey to school. Parents can contact the school on 01271 850395 and listen to Radio Devon 94.8FM or The Voice 106.1 / 107.8FM for school closure information.

Work is available on the school website <https://www.marwood.devon.sch.uk/learning/> under each class' tab.


Should severe weather occur once school has already started and the school needs to close, parents will be contacted and children will be looked after until they can be picked up.

School Open – Delayed Journeys

The local lane network leading to the school is not on any of the council's gritting routes and icy conditions can make the hills leading to and from school difficult. If the lanes are icy at 8.30 a.m. and the school is open you can bring your children to school later in the morning once the ice has had chance to melt.

Parents and children need to take care on the paths on the school site. Rock salt is applied when it is icy, however it cannot be guaranteed that every patch of ice will have melted.

Marwood Menu

WEEK BEGINNING 08/02/2021					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Meatball sub Potato wedges and beans	Pepperoni Pizza Muffin Potatoes and sweetcorn	Roast Pork Roast potato broccoli and carrot	Macaroni Cheese (vegetarian) Mixed veg	Fish and Chips Peas
OPTION 2	Quorn hot dog Potato wedges and beans	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Muffin Potatoes and sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet Roast potato broccoli and carrot		Southern Style Quorn Burger 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	x
Dessert <small>Fruit is available</small>	Flapjack	Fruit smoothie	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 24th 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.

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