

Marwood Primary School Newsletter

04/03/2021

Dear Parent / Carer

All at school are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday. I hope the provision we had in place for the last 8 weeks have worked and I express thanks to everyone who has helped children learn at home and at school. Staff and I are finalising our arrangements for Monday 8th March on our INSET day tomorrow. I am very grateful to the critical worker families who rearranged their week to keep their children at home on Friday 5th

From 8th March we will operate the school in class bubbles and the drop off and pick arrangements will be as they were in December. Class 1 to use car park, Class 2 to use the garden gate and Classes 3 and 4 the gate in the lane. As before, older children can come in through the younger child's gate. Parents will need to remain distanced at each gate and will be expected to leave straight away after drop off and pick up. Parents using the car park for Class 1's gate must wait until 8:30am before leaving.









INSET day – School is closed to all children for INSET tomorrow - Friday 5th March. Term dates [here](#).

Parent Consultations - Teams consultations for parents with children in school part-time or full-time will take place from 11th March. Parents who have not had a consultation yet received an email link last Friday to a Forms questionnaire to indicate the days they would prefer by the end of today. If you have not completed the questionnaire yet please do so. If you never received it, please contact me adobson@marwood.devon.sch.uk

World Book Day dress up – Friday 12th March. Children invited to dress as a book character or come in uniform as a school pupil from a wide range of children's books! There is no charge for this. Children will receive their World Book Day token and the winners of the cardboard tube competition will be announced.

Kind regards

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Marwood Menu

	WEEK BEGINNING 8/03/2021				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Beef Burgers Potato wedges and beans	Macaroni Cheese with Bacon Mixed Vegetable	Roast Pork Roast potato broccoli, cauliflower and carrot	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce sweetcorn	Fish and Chips Peas
OPTION 2	Quorn Burgers Potato wedges and beans	Macaroni Cheese Mixed Vegetables	Vegetarian Roast Roast potato broccoli, cauliflower and carrot	Pasta Bake sweetcorn	Vegetable Fingers Chips and 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	Iced Sponge	Fruit and Ice Cream	Pancakes	Biscuit

After school tennis club for children in Classes 3 and 4 starts on Monday 8th March 3:15 to 4:15. It is hoped that younger children will be able to join again after Easter.

Please see further on in this newsletter for details of:

- Online Karate
- Max's Big Camp Out 27th March
- MSA Easter Bonnet Competition 1st April

Details coming next week for our Comic Relief / Red Nose day activities on Friday 19th March.

Schools Reopening - 8 Reasons to Feel Reassured

1. We are returning to what we know

Schools are places of routine and structure - even if these routines have had to change, the predictability of the school day will be hugely reassuring for many.

2. Teachers are trained to respond to what's in front of them

There is no such thing as 'normal' when it comes to learning. All learners are individual and teachers respond to where the young person is, not where anyone says they *should* be.

3. Learning is a process not a 'thing'

This means that we can't lose learning like it's a tangible thing. Some learning just hasn't taken place yet. Young people will take the lead from us, so if we don't talk of 'catching up', they won't feel they need to.

4. Equally, learning is a process, not a product

We can't buy 'learning' and we can't give 'learning'. Learners have to be ready to learn and this relies on relationships and wellbeing.

5. Teachers build trust

Some children will be naturally worried about returning to school, but when staff build trust first and foremost, learning will naturally follow.

6. Intrinsic motivation comes into play

In New Zealand, during the Christchurch earthquakes, young people missed huge amounts of school, however results did not suffer². Young people knew what they needed to do to succeed.

7. It's back to school, not back to learning

As adults, we can look back and see that school was one place where we learned, but not the only place. Some children will have learned huge amounts during this time, just in unexpected ways.

8. We don't know what we don't know

We can only speculate what the impact of the pandemic will be on young people. Yes, unfortunately for some it will have taken a great toll, but for others they will have built their character in ways we didn't know possible – resilience, creativity, self-sufficiency are all words we have heard a lot from parents and young people in the last year.

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MAX'S BIG CAMP OUT

I'm Max, I'm 11 and since the end of March 2020 I have been camping out to raise money for the North Devon Hospice.

Please join me on **Saturday 27th March** to camp out or make a den inside to celebrate children all over the world getting through a whole year of lockdowns and restrictions. It will be my 365th night!



Most children have had times of isolation and being away from their friends, so I would like to focus on improving children's mental health, and let children be in control for Max's Big Camp Out. Children get to choose how they camp and who they raise funds for and signing up is simple.

Simply go to **www.MaxsBigCampOut.JustGiving.com** and select 'get involved'. Pick your chosen charity and simply follow the instructions. Ask your family and friends to support with donations and get sharing! You will have your own page but also see how much we have all raised together!

It's going to be a fun night - Saturday 27th March - with Max's Big Camp Out

**MAX'S BIG
CAMP OUT**

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MARCH 27TH 2021



Easter Bonnet competition!

Thursday 1st April

Please leave your bonnet entries in the hall by 8.30am with your name and class marked inside the bonnet.

Each entry will receive a lolly.

1 winner from each year will receive an Easter themed prize!





North Devon Karate

FREE FREE FREE

Yes, it is completely free to join in online karate. If you trained with me before lockdown or not the training is completely free of charge.

Go to

<https://www.northdevonkarate.co.uk/bookings>

or <https://cal.smoothbook.co/bookings#/class>

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