

Marwood Primary School Newsletter

17/09/2021

Dear Parent / Carer

We are two weeks into the new school year and our youngest children start school fulltime on Monday 20th. They have all grown in confidence and staff are really enjoying getting to know them. Other age groups at school are stepping up to their new challenges. Year 5 children all had Young Leader sports training this week and are looking forward to leading play time activities from Monday.

Reading- It has been great to see so many parent comments in children's reading diaries – it is really effective to work in partnership to improve children's reading. Please give feedback to Mrs Cohen regarding the reading changes.

Class 3 – have a day visit to Kents Cavern Torquay on Wednesday to bring their History learning to life. Thanks to all involved.

Class 4 residential to Ultimate Adventure Bideford 6th to 8th October – a kit list and letter will be sent home next week.

Covid 19 – Thank you to everyone for taking precautions to help reduce transmission of Covid 19. It is vital that symptomatic children and adults isolate until a PCR result is known. PCR testing is best arranged online [Welcome - COVID Testing Portal \(service-now.com\)](#) the results are coming back quickly.

Marwood School Association MSA (the parents and friends group) is holding its AGM in the Community Hall on Wednesday 29th September starting at 7:30pm. This group has raised £1000s over the years to benefit the school, all are welcome and it would be great to see new parents.











Ofsted Parent View – It has been more than 13 years since Ofsted last visited Marwood School. It would be very much appreciated if parents could complete the survey on [Give your views | Ofsted Parent View](#) If you have not used the service before you will need to complete a quick registration process on the site.

Pedestrians in the lane Please take extra care of families walking to and from school in the lanes. I have reminded all children today that they must stay with their parents once they have gone through the gates.

Marwood's School Council will have its first meeting on Monday 20th Sept. I am looking forward to working with the children to improve the school for all.

Kind regards

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After School Clubs Autumn 2021		
Monday	Tuesday	Friday
<p>Tennis</p> <p>Devonshire Tennis Academy</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 3:00 – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Football</p> <p>Exeter Soccer Schools</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 3:00 – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Karate</p> <p>North Devon Karate – Will Homa</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 3:00 – 4:00pm</p>

Marwood Menu

Please talk through the menu in the morning to help your child make their choice.

WEEK BEGINNING 20/09/2021					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Outdoor meal
OPTION 1	Sausage Rolls Diced Potatoes and Beans	Sweet and Sour Chicken Rice and Peas	Roast Gammon Roast Potatoes and Mixed Veg	Beef Burger Potato Wedges and Corn on the Cob	Battered Fish and Chips
OPTION 2	Quorn Sausage Rolls Diced Potatoes and Beans	Sweet and Sour Quorn Rice and Peas	Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes and Mixed Veg	Plant Burger Potato Wedges and Corn on the Cob	Cheese and Onion Pasty and Chips
OPTION 3	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	X

<p>Please ensure all your children's clothes have their name in, it really helps your child take responsibility for their things.</p>

Relationships and Health Education

The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting Marwood School on Friday 24th September. Helen, the educator, will lead a session in each class and work with the children on the areas below.

The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the **SCARF** resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

Workshops – LifeBase

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

- Early Years and Key Stage 1: children learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.
- Key Stage 2: children explore emotional needs, choices that can affect health and wellbeing, qualities of friendship, how to cope with bullying and the influence of friends. They also consider the effects and risks of drug use, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco as well as learning about how few people in their age group actually use non-medical drugs – this is social norms education.

Wider PSHE education and SCARF

Over 45,000 teachers across the UK are now subscribers – here are some reasons why we have chosen this resource:

- SCARF provides a whole-school approach to building essential foundations – crucial for children to achieve their best, academically and socially
- Supports learning across all ages
- Timetabled lessons to support mental health & wellbeing
- Covers all the new DfE statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Regularly updated online curriculum
- Supports our school in meeting Ofsted's expectations
- UK's leading charity provider – not for profit

Click [here](#) to find out more about Coram Life Education & SCARF

Parents can find activities on 'Me and My Relationships' to use at home [here](#).

Author visit and book signing

We are fortunate to be welcoming author, poet and story teller, Chitra Soundar, into school in the new school year on Tuesday October 5th.



Chitra Soundar is an Indian-born British writer, storyteller and author of children's books, based in London. Chitra grew up on a wholesome diet of stories from Indian myths, epics and folklore. She's funny with friends, plays pranks at work and puts a lot of jokes into her books that are usually set in India or in Indian homes. She is keen to create stories with Asian themes and protagonists that have broad appeal to children from all backgrounds.

Chitra has been a teacher, programmer and other complicated jobs that grownups do in an office. She has written picture books, stories for emerging readers, poetry and junior fiction. She occasionally writes some poems too. Chitra's picture books, especially The Farmer Falgu series have been translated into French, German, Thai, Japanese and American English and are quite popular amongst children. In the UK, Chitra is published by Walker Books, Otter-Barry Books, Lantana Publishing, Bloomsbury amongst others. She has over 30 books in print worldwide. In 2018, A Jar of Pickles and a Pinch of Justice won the Eugenie Summerfield Children's Book Prize.

You can find out more about her here: <https://www.chitrasoundar.com/>



Congratulations to Otis and Danny who enjoyed the Voice Radio – My Ride Home from School - on Tuesday.



Marwood Term Dates 2021 – 2022 Children are expected to attend on all days marked yellow.

Please note there will be one extra day of closure for the Queen’s Jubilee in this school year, probably either 27th May or 6th June. I will let you know once it has been agreed.

Devon School Term Dates: 2021-22 Academic Year

School Name (s)	Marwood School														
DIE number (s)	878 2238														
Contact name	Alun Dobson														
Date submitted	04/12/2019														
	Sep-2021					Oct-2021					Nov-2021				
Monday		N	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Friday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
	Dec-2021					Jan-2022					Feb-2022				
Monday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	N
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Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Saturday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
	Mar-2022					Apr-2022					May-2022				
Monday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
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Saturday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
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	Jun-2022					Jul-2022					Aug-2022				
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key:	days within Devon's school terms					days outside Devon's school terms					Bank Holidays and weekends				