

Marwood Primary School Newsletter

26/11/2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Covid 19. As of today there are three confirmed cases in Class 3 and two in Class 4.

Everyone is grateful for the effort to follow the guidance to reduce the spread of Covid 19. Staff will call parents to collect their child and have them PCR tested if we see any of the notifiable symptoms during the school day. We cannot diagnose a whether a cough is 'just a cough'. The Barnstaple Walk In PCR test centre is returning results very quickly. The guidance is that well children should attend school and do not need to isolate unless they have a positive PCR result. We are keeping our Covid Secure measures in place; ventilation, cleaning, handwashing and sanitising. If your child has a new cough and / or a high temperature and / or loss of smell / taste – the Covid 19 symptoms - they need a PCR test not a LFD.

Devon Covid updates can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice for people and businesses in Devon](#)

The up to date Devon Data can be found here [Coronavirus dashboard and data in Devon - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

UPDATE on LFD – primary age children without symptoms who are waiting for a PCR test result to come back can take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test. An example is if the PCR test was taken in an afternoon as a contact and the result had not come back before school the next day a LFD could be used. If the LFD is negative the child can come to school. If the child has symptoms they must isolate until the PCR result is known. Unfortunately primary schools cannot supply LFD tests for children.

School Closure for Queen's Jubilee – Governors have set the date as Monday 6th June 2022 - Marwood School will be closed on this day.

Christmas performances: Each class is planning to present a performance in December. Due to Covid 19 cases increasing we are not inviting families onsite. I am going to record each performance (music or play) and host recordings on the Marwood YouTube. Please look out for details in the final week of term

Christmas Events – Although we cannot invite parents onsite we are going ahead with a children's Christmas Fair on Friday 10th December 1:15 – 3:00. Class 4 children are organising 11 games and activities for the rest of the school. Each class will have a time slot to go around and try them out, children will be able to vote for their favourite. The MSA are going to organise refreshments and we are asking for a £2 donation per child to take part. This will cover all games and refreshments. Children can bring money in on Friday 10th.










Last Afterschool Clubs before the end of term – please see details in table on page 2.

Severe Weather Policy – Please see page 3 for details of Marwood School's actions and information for parents if there is severe weather. (Ice, snow or flooding.)

Community Christmas events – Christingle, Church Christmas Fair and a Bingo session are advertised further on in this newsletter.

Kind regards

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After School Clubs Autumn 2021		
Monday	Tuesday	Friday
<p>Tennis</p> <p>Last session Monday 6th December</p> <p>Devonshire Tennis Academy</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 3:00 – 4:00pm</p> <p>Please see Spring term booking form at the end of this newsletter.</p>	<p>Football</p> <p>Last session Tuesday 30th November</p> <p>Exeter Soccer Schools</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 3:00 – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Karate</p> <p>Last session Friday 3rd December</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 29/11/2021					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Outdoor meal
OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese with Bacon Pieces Mixed Vegetables	Pasta Bolognese Green Beans, Cauliflower and Gravy	Roast Gammon and Pineapple Roast Potatoes, Farmhouse Veg and Gravy	Organic Beef Burger Beans and Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers Chips and Peas
OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese Mixed Vegetables	Quorn Sausage Roll Green Beans, Cauliflower and Gravy	Vegetable Puff Roast Potatoes, Farmhouse Veg and Gravy	Plant Burger Beans and Potato Wedges	Cheese and Onion Pasty 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

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

Severe Weather Policy – November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

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.

Contingency Plan for Learning

Work for children is available on the school [website](#) under each class curriculum 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 Parish Church
invite you to join
us on
Sunday

Nov. 28th

4pm



All donations to the Childrens' Society



MARWOOD CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 4th December 2021 2 -4 pm
in Marwood Church

We are holding our Fair in the
Church this year so there is plenty of
space for everyone, so please come!

Christmas Grotto, cakes, sweets, preserves, gifts,
books, tombola, guess the weight of the cake and
the number of sweets, books, decorations, Children's
Hospice cards, refreshments, etc., etc.

All Welcome!



SOUTH MOLTON VINTAGE RALLY CLUB

BINGO

**MARWOOD
COMMUNITY HALL
EX31 4HF**

December 10th

Eyes down @ 7.30 pm



Tennis Club

Dear Parents

We are delighted to announce that the **Devonshire Tennis Academy** will be continuing our after-school club at Marwood Primary School in the spring term.

Our club will run in a fun & Covid-19 safe way by running outside, plus all our equipment will be sanitised before & after, children will sanitise hands before & after the club too.

Our tennis club develops the techniques of all the major shots, getting the children to learn how to rally & play points with the aim to increase your child's confidence & life skills, whilst having fun in a safe and stimulating environment.

Tennis

Monday 10th January – Monday 4th April 2022 (*exc. 21st & 28th Feb for half term*)

3 – 4pm Reception, Years 1 - 6 *£33 (11 week course)

*Marwood Primary are subsidising the course fee using their PPG funding

To book please email the following to: bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com – 20 places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis so do book early to avoid disappointment.

Child's Name:..... D.o.B: Class:

Parent's Name(s):..... Contact tel N°:

Alternative tel N°:..... Email Address:

Medical conditions / allergies / additional information:

How to pay

Devonshire Tennis Academy

SC 30-98-97

Account No. 57684068

(Please use your child's name & school as a reference)

www.devonshiretennisacademy.com

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

School Admission Arrangements & Education Transport Policy

**Opens on
1 November
2021**



**Closes on
7 January
2022**

You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2023-24**
To view the policies, visit

**www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy**

****and the following Plymouth academies : Old Priory Junior Academy, Plympton St Mary's CofE Infant School, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery, St Peter's CofE Primary School**

and in Torbay : All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Brixham CofE Primary, Collaton St Mary CofE Primary, Ellacombe Academy, Galmpton CofE Primary, Ilsham CofE Academy, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, Shiphay Learning Academy, St Marychurch CofE Primary, St Michael's CofE Academy, Upton St James CofE Primary, Warberry CofE Academy