Dear Parent / Carer

Online Safety- The schools within the Braunton Learning Cooperative Trust provided a really informative parents' session last term on internet safety. Sadly, children may still do things without telling adults, and adults may also not be fully monitoring their child's online activity. The key message is that parents need to monitor and be alongside children as many are already using social media, they need support to navigate it, show respect and behave safely. In our wider community recently with an older primary aged pupil shared an unsolicited image to another child. Please build in opportunities to share and talk about appropriate online activity and, importantly, keep reminding them to tell you about anything that they may be, in their words, 'weird,' or different or simply inappropriate and wrong.

Keeping Safe Outdoors and Tick guidance – See information on page 4 for information about ticks. It has been great to see children with hats at school to protect from the sun. Please apply sun protection lotion to your child before school.

National Assessments All the primary school national assessments are back on after the 2 year Covid interruption. Staff at school continue to work to give children the best opportunity to succeed. Our aim is not to put pressure on children and to allow them to enjoy the challenge they are well prepared for. Please see the dates below. Other year groups will have 'in school' assessments during the Summer Term.

9th to 12th May - Year 6 SATs

16th to 27th May - Year 2 Assessment challenges (in classroom with breaks spread over the two weeks – not every day.)

Week beginning 6th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Week beginning 6th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Governor Vacancies – After great service as school governors; Laurence Young and Deepun Gosrani are standing down. They have been instrumental in oversight of the school and especially with guidance during Covid - I am very grateful to them both. Please see details of the vacancies on our governing board on page three and attached via email.

Support at Meal Times – The children are really enjoying having some new faces at lunchtimes. Any offers of help on a Wednesday or Friday would be much appreciated. Please contact the school office. admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk

After school clubs – Monday's Tennis and Friday's Karate are the only after school club next week. The next Cricket and Rounders club session is Tuesday 17th May.

Marwood School Jubilee Celebration – Friday 20th May – please see the posters further on in this newsletter. We are hoping for great weather to enjoy a family event with children and parents on the field.

Kind regards

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After School Clubs Summer 2022 3:00 – 4:00 pm										
Monday	Tuesday	Friday								
Tennis	Cricket and	Karate								
Devonshire Tennis	Rounders	North Devon Karate –								
Academy	Cancelled Tuesday 10 th May	Will Homa								
KS1 and KS2 3:00 – 4:00pm	Restarts Tuesday 17 th May	KS1 and KS2 3:00 – 4:00pm								

Marwood Menu

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

	School week beginning Monday 09/05/2022											
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY							
OPTION 1	Mac 'n' Cheese Mixed Vegetables	Beef Burger Herby Potatoes and Beans	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes, Farmhouse Vegetables	Pasta and Meatballs Sweetcorn	Fish and Chips Peas							
OPTION 2		Plant Burger Herby Potatoes and Beans	Vegetable Wellington Roast Potatoes, Farmhouse Vegetables	Pasta and Veggie Meatballs Sweetcorn	Southern Style Quorn Burger Peas							
OPTION 3	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	X							

Required April - Meal Time Assistant(s) Wednesday / Thursday / Friday

Marwood School has opportunities for new Meal Time Assistants (MTAs). We are looking for caring people who can interact with the children and undertake the responsibility of supervising and ensuring the safety of the children at lunchtimes. The timing is one hour a day, 12:00 - 1:00. An extra half hour is also available to take on a Covid secure cleaning role 11:30-12:00.

Days available are Wednesday, Thursday Friday (One person could work 3 days or 3 people could work one day each; or other combinations.)

The main duties are:

- To assist with the well-being of pupils during lunchtime;
- To support the supervision of children during lunch and play, using your initiative to ensure caring quality provision is continuously made;
- To co-ordinate play for pupils;
- To clean down and pack away the tables and benches.

Experience of working with children is not essential, just the passion to help improve the life chances of children within a school environment whilst being prepared to work inside and outside (in all weathers.)

Marwood is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure is required for this post as is induction to the school's procedures.

To apply please contact the school office 01271 850395 or email admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk.

Parent Governor and Foundation Governor Vacancy

Dear Parent / Carer

There are 2 vacancies for parent governors on our school's governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill it. Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting at least once a term. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and I know that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance. Governors have played a vital role in helping keep the school operating during the Covid 19 pandemic.

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:

Finance, buildings and legal knowledge

For further details and a nomination for (to be returned by Friday 13th May) please see the details attached with this newsletter.

Public Health Devon warns of Lyme disease this tick season

It's tick season, and with our woodlands and favourite countryside paths becoming thicker with vegetation, the chances of us getting ticks at this time of year is greater, warn Public Health Devon.

"Ticks thrive in warmer weather and in lush vegetation," says Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon. "And with warmer weather and people taking to the outdoors for recreation, woodlands and overgrown paths are likely to have ticks living among them."

There are around 1,500 cases of Lyme disease each year in England and Wales, commonly spread by ticks. And case levels here in Devon are routinely higher than England's average.

Early symptoms include a 'bullseye' rash around the site of the bite, and flu-like reactions such as fatigue, fever, chills or muscle aches.

Prevention and being prepared to respond quickly is the best form of protection, including:

- walking on defined paths
- covering up as much as possible
- wearing light coloured clothing so that ticks are easier to spot
- · wearing an insect repellent that can deter ticks from climbing onto skin
- carrying out regular checks after outdoor activity, as spotting them early allows you to act promptly

For more advice about how to properly remove a tick, and what to do if the removal's unsuccessful, <u>read the full</u> story on the news page of our website.



The Queen's Jubilee picnic

Friday 20th May 1.30pm - 4pm

Join us on the Marwood School field from 1.30pm and bring a picnic!

Baking competition ...Design a crown/tiara competition ...Bouncy castle...and there will be ice creams for sale!

(Marwood School pupils and their families only)







The Queen's Jubilee competitions!



4 decorated fairy cakes 4 decorated biscuits Show Stopper jubilee cake





Craft category:

Make a crown from any material Make a tiara from any material Draw a picture of the Queen

Age categories: 4-7yrs and 8-12 yrs Please bring your entries by 2pm, judging will take place at 2.30pm. Free entry to as many categories as you'd like to enter!

Plant Sale



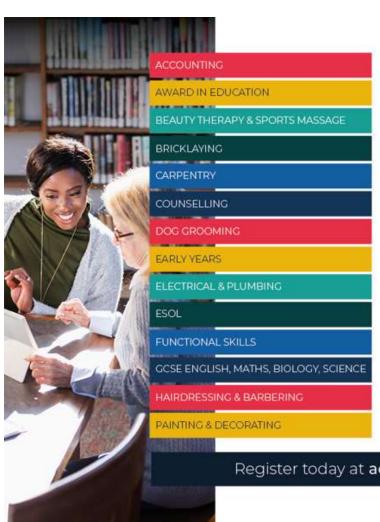
Sat 14th May, 10-12noon Muddiford Chapel



Payment by CASH or CHEQUE only

(Sorry - we do not have a Bank Card Reader

(on the B3230 between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe)



ADULT OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 10 MAY | 5:00-7:00pm LIFESTYLE CENTRE, PETROC OLD STICKLEPATH HILL, BARNSTAPLE

If you've ever dreamt of changing your career, starting your own business, or learning a new skill, then Petroc's extensive range of flexible and affordable adult part-time courses could make those dreams a reality.

Join us for our Adult Open Event, discover our courses and talk to our lecturers. Our friendly Advice & Guidance Team will be on hand to offer support on everything from funding options, to how to apply.

Whatever your interests, qualifications, or future goals, Petroc can help you go further in life!

Register today at adult-open-event.eventbrite.co.uk

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MED Theatre's NEW Tarka Drama Clubs for creative creatures







Curious about Tarka clubs?

Join MED Theatre on Monday nights for fun activities and games as we use our local history, mythology and ecology to inspire story-telling and story-making!

Starts after June half-term but don't miss the taster session!

Prama - Creative writing - Movement Film making - Music - Poetry

Kits 5-7yrs 4-4:45pm

Otters 8-12yrs 5-6pm

Tarka Young Company 13-19yrs 6:15-7:15pm Braunton Academy Isaac Hall



To book a space contact fernlindsay@medtheatre.co.uk or call 01647 441356



Sign up now for our amazing May half term holiday clubs!

Learn from top Exeter City Community Trust Coaches, improve your skills, have fun and make new friends.

We've got three fun-packed days planned, including Match Mania, Goalkeepers & Strikers and - new for this May - our brilliant Football Fever sessions!

The perfect holiday activity for boys and girls aged from 5 to 14. Limited spaces available - book early to avoid disappointment

MONDAY 30TH MAY - WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022

www.exetercct.org/holidayclubs

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COACHES FROM EXETER CITY FC ACADEMY WILL BE TALENT SPOTTING AT OUR CLUBS!

LOCATIONS:

9.30AM - 3.30PM EXETER - EXWICK SPORTS HUB, EX4 2BQ

9.30AM - 3.30PM EXMOUTH - EXMOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EX8 3AF

10AM - 3PM BARNSTAPLE - PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL, EX32 9AX

10AM - 3PM ILFRACOMBE - ILFRACOMBE ACADEMY, EX34 9JB

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Exclusive events, meet the players, fun activities all year round - and 10% off all your Exeter City Community Trust holiday clubs, plus so much more.

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