



## Marwood Primary School Newsletter 9th February 2024

Spring Term 2024

Book Donation  
requests from  
class 3&4 for  
our Library:

- Diary of a wimpy kid books
- Tom Gates books
- Sports books
- Football books
- Guinness world record books
- Jacqueline Wilson books
- Percy Jackson books
- The Tree House books
- Manga / Anime books.

Thank you!

Dear Parent / Carer.

The school year is now halfway through and the children are really working to live up to our curriculum values – Ambitious Progress, Learning to Learn and Respectful Consideration. Please take a moment over the half term break to ask them to tell you what they have learned over the last 6 weeks. Do not accept the answer 'nothing!'

Foundation teacher – Mrs Allie Barnett has accepted the 3 day a week Class 1 EYFS post and will start after Easter. For the next six weeks Mrs May will teach Monday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Gauson will teach Tuesdays and Wednesdays until Mrs Barnett starts.

Families moving on – the Mkandla family are relocating to the North West of England and the Mitchel – Insole family are starting at Caen School in Braunton after half term. I wish the children and their families every success in their new schools and future. It has been great to have them as members of Marwood School.

School Librarian Book requests – The children in Classes 3 and 4 have some requests for donations for the library – if you have any of the books listed to the left in good condition and wish to donate them please pass them to the school office.

World Book Day tokens – children should have brought their tokens home today – please encourage them to read over half term.

Staff farewells - Mrs Griffin and Mrs Mannell had their last days at Marwood on Wednesday this week – we thanked them for all their work and celebrated their achievements in assembly. On behalf of all I wish them both the very best for the future.

Regards,

Alun.

A message from Mrs Mannell:

I just wanted you all to know how much I appreciate all the wonderful messages, cards and gifts but mostly the kind words that have been said to me 😊. I could never put into words everything I want to say but I hope this goes some way to letting everybody know how much it has touched my heart. ❤️


Although I'm so excited to be starting a new journey, saying goodbye to something I have been part of for last 17 years has been really hard. I didn't realise how hard these last few weeks were going to be. Teaching, for me, has been an absolute joy and something I have loved.










I have always given it my all and tried my best to allow the children I teach to thrive. However, I couldn't have done it without the support of my Marwood family; the wonderful people I work with and the families and children I have had the pleasure to get to know and teach over the years.

I had a moment on Wednesday night, when I switched the lights off to my classroom for the very last time, realising that I was no longer the class 3 teacher. But I walked away with joy in my heart for the happy memories I take with me and also knowing that I am passing it onto very capable hands, and I know they will continue to do a wonderful job. ❤️



# After School Clubs 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Devonshire Tennis Academy	Football Years 3 – 6 Only	Badminton club Class 3/4 only	Cook Stars 3.00 – 4.15pm 

	Alun Dobson – Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead		<a href="mailto:send@marwood.devon.sch.uk">send@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Jennie Cousins SENDCo – Tues		<a href="mailto:sgriffin@marwood.devon.sch.uk">sgriffin@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Stella Griffin Class 1 - Mon / Tues & Wed
	<a href="mailto:gmay@marwood.devon.sch.uk">gmay@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Gill May Class 1- Thurs / Fri Deputy Safeguarding Lead		<a href="mailto:lhume@marwood.devon.sch.uk">lhume@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Laura Hume Class 2 - Mon to Fri Deputy Safeguarding Lead		<a href="mailto:nmannell@marwood.devon.sch.uk">nmannell@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Natalie Mannell Class 3 - Mon to Wed
	<a href="mailto:hjones@marwood.devon.sch.uk">hjones@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Helen Jones Class 3 – Thurs / Fri Class 4 - Monday		<a href="mailto:rsmales@marwood.devon.sch.uk">rsmales@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Rachel Smales Class 4 Tues - Thurs		<a href="mailto:admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk">admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk</a> Louisa Ley - Administrator

## LUNCH MENU

School week beginning Monday 19/02/2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>OPTION 1</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Wedges & Sweetcorn	Butchers Sausages, Mashed Potato & Carrots	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli	Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta & Green Beans	Jumbo Fish Finger, Chips & Peas or Beans
<b>OPTION 2</b>	Veggie Fajita, Wedges & Sweetcorn	Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potato & Carrots	Quorn pastry puff, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli	Veg Bolognese with Penne Pasta & Green Beans	Veggie Fingers, Chips & Peas or Beans
<b>OPTION 3</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese / Beans / Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese / Beans / Tuna	X

Freshly prepared salad is available with every meal and fresh fruit and yoghurts are always available as a pudding alternative.



# Break the Rules Day

## School Council Fundraising for Whole School Day Trip in the Summer Term.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**For a donation of £2 you could:**

- Call teachers by their first name
- Have crazy hair
- Wear make-up / nail varnish
- Take part in a talent show in assembly – joke / song / dance
- Wear your own clothes or fancy dress
- Have chocolate or sweets instead of fruit
- Teach a lesson to your class
- Have squash in your drinks bottle
- Bring in a cuddly toy
- Wear a temporary tattoo
- Use a different bag to bring your things to school – small suitcase / string bag / etc.

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## February Half Term Tennis Camps



Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.  
Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.

### Junior Camp

5 - 14 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Mon 12th Feb	Rock Park
Tues 13th Feb	Braunton
Wed 14th Feb	Rock Park
Thurs 15th Feb	Braunton
Fri 16th Feb	Rock Park

### Teens Camp

3 - 16 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £10 per day

Tues 13th Feb- Braunton  
Thurs 15th Feb- Braunton

### Locations

Barnstaple	Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH
Braunton	Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP

To book email: [bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com](mailto:bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com)





## FEB HALF TERM CLUB

Join us for a fun filled week of football, games, competitions & prizes  
Girls & Boys  
Ages 4 - 12 years  
9am - 4pm

**MON 12TH - FRI 16TH**

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches

**EARLY BIRD OFFER**  
£25 PER DAY  
Offer closes 1st Feb

**FULL WEEK OFFER**  
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## NORTH DEVON

### FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUBS

Football Fun for  
Boys and Girls

**Barnstaple Park School**  
**Ifracombe Academy**

**Monday 12th February -**  
**Friday 16th February**

**9.30am - 3.30pm**

**THE ACTIVITIES**

Match Mania  
GK & Strikers  
Football Fever,  
Play, Play, Play

**AGES 5-14**

**BOOK TODAY**  
[EXETERCCT.ORG](http://EXETERCCT.ORG)

Reminder that all Junior Grecian Members can get a  
**10% discount off of Holiday Club Bookings**



## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN NORTH DEVON AREA

**We pay expenses of £22.50 a night for each student, they stay in a host family for 7-10 days at a time and are usually placed in pairs.**

Students come over from central and eastern Europe, and are part of a full programme Monday - Saturday 8.30am - 5.30pm. Part of the hosting role is to provide accommodation, 3 meals a day, a safe journey to and from school and your time in the evenings for the students to chat, play games and to improve their English language skills in a warm family setting. This can be a very rewarding experience for all the family, learning about other cultures, forming new connections and making lasting memories for all involved.

If you have any questions or would like some more information about joining us, please visit our website [www.sol.org.uk](http://www.sol.org.uk) or contact our host family coordinator Katie at [katie@sol.org.uk](mailto:katie@sol.org.uk) - 01271327319/ 07833478130

# CARNIVAL!

## FREE EXHIBITION & WORKSHOPS

**TUES 13 - SAT 17 FEBRUARY**

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CARNIVAL**

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