

# Much Marcle News

22nd September 2009

Dear Parents and Pupils

A warm welcome to Much Marcle School if this is your first newsletter and an equally warm welcome back to our usual readers.

It has been lovely to catch up with everyone after the holiday and a pleasure to welcome new children and their families into school. We have admitted our full number of children to reception class this year and we have had three new families join us through out the school.

We have planned another busy term for everyone. You will receive a curriculum information sheet from each class teacher this week. Many of our usual events are included in the important dates at the end of this letter.

## **Breakfast club and After School Club**

Early Birds our morning provision is available from 8.15 - 8.45 every morning. Mrs Tattum provides a warm welcome and a calm start to the day for everyone. FAST Club, our after school club, runs from 3.15 until 5.00pm every evening. Children stay for a snack and a planned activity. We have some 'regulars' and the 'occasional guest'. Mrs Vine the manager will be joined this year by Mrs Barrow.

If you need child care either before or after school please contact Mrs Park our school administrator.

## **Parking**

You may have seen the Community Police officer outside school last Wednesday morning. We were not aware of the plan to observe parking or to place bollards. They are

acting in response to an on going problem with one of our neighbours.

As I have requested on previous occasions the yellow lines should be observed at all times. The only exception being a valid disabled badge. In the interest of the children's safety please park with patience and courtesy.

## **Absence**

One aspect of our Ofsted inspection was down graded because of attendance. This is because of a government focus upon families who take holidays in term time and those who do not support their children's education. The situation in our school is not extreme but statistically our attendance rate is dropping year on year.

After discussion in our last governors' meeting we have decided that holiday requests will be considered by governors before a decision is made.

## **PTA Disco**

The PTA have arranged a disco for this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September to welcome new families into school. The staff and I look forward to meeting you there.

## **Labelling Clothes**

As always at this time of year can I remind you to ensure that your child's clothes are named. If you use ink, check after a few weeks that the name is still legible. It is very difficult to track down the owner of a sweatshirt using the size only!

## **Take 5 Film Project**

On the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> September, children in years 4 and 5 will be off to the Oscars! The morning is a celebration of a film

project that the children took part in during the summer term. The children will travel to the Odeon in Hereford and walk along the red carpet, before watching the films that we and the other schools wrote, filmed and produced. Much Marcle was one of only 6 Herefordshire schools selected for the project and the children should be very proud of what they have produced.

### **After School Clubs**

It is our intention to offer our usual after school clubs and develop further activities for all the children. Eligible year groups will receive letters from the relevant teachers.

Monday - KS2 Girls' Football

Tuesday - Spanish for Years 1/2/3

Wednesday - Football Years 2/3

Thursday - Years 4/5/6 Football and Netball

These activities are offered by funded coaches and school staff. I am sure you appreciate the time and effort put in by our staff. Spaces are limited, should your child choose to participate in any of the after school clubs, we expect them to attend regularly.

### **Important Dates**

September

23<sup>rd</sup> Class 4 Swimming

25<sup>th</sup> Class 3 - Oscars  
PTA Disco

30<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

October

7<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

13<sup>th</sup> ACTS II

13<sup>th</sup> PTA AGM - 7.30pm School

14<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival - 2.00pm  
(Provisional)

21<sup>st</sup> Class 4 Swimming

23<sup>rd</sup> Break up

26<sup>th</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

November

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5/6 Football Tournament  
JMHS 3.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

10<sup>th</sup> ACTS II

11<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

18<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

24<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 boys Football JMHS

25<sup>th</sup> Bags2School Collection

25<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Swimming

December

2<sup>nd</sup> Class 4 Swimming

3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Disco

8<sup>th</sup> ACTS II

9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Play (Provisional)

10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Play (Provisional)

18<sup>th</sup> Break up

January

4<sup>th</sup> Back to school