

Much Marcle News

14th September 2012

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 our new children and their families into school. We have admitted 17 children to our reception class this year and we have had one new family join us in class 2.

We have planned another busy term for everyone this term. Our usual events are included in the important dates at the end of this letter.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last year our coffee morning was a great success thanks to our parents and grand parents who donated wonderful cakes. We plan to hold this year's event on Friday 28th September from 9.30-11-00am. I do hope you will be able to support us.

School Social Evening

It is our intention to hold a social event on Thursday October 4th from 7.00 pm. Staff and governors will be here to meet with parents informally. There will be an opportunity to hear about the role of parent governors the role of the PTA and to see the resources we use for Literacy and Numeracy. There will also be an introduction to our phonics programme for the parents of reception children.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Early Birds our morning provision is available from 8.15am - 8.45am every morning.

Mrs Tattum provides a warm welcome and a calm start to the day for everyone.

FAST Club runs from 3.15pm until 5.00pm every evening. Children stay for a snack and a planned activity. We have some 'regulars' and the 'occasional guest'. Mrs Barrow, the Manager, will be here Monday to Thursday as usual. Friday night is Film Club.

We are looking for someone to run Film Club every week from 3.30-5.00pm. If you can help please contact Mrs Barrow or Mrs Park.

Parking

I would like to remind parents about the parking arrangements before and after school.

In the morning the first two spaces from the pedestrian gate to the telegraph pole are designated as a dropping off zone. Please do not leave your vehicle in this area.

The yellow lines should be observed at all times. Please do not park at the office end of school on the yellow lines even if you think you are 'going to be quick'. You will be asked to move your car if you do so.

The only exception to the no parking rule is a valid disabled badge.

In the interest of the children's safety please park with patience and courtesy and do not block our neighbours' drives.

Attendance

The benefits to a child of regular attendance at school in terms of academic and social development are measurable.

As you are aware we will be awarding a bronze certificate to every child who achieves 100% attendance this term.

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!

Forest School

Forest School has begun today for classes 3 and 4. They will spend the day in Hall's Wood working on curriculum related topics through the environment and the resources provided in this beautiful natural setting.

Class 1 will be pursuing their forest school education in the copse in Hellens grounds

We are very grateful to Hellens for their support for the school.

Parent Helpers

We are always appreciative of parents who volunteer to accompany us on school trips. This year it would be wonderful to have support from parents or friends who could commit to a regular 15 or 30 minutes at the beginning or just before the end of the school day.

You would be asked to read with one or two children regularly to support their reading and language development. If you think you could commit to this we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Harrison, Mrs Smith or Mrs Park if you would like to know more.

Home School Agreement

The agreement which was approved by parents and governors last year will be available next week.

Thank you to all those families who took the time to reply to the draft document.

Important Dates

September

- 19th Class 4 Swim
- 21st Class 1, 3 & 4 Forest School
- 26th Class 4 Swim
- 28th MacMillan Coffee Morning
Class 1, 3 & 4 Forest School

October

- 3rd Class 4 Swim
- 4th Parents' Social Evening
- 5th Class 1, 3 & 4 Forest School
- 10th Class 4 Swim
- 12th Class 1, 3 & 4 Forest School
- 17th Class 4 Swim
- 19th Harvest Service 2.00pm

HALF TERM

22nd - 26th October