

Much Marcle Primary School Calendar 2013-2014

Autumn Term

September

11 th	Class 4 Swim
18 th	Class 4 Swim
20 th	Jeans for Genes Day
25 th	Class 4 Swim
26 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning
27 th	Quantum Theatre KS1 and KS2
30 th	Church Service (Class 4)

October

2 nd	Class 4 Swim
7 th	KS2 Forest School
9 th	Class 4 Swim
10 th	School Council Elections Class one parents meeting
14 th	KS 2 Forest School
16 th	Gifted and Talented Maths Morning Year 5/6 Hereford
18 th	Harvest Service - St Bartholomew's Church 2.00pm
21 st	KS2 Forest School
23 rd	Class 4 Swim
25 th	House Harvest Soup Day

28th October – 1st November HALF TERM

November

4 th	KS2 Forest School
6 th	Class 4 Swim
11 th	KS2 Forest School
13 th	Class 4 Swim
15 th	'Children in Need'
18 th	KS2 Forest School
20 th	Class 4 Swim
25 th	Church Service (Class 3)

December

5 th	Christmas Disco (4pm-6pm)
6 th	Visit to Courtyard, Hereford to see Cinderella- Whole School
12 th	Carol Service – St Bartholomew's Church 6.00pm
16 th	House Crafts
18 th	House Concert
19 th	School Christmas Lunch
20 th	Break up today

Spring Term

January

6 th	Back to School
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8th Class 3 Swim
15th Class 3 Swim
16th Young Voices
22nd Class 3 Swim
29th Class 3 Swim

February

5th Class 3 Swim
11th Parents' Evening (2.00pm-6.00pm)
12th Class 3 Swim

17th February – 21st February HALF TERM

26th Class 3 Swim

March

4th Pancake Day activities
5th Class 3 Swim
6th World Book Day
12th Class 3 Swim
19th Class 3 Swim
14th-23rd Science Week

April

10th Easter Service – St Bartholomew's 2.00pm
11th Easter Egg Bingo in school 1.30pm (children only)
Break up today

Summer Term

May

5th Bank Holiday
12th -15th SATs
16th Coffee Morning

26th May – 30th May – HALF TERM

June

6th Forest School Day – Whole School
20th Sports Day (Option 1)
27th Sports Day (Option 2)
30th Reports out to Parents

July

7th School Play - Village Hall 1.30pm
8th School Play – Village Hall 6.00pm
9th School Play – Village Hall 6.00pm
11th Seaside Visit – Whole School
15th End of year celebration – St Bartholomew's 2.00pm
16th Break up Today

September

3rd Back to School

General information 2013-2014

General/Class Letters

We have a regular newsletter which is sent to you via your oldest child. All general letters, class letters etc are sent with the relevant pupil. If your child is absent the letter will be kept for them with their name written on it.

In the Reception Class an adult will ensure your child's letter goes into their bag and they will look for replies etc. Our aim is to develop your child's independence in their first year. By the summer term children will be responsible for their letters in preparation for moving up to year one.

In KS1 (class 2) letters are handed to the pupils and it is the pupils' responsibility to ensure it goes into their bags and to their parents. If a reply is required, your child should put it into the BLUE BOX which is the system used in every class. The 'blue box' is for letters, slips, lunch orders etc. You can assist our systems by ensuring your child knows when there is a letter in their bag.

By KS2 (classes 3 and 4) pupils are expected to take responsibility for all letters and your replies.

Labelling Children's Clothes

Please ensure you child's clothes are labelled. Please do not ask staff to do this for you. If your child misplaces their clothes they will be unable to identify them if they are unnamed.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. Children do not drink squash or juice during the day. They have access to a water filter to fill their bottle if they need to.

Hot Lunches

Mrs Park sends out the order form fortnightly. Please ensure you indicate which meals your child/ren require(s). As your child becomes familiar with the system they should know when and what they are eating. Remind your child that the lunch order is in their bag and make a note of what you have ordered.

Although Mrs Park does remind us when trips and sports fixtures affect lunches do check our term dates and whole school trip dates when ordering. Please do not send lunch orders into school 2-3 days after the requested date as Mrs Park has to process hundreds of lunches.

School Council

We have elections for our school council this term. Candidates from year two upwards campaign and are elected by the whole school. Once in place the school council take responsibility for a variety of events throughout the year.

Forest School

Much Marcle is a Forest School and we have a number of trained staff who are qualified to lead educational activities outdoors. We are very fortunate to have an excellent relationship with Hellens House and we are able to use their woodlands for our Forest School work.

Every child will require suitable all weather clothing for their FS activities. Like PE, swimming and Mathematics, Forest School is part of our curriculum. If your child is well enough to be in school they are expected to participate.

You will receive further information from your child's class teacher when they are having their FS sessions.

House Events

Our House events last year were very successful for the children and the staff. We arranged flowers and we made and flew our kites; the children really enjoyed the mixture of support and responsibility. This year we have decided to run at least one House Event each term.

Harvest Soup October 25th

Each House will make a Harvest soup and bread which will be judged by a 'panel of foodies'. You can support this by contributing the ingredients please. More details in October.

House Concert December 18th

This will replace our talent competition. Each House will provide entertainment for the whole school.

Pancake Day March 4th

The details of this will be decided by the children through the school council.

Further events may be planned by the school council

Fund Raising events

The children really enjoy our charity fund raising events and for that reason we try to support a variety of charities. This year we already know the dates of some of our regular events and we have included some we support occasionally. We will be meeting with the school council this term to discuss other events.

Jeans for Genes Friday September 20th

This charity supports research into genetic conditions. Everyone is invited to wear their jeans on this day for a contribution of at least £1 per child. We will all meet in the hall first thing in the morning to admire our jeans and each child will put their contribution into our collection buckets.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Thursday September 26th

We have had a number of coffee mornings during the last few years. The Macmillan event is very well attended by the whole community. Parents kindly donate delicious cakes and the older children serve them.

We are pleased to be able to support this very worthwhile charity.

Children in Need Friday November 15th

This is an event that everyone enjoys. Generally we dress up and we have, on occasion, paraded around the streets of Much Marcle ending up at Weston's. Who knows what this year will bring! The theme will be decided by the children before half term.

Reports on your Child's Progress

You will receive 3 reports each year towards the end of each term. The Autumn and Spring reports are a summary of your child's effort and attainment in Literacy Numeracy and Science

The summer report is the longer report which will inform you about your child's progress and effort in each subject.

The Foundation Stage report describes your child's progress against the Early Learning goals

Staff availability

Your child's teacher will bring them out at the end of each day. They are available at that time if you wish to speak to them.

It is always best to share a concern before it builds and it is better to speak to the class teacher first.

If it is important and you need to speak in private or you need more time they will see you if they can or they will make an appointment if that is more appropriate.

Should you wish to make an appointment to see a member of staff you can do so by telephoning Mrs Park.

Class one Parents Meeting October 10th.

Miss Evans will meet with reception children's parents during the afternoon to explain our phonics system and the general routines of class one.

Parents' Evening 11th February 2.00pm-6.00pm

This is our formal evening when staff meet with the parents of every child in their class.

Mrs Park will send out a letter offering a choice of times. Parents should indicate their preference and return the slips to school promptly. This ensures we can give you the time you request.

If you do not return your slip or are late doing so, you will be allocated an available slot.

Key Stage Two Choir

Children who have an interest in singing will be invited to join the choir. Practices take place during break times and commitment is expected. If numbers are limited when we enter competitions auditions will take place.

Football Clubs

This year we can offer an extra football club to KS1 children (class 2 only). Limited places are available to the first applicants so please do not take a place if you cannot commit to all 10 sessions. Your child will need a kit, football boots and shin pads.

KS2 football will take place on Thursdays until 4.15pm as usual. KS2 children are expected to attend all sessions when they sign up.

Netball Club

After school netball for girls and boys will run on Thursdays until 4.15pm as usual. Places are limited - kit and commitment required!

Teams

If your child is selected to represent the school their kit will be provided, we ask that you wash and return them to school promptly please.

Church Services

We have at least 4 Services in St Bartholomew's Church during the year. These Services are important to the children as they all perform a song or poem with their class. All of our services are well attended by parents, carers and extended family members.

Parents come back to school on these occasions to see their child's work through displays and books and to speak informally with staff.

Children's Service Monday September 30th 9.00am

This year we are offering the children the opportunity to lead their own service at St Bartholomew's church. The service will begin at 9.00am and will be led by class 4. Parents will be asked to bring their children straight to church and they are invited to stay for a short service with refreshments.

Harvest Festival 18th October 2.00pm

Parents are asked to provide one item of food (tinned or packet as they last longer) which their child will carry from school to the church. Our gifts are presented during the service and they are then donated to a local charity. Recently this has been the Women's Refuge in Hereford or the Ledbury Food Bank.

This service is very well attended and every parent/grandparent takes the opportunity to come back to school to see their child's work.

School visit to the pantomime December 6th

This year we will be going to the courtyard theatre to see their production of Cinderella. An estimate of the cost will be £12 per child. This final figure will be available when we have a confirmed amount for the coaches.

Carol Service 12th December 6.00pm

The Carol Service is a very enjoyable start to the Christmas festivities. The children in KS1 (classes 1 and 2) perform a nativity and the school and congregation sing traditional Christmas carols. Parents donate mince pies and the PTA provide mulled wine.

Parents remain in church to socialise. We do not go back to school on this occasion.

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Young Voices January 16th

This is an incredible event for the young children of the West Midlands. Class 4 will learn a number of songs and then they have the opportunity to sing together at the LG Arena in Birmingham. It is a very long day but well worth the time and effort everyone puts in to it. There will be a cost for transport.TBC

Hereford Music Festival 17th – 23rd March

For the last 2-3 years our choir has competed in the Hereford Music Festival. This year we hope to enter both the choir and individuals depending upon categories. Transport may be provided by parents or school depending upon the timing of events and the number of participants. Dates and times will be confirmed next term.

Easter Service 10th April 2.00pm

Every class performs a song or poem. We celebrate the season and recognise the work of the school. Everyone is welcomed back to school to speak with staff and to see their children's work.

Whole School Forest School Day June 6th

Every child in school will visit Hall's Wood for the day. They will work and play and eat a packed lunch in the woods. This is a beautiful day regardless of the weather.

Sports Day 20th June (Option 1) 27th June (Option 2)

We allocate two dates for the children's favourite event because of the weather. We always aim for the first date. Sports Day takes place in the morning. The children sit in houses and compete for their house.

There are a number of events of varying difficulty. Every child is expected to take part and to do their absolute best. We encourage everyone and applaud their best efforts.

After the sporting events every child sits with their family to enjoy a picnic lunch. Families stay together on the field until registration at 1.15pm when parents then take their children home.

We do not add any PTA or school event onto Sports Day because of the difficulties involved should we need to change the day;

Summer Play 7th July (1.30pm) 8th & 9th July (6.00pm)

Our end of year play is always a great success. Everyone looks forward to knowing the title of the play and to learning the songs and their part. Everybody from Reception to Year 6 has a part which often includes a dance!

The play is performed on one afternoon for pre school children, parents and grandparents and on two evenings for parents and grandparents. Tickets usually cost about £3.00 to help with the cost of production.

Whole school trip to the seaside Friday 11th July

The seaside trip is one of the best events of the year for the children. They have a fantastic day no matter what the weather. Parents of reception children do have concerns about this event. Many believe their children will not be able to manage such a long and busy day. The staff can assure you they return far more tired than the children. An estimate of the cost of this trip will be £10 per child

End of Year Celebration 15th July 2.00pm

During this service we celebrate the achievements of the children in Year 6 and wish them well for the next stage in their education. Every child will sing with their class. The choir performs and so will our musicians.

All those children who have achieved 100% attendance for the year will be presented with their certificates.

Every family is invited to this service and they come back to school to see their child's work through the displays around school and to thank staff for all they have done for the children throughout the year.

The contents of this calendar are correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change.