



Marine Park First School Newsletter

Class Assembly Dates

All of the class assemblies are now listed in the forthcoming events section of the newsletter/website.

Class assemblies take place in the school gym. Please access the gym via the staff car park doors. If you have any special requirements (e.g. wheelchair users) please contact us in advance so we can make arrangements for you. With the exception of Nursery, all of the assemblies start at 9.10 a.m.

Before the Year 2 assemblies we will be providing a briefing on the Key Stage 1 assessments that Year 2 pupils will complete later this year.

Before the Year 1 assemblies we will be providing a briefing on the Phonics Check that Year 1 pupils will complete later this year.

We are continuing to use P.E. legacy funding, given to all schools, to provide a series of dance workshops to all pupils which will culminate in a performance during the class assemblies. We look forward to seeing you!

Robinwood Information Meeting



A final reminder to parents of pupils in Y3 about the Robinwood meeting on Monday 28th January 2019 at 6 p.m.

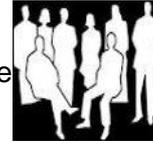
First Aid Training for Year 4

We are pleased to inform you that our Year 4 pupils will receive half a day of First Aid Training. This initiative is only possible thanks to PTA funding.



New Parent Governor

Thank you for sending back the ballot papers for the parent governor vacancy. Philip Meikle received the most votes so has been elected onto the Governing Body. Many thanks to the parents that stood for election; we are grateful to you for offering your valuable skills to the school.



Parents Evenings: 12/2/19 and 14/2/19

This term's parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th February. A letter outlining the process has been sent out with this newsletter and we will be confirming appointment(s) as soon as possible after the 4th of February.

Mrs. Armstrong, the **Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)** will be available to meet parents on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th from 4.30-4.50 p.m. She will be based in main entrance to the school. No appointment is necessary and Mrs Armstrong would be happy to respond to any questions or queries parents/carers have.

Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Nicholson (Deputy Head) and Mrs Williams (HLTA and Thrive Trained Member of Staff) will be running two short presentations about the [Thrive Approach](#) which we are developing in school. These will be from 4-4.15p.m. and 5.00-5.15 p.m. on both nights.

We also plan to distribute the **annual parental questionnaire** at the parents' evenings. We value your feedback so please complete and return them to us.

Jill Bates, the **Chair of Governors**, will also be attending 5.00– 6.00 p.m. on both the Tuesday and Thursday parents' evenings.

North Tyneside School Meals Service will also be present.

Finally, the **PTA** plan to sell uniform in the main entrance.



Mrs. Jill Bates
Chair of
Governors

Forthcoming Events

- ☺ 28/1/19 Robinwood 2019 Launch meeting for parents of Y3 pupils 6 p.m.
- ☺ 7/2/19 Nursery offers 2019-2020 sent out
- ☺ 7/2/19 PTA Meeting– Jam Jar Cinema 8 p.m.
- ☺ 12/2/19 Parents' Evening 3.40 -6.00 p.m.
- ☺ 13/2/19 1 East Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 14/2/19 Parents' Evening 3.40 -6.00 p.m.
- ☺ 15/2/19 Non– uniform for winning family group
- ☺ 15/2/19 Pupils break up for the half term holidays
- ☺ 25/2/19 Pupils return to school
- ☺ 28/2/19 2 East Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 20/3/19 2 North Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 21/3/19 1 North Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 27/3/19 3 East Class Assembly 9.150a.m.
- ☺ 28/3/19 2 South Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 1/4/19 3 North Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 3/4/19 1 South Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 4/4/19 (Thursday) Pupils break up for the Easter holidays
- ☺ 5/4/19 (Friday) Training Day– School Closed for Pupils
- ☺ 23/4/19 (Tuesday) Pupils return to school
- ☺ 1/5/19 Reception East Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 2/5/19 3 South Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 6/5/19 May Bank Holiday
- ☺ 8/5/19 Reception South Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 15/5/19 Reception North Class Assembly 9.10 a.m.
- ☺ 22/5/19 Nursery Class Assembly 10.30 a.m. or 2.30 p.m.
- ☺ 24/5/19 Pupils break up for the half term holidays
- ☺ 3/6/19 Pupils return to school

Family Group Mid-Term Prize

The school council will do a family credit count on Thursday 7th February and we will announce the winners for this half term on Friday 8th February. The leading family group will be given the option to come to school in non-uniform on the last day of this half term (Friday 15th). We will also text out to all parents informing them which family group have won the mid term prize.

Nursery, First and Middle School Places

This is a summary of the key dates as part of the admissions process for the 2019-20 academic year.

Nursery Places 19-20

Thursday 7th February 2019 is Whitley Bay Collaborative offer day. The closing date for accepting the offer is Tuesday 26th February.

First/Primary Schools 19-20

Tuesday 16th April 2019 is offer day. The deadline for accepting an offer is 1st May.

Middle/High Schools 19-20

Friday 1st March 2019 is offer day. The deadline for accepting an offer is 14th March.

The school manages admissions into the Nursery. The [Local Authority manage the admissions](#) process for First, Primary, Middle and High Schools.

Mid Year Attendance Review

Good attendance and punctuality are directly linked to achievement and wellbeing in education and so are closely monitored by school staff. Now we are close to the mid point of the year we will be taking stock of the attendance and punctuality of all of our pupils.

The school's overall attendance rates are well above the national average and persistent absentee rates are also very low so we know that the overwhelming majority of parents/carers understand the importance and benefits of good attendance. You may be interested to know that, between 3/9/18- 25/1/19 146 pupils still have 100% attendance– well done!!

In some cases, we will make contact with parents (letter or meeting) to alert parents/carers where attendance is low and therefore at risk of impacting on achievement and wellbeing.. Our attendance and punctuality policy is available to view in the policy section of the school website.



LA Writing Competition

Our pupils are taking part in the North Tyneside Writing Competition. The theme is Emotions. We

will be shortlisting entries and sending them to Local Authority judges. We plan to upload the shortlisted entries onto the Gallery Section of the school website and will keep you posted about how our pupils get on in the competition.



What is the Thrive Approach?

The Thrive Approach seeks to develop healthy, happy, confident children who are ready and open to learning. The [Thrive Approach](#) draws on insights from the fields of neuroscience, attachment theory and child development to provide a powerful way of working with children and young people that supports social and emotional development. In addition, the Thrive Approach helps equip the school in a targeted way with children and young people who may have struggled with difficult life events to help them re-engage with life and learning. If you would like to find out more, please come along to one of the short briefings at Parents' Evenings (see over for dates and times).



Coming Soon: Park and Stride

Advance notice, that we are working closely with North Tyneside Council's "Go Smarter" project, to arrange locations near school where parents and carers will be able to park for the morning drop-off. This would enable you to have a short morning walk, while contributing in our attempts to reduce cars around the school gates.

More details will follow including a homework activity where children will be invited to design their own 'permits' for your cars and a "Park and Stride" Launch Day.