



# Marine Park First School Newsletter

## PTA Update

A couple of updates from our invaluable PTA. The Christmas market raised an amazing £2316.58, plus £500 match funding. Well done and thank you to all that made the event such a success

Second, Tamsin Leighton is stepping down as Treasurer— many thanks to Tamsin for her terrific contribution to the PTA. If you are interested in finding out more about how you could help the PTA or the role of Treasurer, please drop an email to [marineparkpta@gmail.com](mailto:marineparkpta@gmail.com).



## Easter Holiday Homework— The Marine Park Spellathon

Advance notice of our plans for Easter Holiday homework aimed at making spelling exciting! Spelling has a very high profile in the new national curriculum (Year 1-4) and we want to support our pupils to become the best spellers they can be. To support this ambition, we will be issuing pupils with year group spellings (with some really tricky ones too) to learn over the Easter holiday (and first week back). We will test the children on our Spellathon Day at the end of the first week back after Easter (26/4/19). We will be rewarding children who have improved scores the most (we will know this by having an unsighted test on some of the words before Easter) as well as those with high scores. All pupils that increase their score will receive a family credit!

## PE and Sport Premium Report

The PE and Sport Premium is designed to help schools improve the quality of the PE and sport activities they offer their pupils. Schools must use the funding to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport they offer.

Schools should use the premium to:

- develop or add to the PE and sport activities that they already offer
- make improvements now that will benefit pupils joining the school in future years.

Schools must publish details of how they spend their PE and Sport Premium funding on the school's website. We are aware of the updated advice set out on the Department for Education (DfE) website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools> and the deadline of the 31st July 2019 to publish to the requirement of the new template. However, we have decided to publish an interim report during the transition to the new, suggested template. [Click here to read the interim report](#). Governors feel that school uses the funds to benefit all as well as target groups/individuals.

## Walk to School Week 18-22/3/19

A reminder that this week is "Walk to School" week. Pupils will record how they travel to school with Family Credits awarded to pupils that walk to school.

Remember, we have established two sites where Marine Park parents (that drive their children to school) can park on a morning before walking the last part of the journey to the school gate with their child— they are the Spanish City and Bournemouth Gardens car parks.

Weather permitting, a group of Junior Apprentices will lead a wake and shake on the yard at 8.55 a.m. on Friday 22nd March. They will lead it from the amphitheatre— staff will come out and show the children where they need to go to participate.

## Amazing Dance and Song!

On Thursday 14th March, members of the school choir performed songs at Whitely Bay Playhouse as part of a musical celebration.

We are so proud of our pupils and feel sure parents/carers that went along to watch are too. Many thanks to the staff for helping to prepare the children and giving them the memorable and confidence building experience of performing on stage! You can listen to a live recording of the choir performance; we will use it as a backing track on this half-term's photo slideshows! On 3rd of April a troupe of Y3 and Y4 dancers will be performing at a Dance Festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse. Good luck to them too!



## Forthcoming Events

- ⊙ 18-22/3/19 Park and Walk to School Week
- ⊙ 18/3/19 Mass walk to school (and quiz)— meet at the Skate Park at 8.30 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.
- ⊙ 1/4/19 Family Group Prize— Jam Jar Cinema Mystery U VIP Screening
- ⊙ 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
- ⊙ 16/4/19 [National Offer Day— Reception Places 2019-20](#)
- ⊙ 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
- ⊙ 30/6/19 Junior parkrun takeover— more details to follow
- ⊙ 6/7/19 PTA Summer Fayre

## School Admissions: Reception Places 2019

Tuesday 16th April is National Offer Day. This is the day you will be notified which school your child has been offered for Reception classes in September 2019. The deadline for parents to accept a school place is Wednesday 1st May. Further information about the timetable, waiting lists and the appeal process is on the North Tyneside Website:

<http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/222/key-dates-and-late-applications>