



Marine Park First School Newsletter

Governor News

The Governor Body produce an annual statement which has been published in the Governorzone of the website. [You can also click here to read it.](#)

In other governor news, Ben Willcox has stepped down as Chair of Governors after 5 years in the role. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Ben for the commitment and wisdom he has shown. Fortunately Ben has offered to stay on as a governor so the school can still benefit from his involvement.

Parent Governor Vote

Many thanks to the parents that put themselves forward to be a parent governor. Voting slips must be completed and returned by 4 p.m. on Monday 15th of October.

Parents' Evenings

A final reminder that Parents' Evenings are to be held after school on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th of October (with additional times for Nursery pupils). To coincide with parents' evenings, Mrs. S Armstrong, the school SENCo is available to meet



Mrs. Jill Bates
Chair of
Governors

with parents on Tuesday and Thursday between 3.30-5 p.m. No booking is required to see Mrs. Armstrong, just catch her at the main entrance and she will make time to talk to you (privately, should you wish).

The **new** Chair of Governors, Mrs. Jill Bates, will also be attending from 5.00– 6 p.m. on both nights.

Also at Parents' Evenings...

Bookhappy will be running Marine Park's Autumn Book Fair.

The PTA will be running a second hand uniform sale.

Finally, staff from North Tyneside Catering Service will be present.

Admission to Middle School

A reminder that the application deadline for Middle School 2019 places is the 31st October 2018. The application deadline for Reception 2019 places is the 15th January 2019. [Visit the Local Authority website for more information and to apply.](#)

Marine Park does Junior Apprenticeship

The Junior Apprenticeship process will be launched for our Year 4 pupils on 22/10/18. The closing date for Task 1 is Tuesday 6th November.



Harvest Assembly Donations

We hope to see you at our Harvest Assemblies.

Please bring donations for **"The BAY Food Bank"** on the day of your child's Harvest.

The BAY Foodbank would be extremely appreciative of any donations you could make but have made the following suggestions:

Pasta Sauce (Tin/Jar/Sachet), Meat (Tinned), Fruit (Tinned), Sponge Pudding, Milk (UHT/Powder), Biscuits/Snacks, Tomatoes (Tinned), Pasta/ Rice, Instant Mashed Potato, Vegetables (Tinned), Fruit Juice, Fish (Tinned), Rice Pudding (Tinned), Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Tomatoes (Tinned), Tea Bags.

Please send in donations on the day of your child's Harvest Assembly.



Forthcoming Events

- ☉ 16/10/18 Parents' Evening 3.45 p.m.– 6.15 p.m.
- ☉ 18/10/18 Parents' Evening 3.45 p.m.– 6.15 p.m.
- ☉ 22/10/18 Deadline for PTA Christmas Card orders
- ☉ 23/10/18 Nursery and Reception (EYFS) Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. (just attend one please)
- ☉ 24/10/18 Year 1 Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m.
- ☉ 24/10/18 Year 2 Harvest Assembly 2.30 p.m.
- ☉ 25/10/18 Year 3 Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m.
- ☉ 25/10/18 Year 4 Harvest Assembly 2.30 p.m.
- ☉ 26/10/18 PTA Coffee Afternoon 2-3.30 p.m. @ Whitley Bay Playhouse
- ☉ 26/10/18 Pupils break up for half term holidays– Non uniform for leading family group
- ☉ 31/10/18 [Closing date for applications for Y5 Middle School place 2019](#)
- ☉ 5/11/18 Pupil return to school
- ☉ 6/11/18 School Photographer
- ☉ 8/11/18 PTA Meetings 8 p.m. @ Jam Jar Cinema
- ☉ 16/11/18 Children in Need– Junior Apprentices fancy dress day– more details to follow
- ☉ 4/12/18 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ☉ 5/12/18 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ☉ 6/12/18 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ☉ 6/12/18 PTA Christmas Market 6.30-8.30 p.m.
- ☉ 9/12/18 PTA Film Night Social at Jam Jar Cinema– further details to follow
- ☉ Key Stage 2 (Y3 and 4) Christmas Concert—Arrangements TBC
- ☉ 13/12/18 EYFS Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ☉ 14/12/18 EYFS Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ☉ 21/12/18 Pupils break up for the Christmas Holidays at normal time
- ☉ 7/1/19 (Monday) Training Day– School Closed for Pupils
- ☉ 8/1/19 (Tuesday) Pupils return to school
- ☉ 15/1/19 [Closing date for applications for Reception First School Place 2019](#)

PTA Christmas Cards

A final reminder to return your order, **and the original artwork**, by 22nd of October after which we have been advised that it will not be possible to make an order. Please do not fold the artwork/order form.

School Photographs

On the 6th of November, Tempest will be in school taking individual and family photographs. You must return the permission slip if you would like your child's photograph to be taken.

Cracking Cross Country Runners

Well done to our team of 24 cross country runners from Year 3 and 4 that took part in a regional competition which was held at Gateshead International Stadium. Our runners participated with energy and enjoyment; they were a credit to the school. Schools from all over the North East took part and we are very proud to inform you that our **Y4 boys came first overall (they came first overall last year too!) and our Year 4 girls came 3rd overall.**

Thanks to Mr McKay for organising the event and to parents/carers that supported our pupils.

Videos and Photographing at School Events

We understand that many parents wish to photograph and video their child at school events and concerts. We currently permit this but would like to remind parents/carers that photos and videos are for personal/private use. Images and clips must not be shared on social media (e.g. Facebook) or on the internet (e.g. YouTube). If we are to continue to allow parents/carers to take photographs or record events, everybody's cooperation is appreciated in relation to this school policy.

264 Diaries!

We hope you get the chance to admire the many wonderful Summer Holiday Diaries on display when you come to Parents' Evening. We want to let you know that we received an amazing **264** summer holiday diaries from the pupils in Y1-4. This is the highest total for a number of years! Well done and thank you!



Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert

For the last two years we have held our Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) Christmas Concert at Whitley Bay Baptist Church. The Church is undergoing a refurbishment at the moment which has been delayed resulting in the church not being available for us to use. We are trying to find an alternative and will let you know as soon as possible what the arrangements will be. Sincere apologies for the hic-up to our plans.

Poppy Appeal Sale 5-8/11/18

Every year, our older pupils sell poppies to raise awareness and funds for the Royal British Legion. Pupils are invited to make a donation in return for a poppy. In addition, this year, pupils will get the chance to buy the following items:

For 50p each:

Pencil sharpener, Pencil, Eraser, Poppy Shape Reflector or Wrist band

For £1 each:

Ruler or Friendship Bracelet

Pupil will get the chance to buy an item on their normal tuck shop day (tuck shop will also be on as usual) on the first week back after the half term holiday. Pupils in Nursery and Reception can buy an item on 9/11/18.

There is no obligation to buy anything.

Holiday Homework

As part of our efforts to develop engagement and achievement in maths, we will be sending home a "holiday homework" activity. Look out for information in your child's homework book.

PTA Forthcoming Events

The PTA are active and have arranged a number of events that have been listed on the forthcoming event section of the newsletter/website.

Well Done and Happy Half Term Holidays

Congratulations to all of our pupils (and staff) on the way they have settled during this first half term. In particular, pupils in our Reception and Nursery classes have made a fantastic start to school. Keep up the good work!

We hope that pupils will complete the Half Term Homework. School finishes for the half term break at normal time on Friday the 26th of October. Pupils return to school on Monday the 5th of November.

Have a good holiday!