



# Marine Park First School Newsletter

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor because Holly Scott's term of office is complete. Holly has made a significant and valuable contribution to the school during her time as a parent governor and we are extremely grateful to her for all she has done.

Information about the important and rewarding role of being a parent governor is on the school website. If you would like more information then do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors.

If you are interested then please complete a short application form available from the school office and/or governorzone of the school website. Please hand it back to the office or submit the form electronically ([marinepark.first@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:marinepark.first@northtyneside.gov.uk)) by 9 a.m. on Tuesday 18th December. Previous applicants are welcome to re-apply. Our governors recognise the talents and skills that parent governors bring to the school and are keen to attract as many applicants as possible. As such, we publicise the vacancy through a range of media and may extend the deadline if required. Please note that, under North Tyneside rules, parents/carers of pupils in Nursery are not eligible to stand as a Parent Governor. Finally, you should be aware that confirmation of appointment as a governor will be subject to satisfactory pre-appointment checks, details of which are on the application form.

## Dropping pupils off safely

Staff on the gate have noticed a very small number of parents leaving pupils at the gate to make their own way into school around the time the bell is sounding. Please escort your child to the door to ensure they get into school safely and, if directed to by staff on the gate or if the gates are shut, please bring your child to the main entrance.

## Pupil Questionnaire Results



Results and summary from the Pupil Questionnaire have been included with this newsletter. The results of this questionnaire (including pupil and parental comments and responses) and all other "Your Say" exercises are published on the school website. Thank you to the 294 Y1-4 pupils that completed and returned their questionnaire—we appreciate the feedback.



## Christmas Concerts

A final reminder about the Christmas concerts— see forthcoming dates for details.

**Please be aware that the Key Stage 2 concert is at St John's Methodist Church on Ilfracombe Gardens (NE26 3ND).** We ask that you do not enter the church until you are invited in by school staff.

**Please bring your ticket with you to the performance.** We are looking forward to seeing you at this very special time of the year. If you have any accessibility requirements (e.g. wheelchairs), please inform the school office so we can make arrangements for you.

Please note, we are sorry but there will not be space for pushchairs/buggies in the school hall or church. These will have to be left at home or outside!

## Christmas Celebrations

The last few of weeks of term are full of Christmas celebrations. The School Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday the 19th of December. The school council have arranged a "Wear a Christmas/Decorated Jumper" event for the same day. School Council will be using this event to raise awareness and fundraise for Save the Children.



The Christmas Parties are on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December (see Forthcoming Events). Your child's class teacher will provide you with further information about food for the parties. Pupils do not need to wear uniform on the day of their party but will need to wear clothing and footwear suitable for outdoor playtimes! On Wednesday 19th of December, **all of the children** will watch a pantomime at school and on Thursday the 20th, one lucky family group will win a trip to Whitley Bay Playhouse to watch Peter Pan. Both of these events are funded by money raised by the PTA. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any queries about any of these events.

## PTA Christmas Market and Prize

We hope to see you at the PTA Christmas Market on Thursday the 6th of December 2018 from 6.30-8.30 p.m. There will be a large range of stalls and activities at the Christmas Market as well as seasonal refreshments and carols sung by the school choir.

## Forthcoming Events

- ☉ 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
- ☉ 12/12/18 Key Stage 2 (Y3 and 4) Christmas Concert 2 p.m. at St John's Methodist Church
- ☉ 13/12/18 EYFS Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ☉ 14/12/18 EYFS Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ☉ 14/12/18 Key Stage 2 (Y3 and 4) Christmas Concert 2 p.m. at St John's Methodist Church
- ☉ 17/12/18 Key Stage 1 and EYFS Christmas Party
- ☉ 18/12/18 Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
- ☉ 19/12/18 Christmas Dinner— wear a Christmas or Decorated Jumper
- ☉ 19/12/18 PTA Pantomime for all pupils
- ☉ 20/12/18 Winning family group prize—Peter Pan @Whitley Bay Playhouse
- ☉ 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
- ☉ 9/1/19-11/1/19 Y1 Peer to Peer Massage training (letter sent out on 3/12/18)
- ☉ 15/1/19 [Closing date for applications for Reception First School Place 2019](#)
- ☉ 12/2/19 Parents' Evening 3.40-6.00 p.m.
- ☉ 14/2/19 Parents' Evening 3.40-6.00 p.m.
- ☉ 15/2/19 Pupils break up for the half term holidays
- ☉ 25/2/19 Pupils return to school
- ☉ 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
- ☉ 6/5/19 May Bank Holiday

# Pupils: What do you think about your school? Autumn 2018

	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	All of the time		Most of the time		Some of the time		Almost Never		Never		No answer		Total	
1	157	53%	114	39%	21	7%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
2	173	59%	102	35%	17	6%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
3	222	76%	61	21%	11	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
4	65	22%	162	55%	63	21%	1	0%	3	1%	0	0%	0	294
	In every lesson		In most lessons		In some lessons		In very few lessons		In none of my lessons		No answer		Total	
6	160	54%	92	31%	36	12%	6	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
7	109	37%	120	41%	59	20%	6	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
	Strongly agree		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No answer		Total	
8	163	55%	105	36%	23	8%	2	1%	0	0%	1	0%	1	294
9	226	77%	57	19%	8	3%	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	294
10	210	71%	78	27%	6	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
11	180	61%	90	31%	23	8%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	294
12	235	80%	56	19%	2	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
16	207	70%	72	24%	12	4%	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	294
	It doesn't happen		It happens and teachers are really good at resolving it		It happens and teachers are good at resolving it		It happens and teachers are not good at resolving it		It happens and teachers do nothing about it		No answer		Total	
13	126	43%	121	41%	40	14%	2	1%	4	1%	1	0%	1	294
	Very frequently		Frequently		Sometimes		Not very often		Never		No answer		Total	
14	86	29%	90	31%	63	21%	27	9%	28	10%	0	0%	0	294
	Yes		Maybe		No		No answer		Total		Total		Total	
17	265	90%	28	10%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	294

The questions have changed this year in-line with the revised OFSTED pupil questionnaire. We sampled the new questionnaire before we sent it out and found the outcomes and reasons given by pupils were a little more diverse than typical. **Even taking that into account, we were very pleased overall to note very high satisfaction levels in response to the statements.**

We are also pleased to note the low number of pupils that answer "Never/None/Strongly Disagree/Nothing done about bullying" to statements (with the exception of question 14). Senior staff have spoken individually to any child (that included their name) that answered "Never/None/Strongly Disagree/Nothing done about bullying" to any of the statements (exception question 14) to explore understanding (especially regarding safety/worries) and any actions that need to be taken to resolve this.

The % results have been rounded to the nearest whole number so totals may not always add up to exactly 100. The results of this questionnaire (including pupil and parental comments and responses) and all other "Your Say" exercises are published on the school website. **Thank you to the 294 Y1-4 pupils that completed and returned their questionnaire-we appreciate the feedback.**