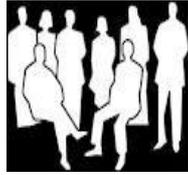




Marine Park First School Newsletter

Parent Governor Vacancy

A final reminder that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. Information about the role of being a parent governor is on the school website. 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) by 9 a.m. on Tuesday 18th December.



Christmas Concerts

Well done, first and foremost to all our pupils for this year's heart-warming Christmas concerts. Thanks to staff for working so hard to ensure that the concerts are successful. Finally, thanks to the PTA for organising refreshments before and to parents/carers that support school events and always attend in such good numbers.

Super Choir!

The Marine Park First School Choir are on tour over the festive period. In addition to the Christmas Market, they took part in the St. Nicholas Lantern Festival, the St John's Christmas Tree Festival and will be singing for residents at both Eothen House and Eastbourne House. Next stop **Broadway!**
Thanks to staff involved.



Forthcoming Events

- ☉ 17/12/18 Key Stage 1 and EYFS Christmas Parties
- ☉ 18/12/18 Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
- ☉ 19/12/18 Christmas Dinner– wear a Christmas or Decorated Jumper– consider a donation to Save the Children
- ☉ 19/12/18 PTA Pantomime for all pupils
- ☉ 20/12/18 Winning family group prize -Peter Pan @Whitley Bay Playhouse- **Blue Sapphires**
- ☉ 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](#)
- ☉ 28/1/19 Robinwood 2019 Launch meeting for parents of Y3 pupils 6 p.m.
- ☉ 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

PTA Christmas Market- Thank You

A huge thanks to the PTA for organising the successful Christmas Market. Thanks too to parents/carers, staff and stall holders for supporting the event through their attendance and donations as well as the choir for their seasonal, vocal accompaniment.

Christmas Celebrations Well Done Blue Sapphires

A final reminder about the last few school events of 2018. The Christmas Parties are on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December. 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 it is also Christmas Dinner Day (please wear a Christmas/Decorated jumper and consider making a donation to Save the Children). On Thursday the 20th, the Blue Sapphires family group, winners of this term's prize, will visit Whitley Bay Playhouse to watch Peter Pan.

Book Happy donated 50 new Books to Marine Park First School

We are pleased to inform you that we received a donation of 50 books from "Book Happy" as commission following book sales at Parents' Evenings. These books will be added to class and the main school libraries. Thank you parents and Book Happy!

Robinwood Information Meeting

We hope that parents of pupils in Y3 will come along to the Robinwood meeting on Monday 28th January 2019 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the gym which is accessible via the door in the staff car park. The meeting aims to provide you with information and the opportunity to ask any questions about the residential trip to Robinwood that Y4 pupils are invited to attend in September 2019.



EYFS Parental Questionnaire Results



Results and summary from the EYFS Parental Questionnaire have been included with this newsletter (for EY parents). The results of this questionnaire (including parental comments and responses) and all other "Your Say" exercises are published on the school website. Thank you to parents that completed and returned their questionnaire-we appreciate the feedback.

Postage Stamp Donations

One of our members of staff is collecting used postage stamps on behalf of the Humane Research Trust. Any kind donations can be handed into the school office and will be gratefully received.

Admissions: Reception 2019

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

Happy Christmas Holidays!

Pupils break up for their Christmas Holidays at normal time on Friday 21st of December.

Please remember, there is a training day on Monday 7th of January 2019 so the school is closed to pupils.

The school opens for pupils on Tuesday the 8th of January 2019.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous start to 2019!!

EYFS Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Summary Autumn 2018



| EYFS Parent/carers results autumn 2018 | | Strongly Agree | | Agree | | Disagree | | Strongly Disagree | | Don't know/No answer | | Total Number | Summary | |
|--|---|----------------|-----|--------|-----|----------|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|-----|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | No. | Strongly Agree/ Agree | Disagree/ Strongly Disagree |
| 1 | My child enjoys school | 58 | 71% | 21 | 26% | 2 | 2% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 82 | 97% | 3% |
| 2 | The school keeps my child safe | 56 | 68% | 26 | 32% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 82 | 100% | 0% |
| 3 | The school informs me about my child's progress | 44 | 54% | 36 | 44% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% | 82 | 98% | 1% |
| 4 | The school helps me to support my child's learning | 55 | 67% | 26 | 32% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% | 82 | 99% | 0% |
| 5 | The school meets my child's particular needs | 47 | 57% | 31 | 38% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 3 | 4% | 82 | 95% | 1% |
| 6 | The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns | 28 | 34% | 33 | 40% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 20 | 24% | 82 | 74% | 1% |
| 7 | Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school | 58 | 71% | 23 | 28% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 82 | 99% | 1% |

*Question 6 received a number of 'don't know' responses as many parents/carers felt it was not applicable to them.

Context and outcomes:

- The deadline for returned questionnaires was Friday 16th November.
- The response rate for the questionnaire was 52%.
- Responses are very positive with the vast majority strongly agreeing/agreeing with each of the statements.
- Parent consultations took place on the 16th and 18th of October, which was the first "formal" opportunity to inform parents of how their child was settling into Nursery and Reception.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the EYFS questionnaire. Your comments are much appreciated. All of the comments received are available to view on our school website. We also value your suggestions on what we could do better and have included a response/further information on the website.