



Marine Park First School Newsletter

Welcome Back
to School
Happy New
Year



Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope 2019 will be a super year for all our pupils and their families.

For your information, you may be interested to know what training and activities staff did during the training day on Monday the 7th of January.

- Staff working in Y1-4 worked on developing [Mastery](#) in Mathematics. They also reviewed the foundation subjects' curriculum, assessment and reporting arrangements.
- Staff working in Early Years worked on developing Big Ideas in Mathematics, opportunities for pupils to develop "Sustained, Shared Thinking and learning" both inside and outside the classroom.
- Teaching and support staff continued to develop understanding and application of the [Thrive Approach](#).
- Finally staff took part in practical Mindfulness training provided by Relax Kids. This part of the day was funded by money raised by the PTA. Following on from this, over the next term, Relax Kids, will provide a short session in each class to help pupils to use Mindfulness techniques. We are grateful to Relax Kids and the PTA for supporting us with this work.

Robinwood Information Meeting



A reminder to parents of pupils in Y3 about the Robinwood meeting on Monday 28th January 2019 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the gym (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.

Admissions: Reception 2019

A final 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.](#)

Parent Governor Vacancy



We are pleased (and grateful) that 2 parents/carers applied for the current governor vacancy. We sent out short bios and voting slips on Tuesday 8/1/19. Please return your voting slip by 4pm on Monday 21st January.

Videos Online!

We have uploaded 3 photo slideshows with highlights of the second half term onto the gallery section of the school website. You can also watch this year's Robinwood video. It shows the fun and range of activities that the Y4 children took part in on this year's residential trip.



Curriculum on the Website

There are a number of useful resources in the parentzone of the school website.

Links to a curriculum overview, detailed long term curriculum plans as well as half termly parent information sheets are all available in the parentzone.

A copy of this half term's parent information sheet will also be included in your child's learning journey/homework diary with ideas for how to support your child's learning.

Fun and Friendship at Playtimes

A refresher to parents and pupils that we currently allow pupils to bring a book or small toy into school to read/play with at playtimes. The toy should not be valuable and should be about as big as your child's hand. We currently allow pupils to bring in no more than 10 cards e.g. football cards. We find that swapping cards other than at supervised events can cause problems so we do not allow pupils to swap cards.



In addition to teaching, support and supervisory staff, we also provide equipment (such as Lego, footballs and skipping ropes) and our PE Apprentice/Access Coaches run sports, games and activities over lunchtime.

Forthcoming Events

- ☺ 15/1/19 [Closing date for applications for Reception First School Place 2019](#)
- ☺ 17/1/19 [North Tyneside Catering Service Pizza Party Lunch](#)
- ☺ 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

Pizza Party Funday

We hope that all children will have a school meal at the Pizza Party on Thursday 17th January. The meal is free for all children in reception, year 1 & 2 and (with the exception of pupils eligible for free school meals) costs £2.20 for children in years 3, 4 or accessing 30 hour.

For more information

visit: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/node/22793>

Term Dates 2019-20

We have added provisional term dates for the 2019-2020 academic year to the parentzone of the school website. The training days need to be ratified by the governing body in January 2019 but are very unlikely to change from those identified.