



# Marine Park First School Newsletter

## Welcome to Marine Park First School

Dear pupils and parents/ carers,

Welcome back to Marine Park First School. I hope you had a wonderful summer break and that you are looking forward to the academic year ahead. A very warm welcome to our new pupils and their parents/ carers.

At Marine Park First School, we try hard to maintain our reputation as a successful, happy school. I sincerely hope this is your experience during your time at Marine Park.



The school motto, "**Hand in Hand We Learn Together**" indicates that, if we work and care for each other as a collective school community, all of us, but most importantly the pupils at Marine Park, will thrive. I very much look forward to working alongside you all and contributing to the success of the school and pupils.

I realise the crucial role the teacher(s) and support staff play in your child's social, emotional and academic wellbeing and development. I am confident that you will find that all staff make themselves available if you have anything to discuss.

Yours faithfully  
Mr. Stephen Easton

## Parent Governor



We have two parent governor vacancies because James Morton has resigned and Matt Baille Smith's term of office is complete. Both James and Matt have made a significant and valuable contribution to the school during their time as parent governors and we are extremely grateful to them for all they have 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 Wednesday 18th September. 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.

## Smile Please!



Before the summer holidays we invited pupils to bring in an interesting photograph of themselves. Thank you for the smiley photographs we have received on the first day back.

We want to use the photographs to create a welcoming display in the school and would like to include a photo of every child in the school—including Nursery and Reception. We think the children will enjoy finding photos of themselves and each other on the display so please send one in!

We promise we will return the photos when we take the display down later this year. We will also give each pupil that brings a photograph from home a family credit to say thank you!

## Summer Holiday Diaries

Before the summer holidays, we invited pupils in Y1-4 to keep a diary. Thank you for the amazing diaries we have received so far on the first day back at school. The format of the diaries was very flexible and pupils didn't need to make an entry every day.

It is not too late to send in diaries so that we can include them all in a display in each classroom.

We promise we will return the diary when we take the display down later this term. We will also give each pupil that brings a diary a limited edition diary family credit (worth 6) to say thank you!

### Forthcoming Events

- ⊙ 2/9/19 (Monday) Training Day— School Closed for Pupils
- ⊙ 3/9/19 (Tuesday) Pupils return to school
- ⊙ 9/9/19 Tour of Britain Cycle Race passes through Whitley Bay and past Marine Park First School
- ⊙ 13/9/19 Robinwood Meeting (for parents of pupils in Y4 going on this year's trip) 3 p.m.
- ⊙ 18/9/19– 20/9/19 Y4 Residential to Robinwood
- ⊙ 19/9/19 PTA Meeting at Jam Jar Cinema 8 p.m.
- ⊙ 24/9/19 Reception Parents' Information about learning meeting 7 p.m.
- ⊙ 15/10/19 Parents' Evening 3.45 p.m.– 6.15 p.m.
- ⊙ 17/10/19 Parents' Evening 3.45 p.m.– 6.15 p.m.
- ⊙ 22/10/19 Nursery and Reception (EYFS) Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
- ⊙ 23/10/19 Year 1 Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m.
- ⊙ 23/10/19 Year 2 Harvest Assembly 2.35 p.m.
- ⊙ 24/10/19 Year 3 Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m.
- ⊙ 24/10/19 Year 4 Harvest Assembly 2.35 p.m.
- ⊙ 24/10/19 Pupils break up for half term holidays— Non uniform for leading family group
- ⊙ 25/10/19 (Friday) Training Day— School Closed for Pupils
- ⊙ 4/11/19 (Monday) Training Day— School Closed for Pupils
- ⊙ 5/11/19 Pupils return to school
- ⊙ 5/11/19 School Photographer
- ⊙ 3/12/19 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ⊙ 4/12/19 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ⊙ 5/12/19 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ⊙ 10/12/19 Key Stage 2 (Y3 and 4) Christmas Concert 2 p.m.— To Be Confirmed
- ⊙ 12/12/19 EYFS Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ⊙ 13/12/19 EYFS Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ⊙ 20/12/19 Pupils break up for the Christmas Holidays at normal time
- ⊙ 6/1/20 (Monday) Training Day— School Closed for Pupils
- ⊙ 7/1/20 (Tuesday) Pupils return to school

# Family Credits!

After the lasting success of the Family Credit reward scheme over the last eight years we will continue to award family credits this year.

## But what are they and how does the system work?

Each pupil in Year 1-4 will continue to be in one of five family groups. The amazing sorting hat will be used to sort Reception children into a group starting on the 17th of September!! The family groups are named after precious jewel colours. Once united, the family groups are composed of children from every year group and the group meets regularly. When a pupil earns a credit they bank it in their classroom in their family group coloured box. The school council regularly count the number of family credits each family group has collected and, at the end of each term, the family group with the most credits receive a prize/treat funded by the PTA. Last year the three prizes were: a trip to Whitley Bay Playhouse, a trip to the Jam Jar Cinema and a day trip to the beach! We also continued to have a

non-uniform day as a half term (mid point) prize!

Children are able to earn credits for effort, attitude, achievement and citizenship both within and outside the classroom. Occasionally we create limited edition family credits with extra value! All staff are able to award family credits and we hope this incentive will continue to encourage the children to try their best and receive recognition for this effort. Family groups also encourage pupils to mix within the school and allow opportunities for older children to take responsibility for younger ones.

In addition we will be keeping all of the existing ways of rewarding pupils such as the weekly achievement certificates given out in assembly and the systems your child's class teacher(s) use.



## Website and Newsletters

We continue to develop the school website. You can view it using the following web address:

<http://www.marineparkfirst.co.uk/>

There is lots of useful information on the site including news, a gallery (with photo slideshows), term dates and information about the school, staff and governors.

Last year, we took the decision to stop sending out fortnightly newsletter in paper form. Instead we send a text out with a link to the newsletter on the school website. A limited number of paper copies are also available from the office.

If you have any ideas about what you would like to see on the school website then email your ideas to:

[Info@marineparkfirst.org.uk](mailto:Info@marineparkfirst.org.uk)

Or to the Headteacher: [stephen.easton@ntfp.org.uk](mailto:stephen.easton@ntfp.org.uk)

## School Council Healthy Tuck-Shop

The enterprising School Council run a healthy tuck shop in school. The tuck shop sells a range of fresh fruit. These items cost 30p.

### Tuck-Shop Timetable:

Monday– Year 4

Tuesday-Year 3

Wednesday-Year 2

Thursday-Year 1

## Dates for your diary

Forthcoming events at Marine Park for the autumn term have been included in this newsletter. We will be adding events in future newsletters. Whilst some of the events are well known to many parents, others are new so more information will be sent out in due course!

## Tour of Britain

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race is passing through Whitley Bay on Monday 9th September. We have been in contact with the organisers and have been assured that the Marine Park grounds will be a great (and safe) vantage point. The timings are not certain but we anticipate the race passing the school at approx. 3 p.m. so plan to take the children out to watch.

You can access up-to-date information on the website: <https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk>

## Robinwood Information Meeting

Our Y4 pupils go to Robinwood for an action packed residential from 18/9/19-20/9/19. We offer a brief, final arrangements, meetings to parents/carers on Friday 13th September between 3 p.m.-3.25 p.m. Don't worry if you are not able to attend as a letter will also be sent home with the children (and placed on the website) which provides a summary of the arrangements.



## PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting of the year will be held on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 8.00pm in the Jam Jar Cinema. It would be wonderful to see new members in addition to the loyal hard working group that contribute so much to the pupils' experiences at our school.

## School Meals and Packed Lunches 2019-20

A reminder that school meal prices have increased in September to £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week.

School meals are provided by North Tyneside Council. The menus can be viewed by [clicking here](#). We have also put a link to the menus from the Parentzone of our website.

Each child has a unique code with Joinos. [Joinos](#) is the name of the communication and school meals payment website designed specifically for parents and carers of children in [North Tyneside](#). Once registered, parents/carers can pre order and pay (if applicable) for school meals using a computer, tablet or smart phone. It is also possible to make a payment over the telephone using a debit / credit card. If you wish to do this please ring (0191) 643 2888.

Please contact North Tyneside catering services if you need a new registration code for your child. Also, if you have any queries, questions or feedback about school meals please contact North Tyneside on (0191) 643 8355 or email:

[catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk)

The North Tyneside Website also includes [packed lunch advice](#) for parents/carers of pupils that have packed lunches.

## An end of year slideshow 2018-19

Visit our website to watch a fantastic summary slideshow which shows photographic highlights of 2018-19 at Marine Park First School.