



THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO MRS BURNS AND MRS CREHAN



Our School Business Manager, Mrs Sue Burns will be retiring at the end of April after completing over 27 years of service at Marlborough.

During this time, Mrs Burns has made an outstanding contribution and has been an asset to our school. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the school's finances have been exceptionally well managed according to the principles of best value. Mrs Burns has played a key role in

advising school leaders and governors and in managing the financial and staffing implications of key initiatives such as the school's take over of Marlborough Minders Aftercare, Community Centre activities and the delivery of other extended schools services. She has overseen the completion of various capital projects such as the development of our all weather pitch, cooking kitchens, office extension and community centre. Mrs Burns led the implementation of the 30 hour offer in our Nursery, online payment service and key security and safeguarding systems.

Mrs Burns has supported our staff recruitment processes and has consistently provided helpful advice, support and information to her colleagues. We shall all miss her keen sense of humour and her friendly and kindly approach to her role.

Mrs Burns tells us that she is very much looking forward to spending more time with her family, including her five grandchildren, and in taking advantage of opportunities to travel with her husband Joe. She also says that she will be devoting even more time to playing tennis, which will not be good news for her main opponent, Mr Murrell, who can expect to receive no mercy on court!

We are sure that you will join us in thanking Mrs Burns for all she has done at Marlborough and in wishing her and her family well for the future.



Mrs Helen Crehan will be leaving Marlborough to take up an exciting new teaching post in a school in Ealing after spending over eleven years at our school. Mrs Crehan completed her teacher training at Marlborough before going on to become one of our most outstanding teachers and valued Year Group Leaders. She has made significant contributions towards the development of subjects such as science and mathematics and has provided

high levels of support to less experienced teachers and/or those new to the school. Those children who have been fortunate enough to have been taught by Mrs Crehan will know her as an exceptionally kind and considerate teacher who makes all the learning experiences enjoyable and productive. Mrs Crehan's optimistic and cheerful approach to her role has been an asset to the school and has provided the best possible example to her colleagues.

We are sure that you will join us in thanking Mrs Crehan for her excellent contribution and in wishing her and her family well for the future.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLEA TO MOTORISTS

Unfortunately we are continuing to receive complaints from parents/carers and neighbours to the school in respect to the a minority of inconsiderate drivers who continue to pose a threat to the health and safety of our children and other pedestrians. We would therefore respectfully encourage all of parents/carers to walk their children to school wherever possible and remind those who do insist on driving to avoid blocking driveways, mounting pavements, obstructing the school entrance and to ensure that their children use appropriate child seats and or booster seats and take extra care when turning.

We are very grateful to the majority of parents/carers who always try to ensure their children walk to school, along with those who do drive and park with due care and consideration, and are determined to work even harder with the council, the police, parents/carers and neighbours to find a solution to this ongoing and serious problem.

News, Messages and Reminders

- * **Congratulations to our choir who performed so well at the Voice in a Million concert at Wembley Stadium on Thursday 21st March and a special thank you to Mrs Fredjohn and Mrs Lord for giving up so much time to organise and manage the trip.**
- * **Year 6 took part in a very interesting and enjoyable World War II workshop** where they deepened their understanding of on the home front including the experience of evacuation.
- * **Year 6 pupils Anna, Lujain Hamza, Taran represented Marlborough at a special Mathematics Challenge event at Strand Juniors.** They finished a very creditable fourth place and were commended on their teamwork and ability to solve problems involving tangram shapes .
- * **We have been treated to several excellent assemblies since February half-term.** These included those from Orange Class who presented the story of Victorian lighthouse keeper's daughter, Grace Darling, who rescued survivors from a shipwreck in 1838, Lemon Class who shared their learning about nocturnal animals and Magenta Class who highlighted the importance of determination and resilience
- * **Thank you to everyone who supported and took part in our special World Book Day activities on Thursday 7th March.**
- * **Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Iver Environmental Centre** where they took part in a whole range of interesting activities including pond dipping and learning about various minibeasts.
- * **Year 4 took part in a very successful school trip to the Royal Courts of Justice** where they had the opportunity to re-enact a Victorian court scene.
- * **Well done to all the children who took part in the Year 5 'Bike-a-ability' course.** This will help them to gain the skills and confidence necessary to complete their cycling proficiency in Year 6.
- * **We are very proud of all of our young athletes, gymnasts and games players who have represented the school in various recent borough sports events and competitions.** Their exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes stood out and were consistently recognised by the organisers. Our Year 5 and 6 athletics teams were even commended for a fair play award.
- * **Thank you to all our parents/carers who do their utmost to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time.** Although our attendance figures show that Marlborough is broadly in line with national averages, we are concerned about the absence rates in some of our classes and year groups such as nursery and reception.

Overall Attendance for Current School Year - End of Spring Term		
Whole School = 96.60%		
Mauve	Purple	Violet
95.16%	97.13%	97.20%
Cerise	Magenta	Pink Fuchsia
98.85%	97.15%	96.92% 94.32%
Turquoise	Sapphire	Blue
96.44%	97.49%	95.85%
Green	Emerald	Lime
97.57%	97.03%	97.67%
Gold	Lemon	Yellow
97.13%	95.47%	97.41%
Amber	Orange	Saffron
95.63%	97.05%	95.96%
Cherry	Red	Scarlet
90.01%	93.16%	94.91%
Nursery	am	pm
	90.63%	80.13%