



Newsletter

Thursday 29th April 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 30th April
Monday 3rd May
Tuesday 4th May
Friday 7th May
Friday 28th May

Monday 7th June
Monday 26th July

Helmsley's last Forest school session
School closed – bank holiday
School open
Year 1 begin Forest school sessions
School finishes for half term
(normal times)
School reopens
Last day of the school year.
(early finish)

You can view the school calendar on the homepage of our website and next year's term and holiday dates can be found in the parents section of the website as well.

➤ Molly and Esme's Just giving page

Molly and Esme are very bravely donating their hair to the Princess trust this Saturday! The money they raise will go towards Leukaemia research in memory of their Granny Gill who sadly passed away 5 years ago. It would be lovely if we could show our support and help them raise more money for this fantastic cause. The children and staff are all very proud of them and we look forward to seeing their lovely new haircuts next week.

If you would like to make a donation please click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-wilson85>



➤ **Star of the Week Awards**

Congratulations to the following children for excellent effort and attitude in class:

Nelly
Kayden
Thomas B
George L

➤ **Hands of friendship Award**

For being a kind and caring friend:
Will T

➤ **Forestschool – Year 1**

An email has been sent out to all parents of Year 1 children. Forest school will start on Friday 7th May.

➤ **Home School Values**

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find the attached ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

➤ **Morrisons Seeds of Hope & the “Make Good Things Happen” campaign**

So proud of our winners of the Morrisons 'Make Good Things Happen' Campaign.

A big 'well done' to Tristan, Olivia and Amelia who have been gifted a prize for being exceptional throughout the pandemic on behalf of Morrisons by going above and beyond for their communities.

Tristan and Olivia gave up their time to go litter picking around the village to keep it looking nice for local residents and Amelia ran 10k to raise money for Harrogate hospital.



On Tuesday the children should have come home with a little packet of Sunflower seeds and an A5 postcard. This is part of Morrisons #MakeGoodThingsHappen campaign in which they are trying to spread some hope and optimism within our communities as we gradually ease out of what has been a difficult lockdown. The postcards can be used to write a cheerful message for someone who is vulnerable or lonely. If you get chance to complete your postcard, you can take them to your local Morrisons store so that they can distribute them to local people. Enjoy planting your Sunflower seeds and if you would like another packet we do have some spares in school.

➤ **Sunscreen**

Children will need to have sunscreen applied before school as staff can only supervise the application of sunscreen, not apply it. Children are more than welcome to bring a named, roll on type sunscreen that can be applied by them.

➤ **The Big Ask**

This is the largest ever survey for school children to take part in and it is designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future are. If your child would like to take part then they can access the survey using the following link: <http://thebigask.uk/>

OTHER NOTICES

➤ **Frenzy Drama**

A message from Shawna at Frenzy drama:

"Unfortunately, I have made the decision to close Frenzy. It is not a decision I have taken lightly and I have spent several months doing everything I can to avoid this outcome. However, due to the pandemic and other personal circumstances, it has become impossible to continue.

I would like to thank you and your students for all the support and joy you have given me and Frenzy over the last couple of years. It has been a pleasure working with all our wonderful students. I hope they will all continue to enjoy drama and wish them all success, in the future.

I hope you can understand how difficult the past year and this decision have been. Thank you so much for all your support and encouragement. All the best for the future, take care."

➤ **Damien Poole Theatre Arts for children**

An email has been sent out to parents who have children aged between 7 and 12 about Musical Theatre classes in the centre of Harrogate.

➤ **MCG Tennis**

The Tennis Club has just opened up registration & membership to all current and new or potential supporters for the 2021 season & I am sure there are a number of parents at school who may not know we have such a great facility in the village.

If any parents have any questions or would like to speak to anyone concerning the Tennis Courts, Kevin Beattie and Claire Hammond are members of the MCG Tennis committee so can be approached anytime at school to answer any questions.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

➤ **Long hair in school**

Please can we remind Parents and children that hair which is longer than shoulder length must be tied back for school.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Easy fundraising

Please don't forget that Marton-cum-Grafton Primary School is registered with easyfundraising. So, although we're unable to get together and hold fundraising events in person at present, we can continue to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you for the school.

When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Booking.com, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/martoncumgraftonps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e3

This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support and thank you to the people who are currently registered on the site and continue to create donations it is very much appreciated.

“Aspire, Believe and Achieve in a Caring Christian Community”

Our children will flourish, be safe and valued, in a nurturing Christian community. They will aspire to be the best that they can be; believe in their abilities and gain the courage and confidence to achieve their goals.

Our Christian Vision is lived out through the values of **Kindness, Courage and Respect** and illustrated through the parable of **The Seed and The Sower**

“The seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams” Mark 4:20

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