



# Newsletter

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Race for Life
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Baas to School collection
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30am	Year 6 Leavers service
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July		Last day of the school year. (early finish)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July		School open for summer holiday club
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September		School opens for the Autumn term

**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.**

### ➤ **Star of the Week Awards**

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

Zeta  
Esme  
Gabby

### ➤ **Hot chocolate awards**

Congratulations to the following children for their exemplary behavior and for living out our school values of kindness, courage and respect:

Eliza  
Lucy H  
Frederick

### ➤ **After school clubs in September**

We will be sending out information next week about after school clubs in September.

### ➤ **School dinners in September**

We hope you have had chance to have a look at the new autumn menu that has been created by our new catering team. To repeat what was communicated earlier this week,

parents and children will not be required to choose their lunch options. Children will have the opportunity to choose on the day with help from staff in school. You can view the new menu on the school website.

### ➤ **Race for life**

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far. We have reached an incredible £750!! We would love to try raise even more ahead of the race tomorrow. So please share the link below with as many people as possible.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/marton-cum-grafton-ce-va-primary-school>

### ➤ **School Production**

This year's School production is called "**Wow What a Year**" and the KS2 children have been busy practicing their class songs. We plan to film the production over the next couple of weeks and parents will receive a private link to our YouTube channel where they will be able to watch from home.

### ➤ **Uniform update from September**

For parents that are thinking about ordering uniform for September, we wanted to give you a summary of some slight changes. More details will be sent out next week.

- We will be continuing to have children come to school in their PE kits when it is their PE day (please can children wear the correct school PE kit: Navy, black or white shorts and a white t-shirt). PE bags will not be needed.
- We have decided to continue without book bags for the foreseeable. Your child's class teacher will communicate with you if there is anything they needed to bring in to school.
- Please can your child be dressed in the appropriate uniform and footwear when they return to school in September.

A uniform flyer has been attached to this newsletter.

### ➤ **Last day of term**

Please can we remind parent's that the last day of term is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July. This is due to school having to change the training day earlier on in the year. On this day we have lots of fun activities planned for the children and school will finish at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm.

Please can KS2 children bring a packed lunch to school on this day so we can enjoy a picnic outside. Those children who receive a free school meal will have a packed lunch from the kitchen on this day. The Friends have also arranged for an ice-cream van to arrive at a school as an extra treat! Please note that there will be no after school clubs or BAFTA this day.

Please remember that children are expected to be in school and any absence will be put as unauthorised unless the Headteacher has granted the absence as exceptional circumstances.

### ➤ **Summer term reports**

Reports will be sent electronically Thursday or Friday next week. Paper copies can be requested.

### ➤ **Year 6 Leavers Service**

This special service will take place at 9.30am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The service is open to Year 6 parents and their families only. More details have been sent to Year 6 parents today.

## OTHER NOTICES

### ➤ Summer reading Challenge

Go Green with the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes and is all about nature and looking after the planet.

The challenge is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 10th July until Sat 11th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of online activities to go with the challenge – whilst there will be some pre-recorded activities available on the @nycclibraries Facebook page, many of the activities will require bookings to be made via eventbrite (see attached flyer)

Some libraries may be able to have events in the library, depending on Covid restrictions – just ask at your local branch.





Summer Reading Challenge 2021

# WILD WORLD HEROES



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

### Summer holiday online events

ALL events must be pre-booked via eventbrite

Event	Date	Time
<b>Cosmic Carol presents Volcanos!</b> Join space expert Cosmic Carol for a fun and interactive online event all about volcanos. For children aged 7+	<b>Monday 19th July</b>	4.30pm
<b>Comic Masterclass with Kev F Sutherland</b> Join Kev for a live, fun filled, interactive session. Children will design their own characters, learn useful yet simple drawing techniques and will create their own comic strip. Session suitable for children age 8+	<b>Thursday 29th July</b>	10.30am
<b>Rubbish isn't Rubbish!</b> Find out about recycling and what happens to your rubbish after you put it in the bin. An interactive session with Emile Knight from Allerton Waste Recovery Park. For children aged 7+.	<b>Tuesday 3rd August</b>	10.30am
<b>Storytelling with John Kirk</b> Let your imagination run wild as you join a virtual storytelling experience like no other. Jam-packed with interactive scavenger hunting fun these sessions are suitable for families with story hunters aged 4+.	<b>Tuesday 10th August</b>	1pm
<b>Naturetown</b> This adventure investigates plastic pollution, deforestation and litter; teaching us about alternatives such as recycling, composting and habitat creations, to reinforce what we can do to protect and care for our animal neighbours. Suitable for children aged 4+	<b>Tuesday 17th August</b>	2pm
<b>North Yorkshire Rotters</b> Find out about composting, recycling, and wormeries so you can be a Wild World Hero in your own backyard! For ages 7 to 11	<b>Thursday 26th August</b>	2pm



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### ➤ The Sleep Charity

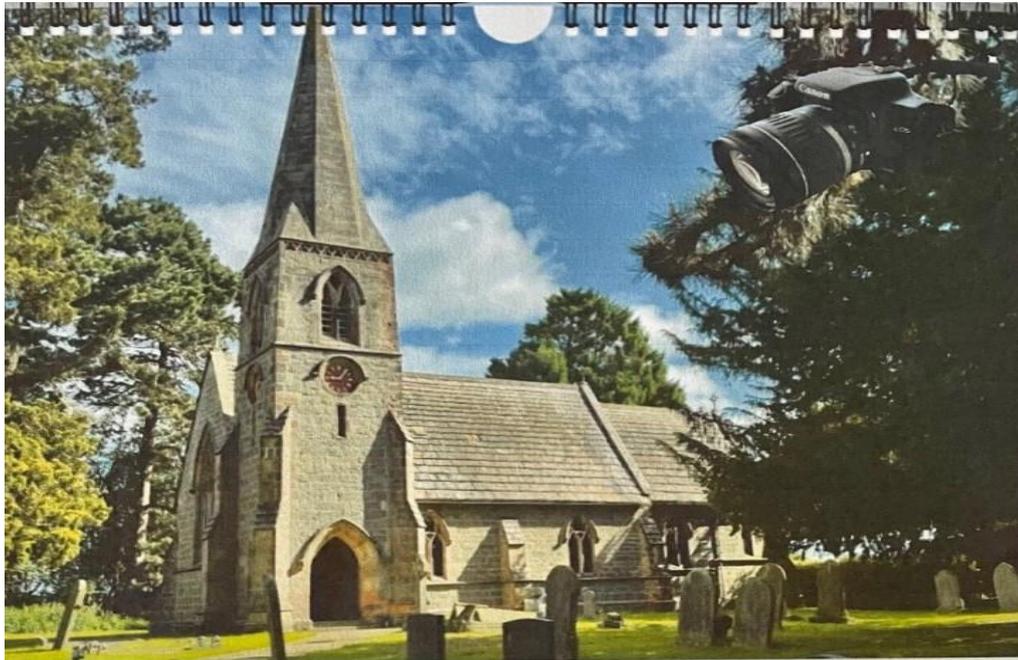
Please find attached a very useful link for parents who may be struggling with their child/ren sleeping.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/north-yorkshire-free-webinars-for-parents-carers/>

➤ **Summer Camps**

Please see the attached flyer about United Summer camps that are running at Cundall Manor this summer.

➤ **Church competition**



**Photographic Competition 2021**

The theme is "Our Glorious Parish."

Twelve photos will be selected by landscape photographer Derry Brabbs and will feature in the St Mary's Dunsforth calendar 2022.

Open to all amateur photographers living within the United Parish of Aldborough, Boroughbridge with Roecliffe, Dunsforth and Minskip. Photos taken within the Parish.

Send digital (JPEG) images in LANDSCAPE format, at least 3,600px wide and 2-3MB. to [dunsforthphotocomp@icloud.com](mailto:dunsforthphotocomp@icloud.com)

Maximum of 6 entry photographs per photographer.

Closing date Tuesday 31 August 2021.

WINNERS will receive, 2 complimentary calendars and a ticket to an illustrated talk by Derry Brabbs in the Autumn

*All proceeds to St Mary's Church Dunsforth*

Terms and conditions on request:- [dunsforthphotocomp@icloud.com](mailto:dunsforthphotocomp@icloud.com)  
and on [Dunsforths.co.uk](http://Dunsforths.co.uk)

**NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS**

**A special thank you!**

We would like to thank Kate and Chris Stephenson whose business, Chris Stephenson Building Services Ltd, has very generously donated £1000 to the Early Years playground fund. This huge amount of money will go such a long way to help fund the brand new play area in the early years. They have also very kindly offered to share half the cost with the Friends for the Ice cream van that will visit school on the last day of term.

## **The Friends end of year raffle**

We would like to thank those that have donated so far. All donations are welcome big or small. Tickets should be ready to go on sale soon. We are planning to sell tickets over a few weeks and then draw the raffle in the last full week of term.

We are particularly hoping for some prizes that may help promote local businesses and we hope to have prizes for families, children & adults. So treats for all the family!! If you would like to donate to the raffle or know someone locally who would be happy to donate please contact the Friends or the school.

## **Bags to School**

We have arranged for Bags to School to collect on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## **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](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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