



Newsletter

Thursday 9th September 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 10th September
Week commencing 13th September
Saturday 2nd October
Friday 22nd October
Monday 1st November

Forest school – Year 3
Music lessons begin
The Friends coffee morning
Last day of half term
School open

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.

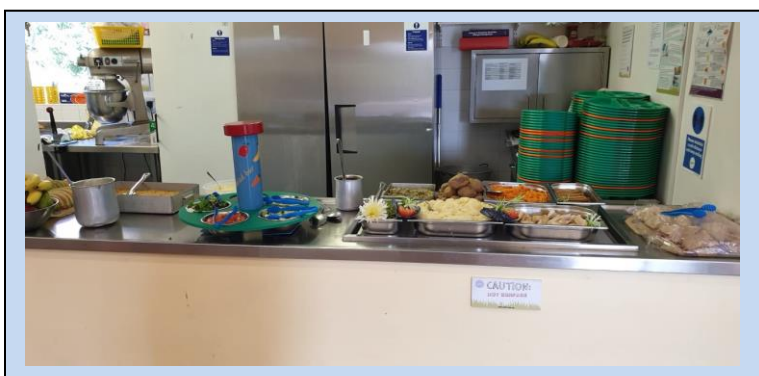
➤ **Welcome back!**

Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer. It has been lovely to welcome you all back to school this week. I have been so impressed with how fantastically well the children have settled in to the new school year, there has been such a calm and hard working atmosphere in the classrooms and it has been heart warming to see all of the children playing together again.

The school is looking fantastic after all the decorating and new flooring has been completed over the holidays and I would like to thank the staff for their incredibly hard work preparing for this week.

We are delighted with Mellors our new school meal provider; hopefully you've had some good feedback from your children! Here are some of their comments:



*“They’re a little bit good!”
Rosie , Ripley*

*“They’re nicer and the man
who serves us is nice to.” William,
Helmsley*

"They're good, brilliant and I liked the Bolognese and the cheese sandwich." Freddie, Newby

"I like them a lot and I was allowed to have seconds!" Lucas, Helmsley



Early Years Outdoor Area

We are very excited that our early years outdoor play area will be getting a re-vamp later this half term and would like to thank The Friends for their generous donation which will help towards funding this project.

➤ Home school Values

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

➤ Forest school

Year 3 will be starting their weekly forest school sessions tomorrow. The children will need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for getting dirty and MUST have waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat for the day (regardless of the weather forecast). Please could children bring their school uniforms in a named bag to get changed into after.

➤ After school clubs

We still have some spaces left for Cricket club (Thursday for Harlow & Helmsley class) and Football club (Friday for years 2-6). If you would like to book your child a place please pay via Parent pay.

➤ BAFTA

For any queries about before and after school club please email:

s.snowden@mcgprimaryschool.org

All BAFTA sessions will be in the school hall.

➤ Music Tuition in school

Music lessons will resume in school next week, week commencing the 13th. Those children who have lessons may have been contacted by North Yorkshire music services but below are the days for each lesson:

Piano/keyboard - Wednesdays

Woodwind - Thursdays

Guitar - Friday

For children who are interested in applying for music tuition in school, you can find out more information here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/info/information-about-lessons-available-schools>

➤ **Individual photos**

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 4th October at 1.30pm to do individual pupil photos. There will be an opportunity for siblings who are not in school to join. More information on this will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

➤ **Water bottles**

Please can we remind parents that children must bring in a named water bottle, preferably a sports style bottle every day they are in school and these must only contain water.

➤ **Children walking/cycling alone to school**

Parents of children in Years 5 & 6 may decide that their child is capable of independently walking/cycling to school. If this is the case, then a consent form must be completed for that child and returned to the school office. Attached to this newsletter is the policy and consent form for parents to read through. If your child wishes to ride their bike to school there is a bike rack in the school car park where their bike can be secured during the day. You will need to provide them with a locking device which they can operate themselves.

➤ **If your child is ill**

You need to inform the school office by **9am every day** that your child is unwell and that they will not be in school. If your child is suffering from vomiting/diarrhoea then they must stay off school for a full 48 hours after the last occurrence of the illness. We kindly ask that you consider getting a Covid test for your child if they have these symptoms as new variants can display sickness/diarrhoea in children.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes to the summer raffle before the end of term. Unfortunately we had to postpone the raffle but we are pleased to let you know that tickets will be back on sale from next week in the school playground. We plan to draw the raffle on Saturday 2nd October at our Friends Marton-cum-Grafton coffee morning. If you would like to donate any raffle prizes we would really appreciate it and those who donated before the summer break, your prizes are safely stored in school ready to be won. So thank you again!

Coffee morning

As a great way to welcome all parents to our school we will be having our Friends coffee morning on Saturday 2nd October at Marton-cum-Grafton village hall and everyone is welcome. We would appreciate volunteers to help serve teas, coffees and cakes and help prepare bacon sandwiches. We would also appreciate any cake donations. If you are able to help in any way please let the Friends know or Susan Wilson will be around school every Friday. We look forward to seeing you all!

Parents who are new to the school, welcome! If you are interested in joining the Friends or even hearing all about what we do, you can request to join our private Facebook page or speak to Susan Wilson who will be around school every Friday.

Friends meeting

We are planning a meeting for one day next week and a text will be sent out to parents confirming the date and time. We would love to see some new parents join us.

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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