



# Newsletter

## Thursday 23rd September 2021

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

The Friends coffee morning  
Individual school photos  
National walk to school day  
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.**

### ➤ **Flu vaccinations in school**

The nasal influenza vaccination will be offered to children in Reception-year 6 this Autumn term. Parents should have received an email with information on how to consent to this. If you have not submitted your online form please do so using the following link and entering the information below:

1. Go to <https://www.hdfn.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code 121632 and click "Find School".
3. Complete the form with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information\*.
4. Click the green "Submit" button.

### ➤ **Village notice**

Please can we ask Parents who pick up and drop off in their vehicles that they observe the speed limit in the village? Could we also remind parents not to park on the grass verges in the centre of the village. In particular there's a patch towards the start of Church Lane which is easily damaged once the autumn weather is upon us.

### ➤ **Apple picking**

Children have been encouraged to collect apples they find around the school grounds and put them in one of the crates that have been left out. Once we have collected enough apples, a member of the village has very kindly offered to come into school to do some apple

pressing with the children. So if you find any apples at drop off and pick up please put them in the crates. Thank you!

### ➤ **National walk to school day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Schools across the whole district, both secondary and primary, will be swapping their car commute (or at least the last part of it) in favour of walking, cycling or taking the bus/train, as part of a community effort to reduce our district's carbon emissions.

Some pupils who live in rural locations may feel they cannot get to school any other way than with their car, so car sharing and the 'park and stride' option also count.

If parents can park their car sooner than normal, and walk the last part, that still lowers their carbon footprint. Every mile counts!

We hope you are encouraged to take part in this event and we welcome any photos of you and your children heading to school as a zero carbon hero! Please email your photos to [office@mcgprimaryschool.org](mailto:office@mcgprimaryschool.org)

All children who take part will receive a certificate for their efforts.

### ➤ **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."

### ➤ **BAFTA**

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

[s.snowden@mcgprimaryschool.org](mailto:s.snowden@mcgprimaryschool.org)

All BAFTA sessions will be in the school hall.

### ➤ **Music Tuition in school**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 in the school playground. We plan to draw the raffle on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

The Friends will be meeting tonight (16<sup>th</sup> Sept) at 7.45pm at the Punch Bowl pub in the village. We hope to see some new and familiar faces!

## **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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