



Newsletter

Friday 1st October 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 2 nd October	10-12 – Village Hall	The Friends coffee morning
Monday 4 th October		Individual school photos
Friday 8 th October		National walk to school day
Friday 22 nd October		Last day of half term
Monday 1 st November		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.

➤ **Star of the week awards**

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

Reggie
Grace S
Millicent
Ben
Summer H
Ella
George H
William S

➤ **Hot Chocolate awards**

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

Henry W
Lucy H
Annabelle B
Lucus G

➤ **Ambassadors' Award**

For upholding our school values and being a role model to others:
Layton

➤ **The Friends Coffee morning**

As a great way to welcome all parents to our school we will be having our Friends coffee morning this Saturday 2nd October at Marton-cum-Grafton village hall and everyone is welcome. Please come along as there will be refreshments, cakes and bacon sandwiches to purchase and we can now offer contactless card payments! We will also be drawing our raffle so if you have not yet had chance to buy a ticket, Susan Wilson will be selling tickets after school today in the playground.

➤ **Morrison's Good to Grow**

Our school is collecting Morrisons good to grow tokens. From September every £10 you spend in store or online you'll receive one grow token which you can donate to our school. These tokens will allow us to receive free gardening equipment, seeds and much more. To find out more information please visit <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>

➤ **School photos**

Individual photos are taking place on Monday 4th October in the afternoon. If your child has a younger sibling who doesn't attend school or isn't in Pre-school on that day and you would like them to have their photo taken together please arrive at the hall door for 2.40 pm.

➤ **Welcome to our new staff members**

We have had some new staff join our school community:
Natalie – our new school cook
Gemma – our new kitchen assistant
Mrs Ager – trainee teacher
Mrs Munday – trainee teacher

➤ **Apple pressing**

A huge thank you to David and Pauline Barker for coming into school and letting the children have a go at apple pressing, using the apples collected at school. Also a big thank you to Joanne Smith for donating more apples. Everyone really enjoyed doing this and the apple juice was delicious!



➤ **National walk to school day – Friday 8th 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@mcgprimarieschool.org

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



➤ **BAFTA**

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

s.snowden@mcgprimarieschool.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>

➤ **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

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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