

Friends of Marchington School

Friday 28th September 2018

Message from the Chair

I would like to introduce the new *Friends of Marchington School Newsletter*. This will be published, on alternate weeks, working with Mrs Ashmore and the publication of the School Newsletter. This way we hope to keep a consistent communication with home, keeping you up to date with school life, future events and important dates.

Again, I would like to thank everyone that attended the meeting on Monday 24th September. It was fantastic that there were some new faces along with people that had attended previous meetings. Thank you for volunteering your time and offering some fantastic ideas that can now be developed.

I would also like to thank the people that were unable to attend the meeting, but volunteered to help with future events. You guys are extremely important, as this will be the key to our success.

Comprising a list of events is currently a working progress, however the list was developed further in Monday's meeting (dates to follow). If you would like to help and be involved in any of our events, then please let either myself, Angela, Catherine and Dawn know. Your help and time are greatly appreciated, not only by us but the children too.



Friends of Marchington School

It was decided that the group will be called Friends of Marchington School, encompassing everyone within the school community. Over the next few weeks, the children will be designing a logo for the group and Mrs Ashmore will be choosing the winning logo that will be used on all our future publications.

A Big THANK YOU

On behalf of the Friends of Marchington School and the school itself. I would like to say a big thank you to a nursery parent who has taken the time to fund raise an extremely generous donation that has been received this week.



Upcoming Events

THURSDAY 4TH OCT – Charity Event Meeting

TUESDAY 16TH & WEDNESDAY 17TH OCT – Parents Evening

MONDAY 22ND OCT – Halloween Disco & Friends of Marchington School Meeting 3:15pm – 5pm

FRIDAY 26TH OCT – Family Assembly
2:15pm – 3:15pm

Half Term Holidays Begin

SATURDAY 27TH OCT – Quiz Night 7:30pm



Useful Apps

SQUEEBLES SPELLING TEST - £3.99

This app is aimed at help 5 – 11year old children practise their spellings in a fun and motivating environment. You are able to upload and save spellings sent home from school and then it allows the children to practise them whilst you are on the go. There are a range of Squeeble Apps to help with things like punctuation and Timetables. Great apps, highly recommended.



JOLLY PHONICS – Free



This app contains fun and interactive content to teach Letter Sounds. Great way to help reinforce phonics at home. Great for parents to learn the actions and rhymes that are used for teaching phonics in class.

SINGALONG CURSIVE HANDWRITING - £1.99

This method of letter formation is used in the school curriculum. It is a great to help your children and be a part of what they are learning at school. Fabulous rhymes and demonstrations that really help the children to make links between what they hear, see and do. Really great app!



If you use any apps, tools or websites at home to help your children then, please let me know the details so we are able to share it with each other on future newsletters.

Governors Meeting

A full Governors Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 10th October from 6pm – 8pm.

If you have any issues, involving school that you would be liked to be raised in the meeting then please email the governors:

governors@st-peters-marchington.staffs.sch.uk

Golden Book



The Golden Book will be celebrated on the School Newsletter. The Golden Book is completed on a Friday and the achievers are announced in the Golden Assembly on a Friday afternoon.

Marchington Community Shop

This week the shop is celebrating Thinking of You week (24th -30th September) The week is all about creating a wave of love, caring and happiness by sending handwritten cards. The shop has a fabulous range of cards and other amenities and you will always be welcomed.



Volunteers

This year there seems to be a great network of people willing to help and support the events organised by Friends of Marchington School. Please find attached an updated "Dates for your Diary". For all of these events to be a success, we require a fabulous team of volunteers to help. It would be greatly appreciated if you are able to help with future events. If you could review the diary and let either myself, Angela, Catherine or Dawn know if you are available to help. Thank you so much in advance.



Year 4 Families

OLDFIELDS HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL are holding their open evening on Tuesday 16th October from 6pm - 8pm

WINDSOR PARK CE MIDDLE SCHOOL are holding their open evening on Thursday 18th October from 6pm -8pm



Oldfields Hall
Middle School



Car Boot Sale

As discussed in a previous meeting we have decided that in the warmer months of 2019 we will attend a well-established Car Boot Sale to raise money for the Friends of Marchington School. To allow us to do this we need items to sell. Over the next few months if you are having a clear out and you think you have any suitable items, items that you would normally take to the charity shop, then please bring them in to school and we will store them in the hope that we can put together a fabulous selection of car boot sale items. Books, toys, clothes, homeware etc.



Thank you so much for your support.

Reminder

Please could we remind all families to return the communication letter to Mrs Ashmore by the end of school on Thursday 4th October. We are looking to improve communication, make sure that we have the correct contact information and if possible become more environmentally friendly.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

HOLIDAY: Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November

INSET DAY: Monday 7 November

TERM ENDS: Thursday 20 December

INSET DAY: Friday 21 December

HOLIDAY: Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January

Spring Term 2019

INSET DAY: Monday 7 January

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 8 January

HALF TERM: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February

TERM ENDS: Friday 12 April

HOLIDAY: Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday 21 April

Summer Term 2019

TERM STARTS: Monday 29 April

MAY DAY: Monday 6 May

HALF TERM: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

TERM ENDS: Friday 19 July

INSET DAY: Monday 22 July

HOLIDAY: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August

Final Note...

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together" Vincent Van Gogh