

Friends of Marchington School

Friday 26th October 2018

Message from the Chair

Thank you so much to everyone, parents, teachers and staff who supported the Halloween Disco. I really hope that all the children enjoyed the event. Their outfits looked fabulous, they sang their hearts out to George Ezra, danced to Little Mix and had fun during the games. It was quite a mean feat to occupy 40 plus children!

After purchasing snacks and drinks, we raised £56.07. With that, we have purchased a £15.00 iTunes voucher which I have taken in to school so that they are able to download apps on to the iPads that will help the children in class. The rest of the money has been banked.

During the disco, the Friends of Marchington School meeting took place, thank you to Angela and Catherine for holding the fort. The meeting was extremely positive and events have been finalised till the end of the year. The regular meetings mean that additional events can be added throughout the year, in turn raising more money.

Moving forward, my priority is to work with Mrs Wright in helping fund the Staff Wish List so that children have the extra resources during their education. I promise to publicise this to all the families, as it is down to you guys that we will be able to make these wishes become reality.

I hope everyone has a fabulous half term, remembering to change the clocks, enjoy Halloween and have a fabulous, safe Bonfire Night.



Upcoming Events

FRIDAY 26TH OCT - Half Term Holidays Begin
SATURDAY 27TH OCT – Charity Pub Quiz 7:30pm
TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER – Back to School
THURSDAY 8TH November – Open Day
FRIDAY 9TH November – Remembrance Service at Church – 2:15pm
MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER – Anti Bullying Week
FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – Children in Need

Outside School Achievements

We want to celebrate all of the children's achievements, not only in school but outside of school too. So, if your child achieves a swimming badge, gymnastic certificate or horse riding rosette please bring it in to school so that we can celebrate these great efforts.



School Admissions - IMPORTANT

School Admissions for starting primary school or moving to middle school opens on THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online, on the Staffordshire.gov.uk website. Applications close on Tuesday 15TH January 2019 and the offer day is Tuesday 16TH April.

In regards to Nursery Admissions, this is no longer administered through the County Council but through the direct setting. Please contact Mrs Brittain, Woodland Childcare for Nursery applications.

Communication

It has been decided as of January 2019 all newsletters will be sent out electronically.

We will continue to pop a paper copy within book bags until the end of the Autumn term.

We have decided to move to this method for many reasons:

Saves Time – printing and popping the newsletters in book bags is surprisingly time consuming.

Better Access – The newsletters will be stored on the school website and Friends of Marchington School Facebook page, allowing you to access the newsletter at anytime from your phone or laptop.

Reduces costs – Paper, ink and toner costs will be reduced. Which can be spent on resources elsewhere.

Eco-Friendly – As you've seen over the last few weeks a huge amount of paper has been sent home. It is estimated that 20 reams of paper is the equivalent of a small tree. Hopefully over the years we could save a small forest.

The newsletters can be sent out directly to your email address, a text will be sent with a link to the newsletter. The newsletters will be posted on the school website along with the Friends of Marchington School Facebook page.

Over the next few weeks, it is your responsibility to make sure that Mrs Ashmore has the email addresses and mobile phone numbers that you wish the newsletter and link to be sent to. More than one email address and mobile phone can be used per family.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

HOLIDAY: Monday 29 Oct - Friday 2 Nov

INSET DAY: Monday 7 Nov

TERM ENDS: Thursday 20 Dec

INSET DAY: Friday 21 Dec

HOLIDAY: Monday 24 Dec- Friday 4 Jan

Spring Term 2019

INSET DAY: Monday 7 Jan

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 8 Jan

Odd Sock Day

This is as simple as it sounds. We ask all the children to wear odd socks on MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER along with their normal uniform. They can just be odd socks, or the children could design their own unique pair of odd socks. This is to kick start Anti Bullying Week. No donations required.



Children in Need



It has been decided that our participation in Children in Need, will be a non-uniform day – Pyjama Day. If the children would like to take part, then we ask for a donation of £1per child. All proceeds will go to Children in

Need. This will be a lovely end to our Anti Bullying Week on FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

Bring and Buy bonanza!

Need to make room for Christmas?

Do you have any toys or books etc. that your little ones no longer play with? Why not bring along any unwanted items to our bring and buy sale! This includes any good quality uniform clothing.

Pick up some lovely bargains for Christmas too and save yourself some pennies.

This will take place at the beginning of December All donations gladly accepted and all funds raised will go towards the school. Drop off date for items and further details will follow after half term.

Open Day – THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

This will be taking place after half term. A lovely day to showcase our fabulous school. Please be sure to tell your friends that are looking for a great school for their children and to share our posts and events on Facebook. The school will be open from 10am – 11:30am and an afternoon session from 1:30pm – 2:30pm.

A big thank you to Zoe Lord and her family for designing, organising and erecting the great open day signs that you have seen around the local area.

Friends of Marchington School Meeting

The next meeting will be taking place on MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER at 7:00pm in school.

We welcome everyone to come along, everyone's input is greatly appreciated. It is a great opportunity to be involved in school life.

Blithbury Reindeer Lodge

Friends of Marchington School and school itself are currently in the process of arranging a fabulous Christmas day out for all of the children including children in nursery. This will take place on MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER. It will take place during the school day and will not effect drop off and pick up times. Further details to follow after half term.

School Noticeboard

This week we have replaced the Perspex within the school noticeboard. This has been funded by Friends of Marchington School at a cost of £22.90. We will be sure to keep the board up to date with all relevant school information.

School Lunch Menus

When we return back to school there will be a new winter lunch menu. We will be sure to promote the new menu on our return.

Talbot First School Christmas Fair



Talbot School Association would like to invite you all to their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair on FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER from 8:30am-11:15am at Kingstone Village Hall. There will be a fabulous selection of stalls including handmade wood crafts, Christmas cards, chutney and pickles, soaps and bath bombs, and artwork. Local children's author Jenny Norman will be selling and signing her new book. Along with homemade cakes and hot drinks.

Final Note...

IF YOU GET TIRED
learn TO REST.
NOT TO QUIT.
—BANKSY
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