

Newsletter

January 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are making the most of the drier weather. As ever, school is very busy and there is a lot to fit into a very short half term. Netball club has resumed for Years 5 and 6 with the support of two Year 10 netballers from The Chantry. Mr Clement is running a multi-sports club for the remainder of this term with years 3 and 4 over at Sport Martley. Chess and Challenge is running weekly at lunch times; the children are enjoying a number of games including online challenges such as Countdown to improve their numeracy skills.

There is a lot going on over the next few weeks so please check in on Class Dojo for updates.

Dates for your diary:

TED Day

9th Feb

Half term

12th - 16th Feb

Young Voices

23rd Feb

STEM week

4th -8th March

Digibus-Y6

6th March

World Book Dav

7th March

Mother's Day Lunch

8th March

PTFA Film Night

14th March

Parent Consultations from 2pm

20th March

Easter Service at St.Peter's 21st March

End of term 22nd March

Guitar Lessons

Mark Archer attends school on a Friday afternoon, to teach children individual guitar/ ukelele lessons.

(These are paid lessons)

If you are interested, please contact the office for an application form.

Learn to play with Mark Archer Dip LCM



Ofsted

I am delighted that the school has maintained its grading as 'Good'. Ofsted have recognised the staff's hard work and continued desire to move forward and improve outcomes for pupils. I am extremely proud of all the children, staff and our wider school family for all their contributions in helping us maintain our Good status."



After School Club Update - Fridays

Due to there being such a low uptake of ASC on Fridays, we will be closing at 5pm on Fridays from February half term. We will review attendance on Fridays in the second half of the spring term and give notice should we need to close at 4:30 p.m. Apologies for inconvenience but we cannot run at a loss.

Thank you for your understanding.

Named Items

Please ensure all of your child/ children's belongings are labelled, especially water bottles. We are having an increase in the number of items in lost property so your help is appreciated.

Attendance



The Government have launched a new campaign on attendance.

Regular school attendance is essential if they are to make the most of the educational opportunity available to them.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Punctuality is just as important. Make every minute count!

Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

If you are facing difficulties getting your child into school, it is important to discuss this with us at the earliest opportunity.

We are here to help.





Pre-school

Spaces are available at our thriving pre-school. We welcome all families interested to come and see for yourselves. Please see details attached of how to arrange a tour and see our facilities.



New Windows and Doors

We have had new fire doors installed for the pupil entrance. Oak, Willow and Rowan Class have also had brand new doors and they look fantastic!

Pre-school has had a face lift with new doors to access the outdoor area and replacement windows. Thank you to Sheppard Building and Project Consultancy for working with us on this project.













Martley Primary & Preschool PTFA School Calendar Dates

Thursday 14th March - Movie Night

Thursday 21st March - Preloved
Uniform & Easter Cake Sale

More information regarding these
events will be provided nearer the time.

Looking for volunteers to help
at these events.

Please contact us at

Martleyptfa@gmail.com

Break Time

At Martley, we endeavour to be a healthy school, teaching the children about how to make good choices for their health including what they eat and how this contributes to their wellbeing.

We know how important it is that your child has the right fuel to keep them going from breakfast until lunch and ask that children only have fruit at morning break (this also includes fruit winders).

Please remember that all key stage 1 children have the option of free fruit and vegetables as part of the government school fruit and vegetables scheme. Therefore, there is no need to send a snack for key stage 1, however you may provide an alternative piece of fruit if you wish.