

'Every child will have confidence in their own self-worth and an aspiration to achieve.'



Marpool Primary School

Termly letter - September 2020

Welcome back all!

A warm welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term; we hope you had an enjoyable summer. It is a pleasure to see the children back after such a long time, looking so smart in their school uniforms. The weather is great at the moment but please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for when it is necessary as we expect to be outside for as many work tasks and breaks as possible, unless the weather is very poor. Please ensure all items are named as we will not have a lost property bin. Items will remain where children have left them if they are not named. Named items will be returned to the relevant class.

School drink and snacks

Could we please stress that children must have a water bottle in school and that only water should be in children's drink bottles. We are keen for KS2 children to bring a healthy snack, if they wish. KS1 children will continue to receive a healthy snack from the government, which started today. This is more important this term as we are out and about and very active with longer periods before lunch for some children.

Staggered starts and information boards

Thank you for helping us start and finish school so smoothly this week. Please make sure you stick to your designated times and arrive promptly for your drop off or pick up. You may only arrive at a different time by prior arrangement with Mrs Pattison or Mrs Threlfall. This also applies to children arriving independently. When gates are locked please use the buzzer system at the main gates.

Yellow parent information boards will be updated regularly with the aim of keeping you informed and up to date. Please do check them regularly.

Curriculum

We continue to deliver a creative curriculum that covers all subject areas such as Maths, English and Science in line with National Curriculum, focussing on the characteristics of effective learning.

During the Autumn term our main focus will be social and emotional well being of all our children. All teachers have been asked to ensure that the summer term learning from the last school year is secure before embarking on the new year learning which will start after half term.

We will continue to have the occasional visitor in school and may do a low key trip/outing pending covid guidelines. As a result we will not be asking you to contribute to these experiences as they are likely to be kept to a minimum. We hope to reinstate the termly contribution system from January / April. We will let you know accordingly.



Activity Clubs

Due to the 'bubble' system that we are operating in school, we are unable to offer any activity clubs this term. Breakfast and After School Clubs are still running to provide childcare when needed.



School Dinners

Please ensure when you are choosing a school dinner with your child, that it is something they would like to eat. Lunches are funded nationally for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All other year groups must pay £2.20 per meal. We ask that this is paid on the day or in advance using the SchoolMoney system. Menus are published on our fortnightly newsletter and available to view on the school website www.marpoolprimary.co.uk. We are eating our lunches in the school hall, in bubbles at staggered times. This has proved to be far more successful and more hygienic than trying to eat in the class. Packed lunches should arrive in a packed lunch container. This, alongside a water bottle, is the only items that should come to school from home. Rucksacks or school bags should remain at home.

Residential

We are still planning to have a selection of residential trips this school year. Year 2 children will have the opportunity to go to Escot for a 2 night residential and Year 6 children will be offered a stay in Dartmoor, both in the Summer Term 2021. More details will follow shortly. The Year 4 residential to Skern Lodge, in North Devon is still going ahead at the moment on Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th October. Please make your final payments and look out for a SurveyMonkey questionnaire arriving later today.

Home Learning

For this half term we will not be issuing any home learning. We recommend that children practice what they have been taught. It is an expectation that children will read at home at least 3x each week. Please support your child with their reading. Exmouth library is open and there are many books online, as we have mentioned before. Our school library is open for use within the school but these books must remain in school.

Rewards

At Marpool we reward children for good behaviour choices and excellent learning. We have 2 systems for this. The Top 10 rules for behaviour are rewarded by tree points, with children belonging to bird groups: Owl, Woodpecker, Raven and Blue tit. Excellent learning is broken down into Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards. In addition to this, children may receive a Headteacher's Award.



PE



This term our PE sessions will be held outside where possible, in school uniform. We have allowed children to wear trainers in school for this purpose.

Seesaw

During lockdown you all made great use of Seesaw. Your child's teacher will be issuing new codes this week and inviting families to join the app. Teachers will make weekly contact with you as families, sharing the learning of the week. There will be no learning set through seesaw unless your child's bubble or the school is placed in lockdown. Some teachers, children and parents may use seesaw more frequently than others due to the age and stage of the child.

Assemblies

Assemblies will continue to be a part of school life, however they will be streamed across the school. Each class will perform an assembly during the year which will be recorded and posted on their class page on seesaw, until we are able to invite people in to watch.

Covid guidelines

The most important symptoms of coronavirus are recent onset of any of the following

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.

If you/your child have any of the symptoms above, you and all who live with you must stay at home and arrange a test. The guidance explains that you must all stay at home until the test result is received. Once the test results are received, please email the result to admin@marpoolprimary.co.uk so that we can update our records accordingly.

School Dates: Autumn Half Term 2020

	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Venue
September	Monday 7th	8.45am	School opens for Autumn Term	
	Tuesday 15th	4.30pm	Full Governors' meeting	Microsoft Teams
	Wednesday 16th	2.45pm - 3.30pm	MSA Second-hand uniform sale	Playground
	Thursday 17th	2.45pm - 3.30pm	MSA Second-hand uniform sale	Playground
	Friday 18th	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Budleigh Lit festival school quiz	Microsoft Teams
	Monday 21st	7.00pm	MSA AGM	Microsoft Teams
	Monday 28th	9.00am	Reception children school photos	School hall
October	Friday 9th		Class assembly - Y6 Rowan base	Seesaw
	Tuesday 13th	4.30pm	Full Governors' meeting	Microsoft Teams
	Wednesday 14th - 16th		Y4 Skern Lodge residential	Skern Lodge
	Friday 16th		Class assembly - Y6 Beech base	Seesaw
	Friday 23rd		Class assembly - Y6 Spruce base	Seesaw
	Friday 23rd	9.00am	MSA Bag2School textile recycling	Playground
	Friday 23rd	3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday	
	Monday 26th - Friday 30th		Half term	

Farmers Market: We will be holding pop up sales on the playground when there is produce to sell.

Week commencing 14th September 2020

Recipes	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1:	Wholemeal meatball pasta bake	2, 7	Chicken chasseur served with brown/white rice	1, 2, 7, 14	Jacket Potato Day. Fillings: tuna mayo, chicken or beans	4, 5	Roast sausage, roast potatoes, mini yorkshire pudding & gravy	1, 2, 7, 13	Fish cake & chips	2, 5
Option 2:	Mexican chimichangas (vegan)	2	Vegetable curry served with brown/white rice (v)		Salmon & tomato sauce pasta	2, 4, 5	Vegetarian sausage with above (v)	1, 2, 7, 13	Cheese bites & chips (v)	2, 7
Jacket:	Jacket potato with egg mayo (v)	4	Jacket potato with beans (v)		Jacket potato with tuna mayo, chicken or beans	4, 5	Jacket potato with curry sauce (v)		Jacket potato with tuna mayo	4, 5
Sandwich box:	Chicken, chorizo & salad wraps	2, 4, 7	Cream cheese & cucumber bagel	2, 7	Cheese salad wrap (v)	2, 7	Not available		Not available	
Vegetables:	Cous cous & roasted veg	2	Peas & carrots		Sweetcorn pasta salad	2	Fresh seasonal vegetable mix		Salad / salad sticks	
Bread:	Crusty slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2
Salad bar:	Available		Available		Available		Not available		Not available	
Dessert option 1:	Cocoa & date brownie & milkshake	2, 4, 7	Lemon sponge & cream	2, 7	Custard biscuit	2, 7	Ice cream & fruit sauce	7	Cocoa krispie	7
Dessert option 2:	Fruit yogurt or melon & strawberries	7	Fruit yogurt or fruit salad	7	Fruit yogurt or fruit salad	7	Fruit yogurt or fruit salad	7	Yogurt or whole fruit	7

Week commencing 21st September 2020

Recipes	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1:	Pasta with homemade tomato & basil sauce (v)	2	Spanish chicken & rice	1, 2, 4, 7	Hot dog	2, 4	Roast turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy	1, 2, 7, 13	Chicken nuggets & chips	2
Option 2:	Spicy bean tacos with a yogurt & salsa dressing (v)	2, 7	Roast vegetable enchiladas (v)	2	Vegetable dog (v)	2, 4	Vegetarian loaf, stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy (v)	1, 2, 7, 13	Vegetable burger & chips (v)	2, 7
Jacket:	Jacket potato with cheese (v)	7	Jacket potato with tuna mayo	4, 5	Jacket potato with curry sauce (v)		Jacket potato with beans (v)		Jacket potato with a quorn topping (v)	4
Sandwich box:	Tuna mayo crusty roll	2, 4, 5, 7	Ploughmans (cheese, pickle, crusty bread, savoury egg, salad) (v)	2, 4, 7	Chicken salad roll	2, 7	Not available		Not available	
Vegetables:	Sweetcorn / green beans		Carrots / peas		Baked beans / salad		Fresh seasonal mix		Salad / salad sticks	
Bread:	Wholemeal slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2	Wholemeal slice	2
Salad bar:	Available		Available		Available		Not available		Not available	
Dessert option 1:	Shortbread & winter berries	2	Chocolate drop biscuit & milkshake	2, 7	Pear sponge & cream	2, 7	Pancakes with a warm fruit syrup sauce	2, 7	Apple flapjack	2
Dessert option 2:	Fruit yogurt or fruit salad	7	Fruit yogurt or fruit slices	7	Fruit yogurt or melon	7	Yogurt or fruit salad	7	Yogurt or whole fruit	7

Allergenic ingredients key

