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Newsletter 2 – Monday 3rd October 2022

	Term Begins	Term Ends	Half Term	Term Begins	Term Ends
Autumn 2022	Tuesday 6 th September	Friday 21 st October		Tuesday 1 st November	Tuesday 20 th December
Spring 2023	Wednesday 4 th January	Friday 10 th February		Monday 20 th February	Friday 31 st March
Summer 2023	Tuesday 18 th April	Friday 26 th May		Tuesday 6 th June	Friday 21 st July

Inset Days: Monday 5th September 2022, **Extra Bank Holiday Monday 19th September 2022**,
Monday 31st October 2022, Monday 17th April 2023, Monday 5th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

Here we are again at the start of week 5 of the Autumn Term. School has been a very busy place over the last 4 weeks and it's been a delight to visit the classrooms and to see all of our children settled and enjoying their learning.

This week we have a new boundary fence being put up around the field.

Reception Class Intake 2023 – 2024

We are in the process of publicising our Open Days to showcase our school site to prospective Reception parents for September 2023. Tuesday 1st November 9.30 – 11.30, Thursday 10th November 1pm – 3pm and Saturday 19th November 11.30 – 1.30.

Please do put the dates in your diary and contact the school office to book your place on a school tour alternatively, if you're unable to make these dates please do contact the school office to arrange an alternative time.

Our Reception class has recently been refurbished. Do click on this [link](#) to see the wonderful learning environment for our new EYFS children.

This refurbishment has only been made possible with the dedication and support from all of our parents as it was financed by our PTA. Everyone is invited to attend the next PTA meeting today, **Monday 3rd October at 8pm**. Please use this link to join -

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76041627386?pwd=OuthPrn1NDUDlhV4pUhYWgTPC7Os90.1>

Passcode: 8HDh4q

The PTA have such an important role to play as they raise much needed funds to help support the school as well as organising fun events and experiences for the children. We would love to see you at the meeting – please do join us and find out what's being planned for this coming year.

EYFS Tapestry

Many thanks to all the EYFS parents who joined us last week for the tapestry session. The presentation has been sent out on ParentMail today. Please do speak to Mrs Blane if you need any more information or support with this.

Secondary Transfer Test

If your child took the 11+ Transfer Testing papers you will have had a letter asking you to register your contact details. You need to register by 14th October 2022 to receive the results by email.

To register you will need to visit <https://account.buckscc.gov.uk/service/Transfer-Test-results-registration> and enter the information below.

- The child's Student ID number (shown on the letter)
- The child's surname
- The child's date of birth
- Parents will also need to provide their name and email address

Results will be distributed from **4pm on Friday 14th October** via email. The results email will also advise on the next steps depending on whether your child has reached the qualifying score to be considered for a Buckinghamshire Grammar School.

Forest School

Our Year 5 children are loving their Forest School sessions. The children are led by Mr Alex Rogers from S4A supported by Miss Exley and Mrs Thripland. The weekly sessions are loved by all children and staff and we will have our Year 4 children having the opportunity to attend the Forest School session after half term. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Marsh Gibbon Parish Council for enabling us to use the Jubilee Plantation site in Marsh Gibbon.

Photographs

Please do remember that our photographer will be here on **Thursday 6th October**. We would like to remind the children in Years 1,2,3 & 4, who have PE on this day, to wear their school uniform and bring a pair of trainers which they can change into for their lesson.

Theme Day School Lunch

We are having an exciting Themed Lunch for all children on **Thursday 6th October!** If you would like your child to enjoy a special hot lunch on this day and have not already booked, please contact the School Office as soon as possible. A menu is attached with all the options.

Absences

Last Thursday, 29th September, was our first day of the school year where we had 100% attendance. Please do continue to inform us if your child is unwell via email absence@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk or phone the school directly.

Financial Support

We are very aware that in the current financial climate, many families experience changes in their circumstances. Whilst we provide all new families with information about how the school can claim funding to support them, this check can also be made for existing families. The attached information explains in more detail however if we as a school can support in any way, please do come and speak to us. We understand this is a sensitive issue and any conversations held are completely confidential.

Communication

School is a very busy place and we would love to share with you more of what happens on a daily basis. We have set up a school Instagram and Twitter account and a Headteacher's blog is also being set up.

The account to follow us on Twitter is as follows: @MG_Primary and Instagram is: marshgibbonprimaryschool.

Resources Request

This is a plea for items to help resource our Forest School area. Any old pots, pans, wooden spoons and wooden bowls. Thank you.

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS - Butterflies	Arthur, Winnie	Year 3 - Rabbits	Paige, Georgia
Year 1 - Owls	Eric, Reagan	Year 4 - Hedgehogs	Amaryllis, Elliot
Year 2 - Dragons	Emily, Ella	Year 5 - Foxes	Lucy, Emily-Rose
		Year 6 - Eagles	Bailey, Chloe

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (Bold are new additions)

6 th October	Individual School Photographs / School Census Day
10th October	Year 6 Residential Presentation with Manor Adventure (3.30pm)
8 th & 9 th November	Parent Child Learning Discussions
8 th November	Roving Book Shop visit
18 th November	Children in Need Charity Dress Up Day
8 th May 2023	Year 6 SATs
15 th May 2023	Year 2 SATs
15th - 17th May 2023	Year 6 Residential Culmington Manor
12 th June 2023	Whole School Sports Afternoon
19 th June 2023	Reserved Whole School Sports Afternoon
4 th July 2023	Transition Afternoon