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## **Newsletter 5 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

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

**Inset Days:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, King's Coronation extra Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

So much has been happening over the last couple of weeks.

We have had Greg Smith MP, alongside councillor Angela Macpherson, officially open our incredible Forest School area. The children were able to show their learning which included sawing wood, making shelters, climbing trees, setting up hammocks and learning how to safely start a fire to roast marshmallows. This really is such a fantastic addition to our school curriculum.

Huge thanks to the [Marsh Gibbon Parish Council](#) and everyone involved in making this forest school happen. Greg Smith also visited our school and made a visit to our newly refurbished Early Years classroom, funded by the PTA. It was wonderful to show him the new resources and the calming learning space for our youngest pupils.

### **Year 5 & Year 6 Imperial War Museum**

What a privilege to visit and experience the artefacts and media at the Imperial War museum in London on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The children were engaged by the wealth of historical experiences and activities on offer and navigated around the museum to learn more about Britain during the span of World War I and II.

### **Poppy Sales and Remembrance Procession**

Thank you for your kind donations for the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We had a number of families processing through the village on the morning of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. As a school, we would like to thank Tom (Y6) for laying our school wreath down at St Mary's Church. He did a wonderful job and we are all so very proud of him.

### **Children in Need**

What a huge success we had on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. The school was bright and colourful with lots of spots being worn in support of this wonderful charity. You are still able to make donations following this link - <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

### **PTA Mufti Day Tomorrow**

Please remember that the PTA are holding a mufti day on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November in exchange for tombola items for the Marsh Gibbon CE School Christmas Fayre. The items can be brought in to school tomorrow morning and our PTA representatives will be available at the school gates to take your donations.

## **World Cup**

The school is alive...with the sound of Football!

Wow, what a joyous sound from our football supporters here at Marsh Gibbon this afternoon.

Smiling faces, lots of support for the home nation team and a coming together.

Our children were given the chance to watch the match this afternoon, if they chose to. (I on the other hand, will be supporting the Welsh team this evening!)

## **Year 1 & Year 2 visit to the British Motor Museum**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting the British Motor Museum to support their learning all about Transport. We know that they are all looking forward to their visit.

## **Parent and Child Learning Discussions**

This week we are looking forward to welcoming you and your child in to school to discuss your child's learning. These are taking place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. As stated in our previous newsletter, our Year 5 class books will be available for the Year 5 children and parents to look at, and appointments will be available on Mrs Williams' return.

## **Starting School in September 2023**

Over the last couple of weeks, it has been a pleasure to welcome so many new prospective families to our school open events. If you have a child, or know a family with a child needing reception class place for September 2023, do please let them know about our wonderful school.

Applications for School places must be made to the Local Authority no later than 15th January 2023 for places in school. [Applications for school places can be made here.](#)

## **Disabled Parking Spaces outside the Village Shop**

We have been asked to inform you that these spaces are reserved for blue badge holders only. Please do apply on the [government website](#) should you wish to apply for or renew a blue badge.

## **East Western Railway Alliance**

We are very grateful to the EWR Alliance, who have kindly donated bags for our children containing a variety of items; an activity book, stationery and a Pollinator Beebom. The Pollinator Beebom contains a buzzing mix of wildflower seeds that will grow into bright and beautiful nectar-rich flowers loved by bumblebees and honey bees.

## **Extra Bank Holiday**

With the announcement of the King's Coronation, there is an additional Bank Holiday planned for 2023. For children in Year 6, this date was originally the start of SATs week and schools are still awaiting confirmation from the DfE of the change to arrangements.

## **Online Safety - What Parents Need to Know about Call of Duty**

You will find the attached leaflet: What Parents Need to Know about Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as offensive chat/messaging, in game purchases and addiction.

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry – Modern Warfare II – is proving to be hugely popular. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features – unsurprisingly – extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and potential political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

### Covid National Guidance

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Please follow this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school [UKHSA](#)
- Adults with a positive COVID19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

### Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

<b>EYFS - Butterflies</b>	Winnie, Jack, Amias, George	<b>Year 3 - Rabbits</b>	Elsie S-L, Frankie, Arthur, Chloe
<b>Year 1 - Owls</b>	Maisie, Emily, Evie, Sienna	<b>Year 4 - Hedgehog</b>	Alicia, Will, Felix, Kyan
<b>Year 2 - Dragons</b>	Nova, Harry, Bryony, Alice	<b>Year 5 - Foxes</b>	Imogen, Kiera, Holly, Olivia
		<b>Year 6 - Eagles</b>	Poppy R, Ted, Florence, Lucas

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY (Bold are new additions)

22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Christmas Mufti Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent / Child Learning Discussions
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y1 & Y2 Gaydon Motor Museum
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre 5:30-8:00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y4 Groovy Greeks Assembly to parents 9am–10am
8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Nativity to parents (2 pm & 6pm)
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Fresh Start Christmas Lunch
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Church Christmas Carol Service 9.30am at St Mary's Church</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>Maths at Marsh Gibbon parent workshop 6pm – 7pm</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	School choir Young Voices
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 6 SATs (Changes due, awaiting DFE confirmation)
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 2 SATs
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 6 Residential Culmington Manor
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Whole School Sports Afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Reserved Whole School Sports Afternoon
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Transition Afternoon