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## **Marsh Gibbon Church of England School**

**Headteacher: Mrs Julie Hickey**

4<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and the start of a new school year. A special welcome to all our new children and their families. I am sure that this school year we are going to see many exciting changes as we grow as a school.

### **Staffing**

Towards the end of last term unfortunately Mrs Clouston was unsure as to whether she would be available for September. I therefore appointed Jade Moody to job share and teach our Owl class with Mrs Wells. Jade will be working every Thursday. She has worked at Marsh Gibbon before as she taught our Butterfly class a couple of years ago as a student teacher. She did an admirable job then and we are very pleased to welcome her back. Please make yourself known to her, especially if your child is in the Owl class.

We also welcome to our office Preeti Jhutti (Administrator) and Jackie Day (Bursar). Jackie will be working every Tuesday. To our Butterfly class we welcome two new staff members who will be job sharing a role. They are Helen Kardasinski organising the breakfast club, working mornings and Friday afternoons and Karen Rea working afternoons.

Please also welcome our staff from Fresh Start, Sam Smith and Natalie Dowdall, who will be providing the children with hot meals at lunch time.

### **The Learning Pod**

You have probably noticed that work has not yet started on the installation of the Learning Pod. We are very disappointed with this lack of progress, caused by delays at the company we have engaged to supply and install the pod. We have been in constant communication with the company during the summer break, however, despite their many promises, they have failed to meet their commitments.

Matt Smith and I have escalated this within the company and have been in contact with the managing director to ensure that our project is given appropriate priority. He has assured us that they are aware of our situation, that things are progressing and that the delays have been unavoidable. We now have firm, written commitment that the Pod will be installed during the first half-term. From the beginning of this term the Eagle class will use the Resource Room as a temporary solution.

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## **Celebration of School**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September there will be a special service at St Marys Church to celebrate the start of the new school year. The service will start at 9.30 and we will be praying for schools but especially for our school. Please feel encouraged to join us as a family.

## **Clubs for this Term**

**Breakfast Club** is available every morning from 8am. The cost is £3.00 per session and this includes cereal, drink and toast. Miss Kardasinski is organising the club from this term.

**After School Clubs** will start next week and are as follows.

### **Monday**

Julia and Katie, both qualified tennis coaches, will be offering a tennis club after school. The club will take place at the tennis courts near the village hall. Mr Davison and Mrs Davis will walk the children down to the courts after school. The club will run from 3.30 until 4.30pm and children will need to be picked up from the club. This is available to children from Y2, 3, 4 and 5 (Dragons, Rabbits, Hedgehogs and Eagles).

Mrs Rea will be organising an art and craft club at school on Mondays from 3.15 to 4.15, available to all ages. This will enable parents with children at both clubs to collect from school and then the tennis club.

### **Tuesday**

On Tuesday Mr Evans and Mr Davison will be organising an ICT and DT club, open to all ages.

### **Wednesday**

Mr Davison will be organising a football skills club, open to all ages.

Mr Kitchen is going to teach children to play a brass instrument as a club and he will provide the instruments. This will be available to Hedgehogs and Rabbits.

All clubs are £4 per session and run from 3.15 until 4.15, unless otherwise stated. There will be a maximum of 20 spaces, but we may offer more for the tennis as they have three staff members. All clubs will start week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September and will run for 7 weeks, until week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please find a pro forma in your child's book bag.

## **Reminder of School Timings**

Children may be dropped off from 8.45am, however please do not leave children unattended, but wait for a member of staff to unlock the gate. Pick up is 3.10pm for Butterflies and 3.15pm for all other classes.

### **Dates for Next Term:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Celebrate start of term service at St Mary's Church 9.30am**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – individual school photos**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – open afternoon for new parents**