

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all our families. I shared with the children this morning that we are very fortunate because we get two New Years and two opportunities for new beginnings. One in September and one in January. During our Collective Worship this term, we are concentrating on the value of 'Respect' and linking this to caring for each other and being kind. We welcomed four new children to our school and three more are starting on Monday. As we grow it does become more difficult to achieve that feeling of a large family and therefore more important that all of our community show respect and care for each other.

Shopping online

If you are shopping for bargains in the sales this January, please consider going through EasyFundraising. There have been lots of offers over Christmas and £38.11 was raised for Marsh Gibbon School. Since we started we have earned £2021.06 for our school and our children. I am sure that we can improve on this and just think what we could buy for school if we raised a few more thousand this year. It is so easy all you do is -

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/marshgibbonschool/ and Join Us or Sign In
2. Search for and link to the retailer via the EasyFundraising site
3. Shop as usual, and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the school's PTA.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs begin next week. If you have payments or forms outstanding, these must be in before your child starts the club.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Important information about applying for Pupil Premium is attached to this ParentMail. If you feel you qualify and have not already done so, please complete the form and return to the School Office by Census Day (18th January). If you would like a paper copy of this form, please contact the school office - 08169 277268 office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk.

Service Pupil Premium

This message is for the attention of Regular Forces Service parents based in England. If your child attends a state school, Academy or Free school in England and has been registered with the school as a Service pupil, the school will be granted a Service Pupil Premium of £300.

The Service Pupil Premium (SPP) is provided by the Department for Education to enable schools to offer additional, mainly pastoral, support during challenging times, which could include anything from a Service parent being away, being injured on active service to bereavement. Funds are paid directly to schools; with Head Teachers and school Governors deciding how the funds are used.

Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive SPP, but only if your child's name appears on the school roll as being a Service child. You are encouraged to contact the school and make them aware your child is from a Service family. This information is not shared with other organisations and is protected on the National Pupil database.

Road Closures

We have recently been informed by of the following road closures from Thames Water.

- Bicester Road – starting on Monday 8 January for approximately 5 weeks
- Church Street – starting on Monday 12 February for approximately 8 weeks
- Station Road – starting on Friday 6 April for approximately one week
- Millfield Avenue – starting on Wednesday 11 April for approximately 6 weeks

All dates are for guidance only and may change.

**Please see a list attached with dates for your calendar.
All dates are subject to change.**