



*Opportunities for all; Foundations for life*

# Marsh Gibbon Church of England School

Headteacher: Mrs Julie Hickey



10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We have all come back to school raring to go. We are delighted Mrs Wells is back with us and we would like to thank Mrs Clouston for covering Owl class so well over the last seven weeks.

## Class Assemblies this term are as follows:

**Butterflies** – 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Owls** – 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Dragons** – 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Rabbits** – 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Hedgehogs** – 7<sup>th</sup> March

## Class Awards

The following children received awards this week:

**Butterflies:** Ben Slingsby for working exceptionally hard in phonics and now moving on to reading books. Well done Ben! Elodie Kronfeld for showing great concentration whilst drawing flowers, looking closely at colour and detail. Well done Elodie!

**Owls:** Oliver Carter for working really hard this week on sounding out words on his own. Matilda-May Robinson for trying really hard with her Anansi spider writing and using connective to help order the story.

**Dragons:** Tabitha Kronfeld for making a fantastic start to her time in Dragon Class. Tabitha is working hard and has made lots of new friends. We are so pleased to welcome her to our class. Joshua Bruce-Kelly for working really hard in literacy. Joshua is writing more each week, his work is thoughtful and increasingly accurate. Well done Josh, keep it up!

**Rabbits:** Zachary Blane for working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Amelia Rowley for always trying her hardest.

**Hedgehogs:** Emily Barber for fantastic effort in numeracy using written methods for addition and subtraction. Adam Smith for his enthusiasm and contribution in literacy this week, exploring characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

## After School Clubs

There are still places available for the after school clubs. If you would like a place for your child, please contact Mrs Andrews in the office.

## Breakfast Club

In response to parental request the breakfast club is now up and running. Parents can bring their children to school from 8am, the cost is £3 per session which will include breakfast (cereal, toast and a drink). If you would like to use this service then please complete the slip below indicating which days you would like to enrol your child. When working out your costs and requirements, please remember the inset day on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. We would prefer half-termly payments but if you wish to pay weekly we could accommodate that too.

## Home School Agreement

There will be a new Home School Agreement form in your child's book bag tonight. The Agreement has been updated to include use of social media sites. Please complete and return to your class teacher by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014, thank you.

## PTA Hot Lunches

In previous terms, some parents left ordering hot lunches until either the week or even the day before hot lunch day. Some have sent their child in to school on hot lunch day





without a packed lunch and no hot lunch ordered. Obviously, this has caused PTA and staff problems as we only order for the required number of requests. The PTA hot lunch form has a deadline date on it, late requests will no longer be accepted. If your form is received after the deadline date, it will be returned to you.

**PTA Meeting – Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Please come along to the PTA meeting next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 7.45 for 8pm start in the school staff room (come through the side gate to the playground). Everyone is welcome, wine and nibbles will be available. If you are not able to attend, please let your class representative know if you have any questions or comments for either the PTA committee or school representative who are always in attendance, and send your apologies to [secretary@marshgibbonpta.org.uk](mailto:secretary@marshgibbonpta.org.uk). An agenda will be sent out early next week.

**Watches**

If your child likes to wear a watch to school, please can you check that it is plastic faced. We had an incident this week when a child fell over in the playground wearing a glass faced watch which smashed.

**Dog Poo on Pavements**

We have been advised that there have been some danger spots on the pavements outside of school where dog poo has been seen. Please be vigilant and keep an eye on where you and your children are putting your feet.

We are contacting the police in respect of this matter.

**Food Containers and Plates**

Last term, after the Christmas party, we seem to have a lot of containers from parents that have not yet been collected. If you are missing any please pop into the school hall at collection time to see if yours is there. Any containers not collected by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 will be disposed of.

**Parents Evenings**

Parents evenings will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm – 7pm. A separate letter and appointment request will be sent out nearer the date.

**Rag Bag Collection**

Thank you to Mrs Andrews for emptying the Rag Bag bins at the end of last term - another £64 was raised. Please do continue to put bagged clothes and paired shoes into the bins.

**Clubs for this Term**

Mon - Until 10/2/14	German  Games	Y2, 3 & 4  EY, Y1 & 2	Miss Davison  Mr Davison
Tues Until 11/2/14	Music  ICT	Y2, 3 & 4 - 3 & 4 will be given priority  EY, Y1 & 2	Mrs Moncrieff  Mr Evans & Mr Davison
Weds Until 12/2/14	Hockey skills	Y1 –Y4	Mr Davison

**Dates for this term**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Rabbit and Hedgehogs Young Voices concert in Birmingham**
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – PTA Meeting**
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – PTA Hot Lunch**
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day – NO SCHOOL**
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Governors meeting**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evenings**
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – PTA Hot Lunch, Break up for half term, Valentine’s Disco after school**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Back to school**