



Succeeding together - 'fostering a love of learning, within a nurturing Christian community, to bring out 'the best in everyone'

## **Newsletter 13 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

	<b>Term Begins</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>Autumn 2021</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 2022</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February		Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Summer 2022</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Days:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Spring has most certainly arrived at Marsh Gibbon and it's lovely to see the sun shining. I am pleased to announce that following last week, where we had many staff members absent due to illness, we are more or less back to a full staff this week. I am incredibly grateful for your support and understanding whilst we have shuffled and juggled everything possible to maintain a safe and productive environment for your children. Above all however, I cannot thank the staff team enough for their commitment and flexibility during this time.

We currently have the following positive cases:

- Y1 – 2 positive cases
- Y2 – 1 positive case
- Y3 – 3 positive cases
- 1 class teacher

### **Korky Paul Visit**

What a fantastic day we had with Korky Paul last week! His visit brought with it a buzz around the school and it was lovely to see the children engaged and inspired in his workshops. It was also fantastic to see so many children get their Korky Paul books signed at the end of the day - what a lovely keepsake!

Here are some of the children's thoughts on Korky Paul's visit:

- 'It was very inspiring because he told us different tips and tricks we can use when drawing and painting.'*
- 'It was fun listening to him read Winnie and Wilbur and we got to join in with him!'*

Here are some words to describe the visit: **exciting, helpful, inspiring, fun, interesting**

Thank you for your contributions towards this event!

### **Year 4 Multiplication Check 2022**

Our Year 4 children will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. TTRS is a great way to practice at home. All children have their own log ins. If you are unsure of yours, please do ask. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support. Please see the link below.

[https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/brackleyjuniorschoolnorthamptonshire/UploadedDocument/cb663257-562b-4648-b161-73639092c095/2022 information for parents multiplication tables check-1.pdf](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/brackleyjuniorschoolnorthamptonshire/UploadedDocument/cb663257-562b-4648-b161-73639092c095/2022%20information%20for%20parents%20multiplication%20tables%20check-1.pdf)

### **Red Nose Day**

It was lovely to see so many red noses and red clothes around the school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and thank you to everyone who donated to the charity. If you'd still like to donate, donating is quick and easy through this link - <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

### **ClassDojo Private Messaging**

Please remember that we are no longer using ClassDojo for parents to send private messages to teachers. All communication must go through the school office. We thank you for your understanding with this.

### **Marsh Gibbon C of E School Governing Board**

School governors have an important role in monitoring the safety, welfare and education of all of our children. To do this, school governors work as a team with an open and caring approach alongside the Headteacher, staff and parents to create a school where everyone feels valued and the children are at the heart of everything that we do here at Marsh Gibbon C of E School.

We are looking for committed people to join Marsh Gibbon C of E School's Governing Board. If you know of someone **outside of school** who might have the time and interest in becoming a school governor, please do ask them to contact the school office [office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk) If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, or have any questions about anything, then please contact the school office who will then arrange for a governor to contact you. [office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk)

### **Moving Up to Secondary School**

Please find attached leaflet from Buckinghamshire County Council regarding support for those pupils who are anxious, concerned or worried about their transition to secondary school.

### **Year 3 Egyptian Day**

It's always so wonderful to welcome the children into school with happy, smiling faces looking forward to their learning. The children have had the most amazing day in Year 3 today and they all looked absolutely fantastic in their Egyptian costumes. We thank you for your support and help with this. The whole day has been full of 'Egyptian' learning. Some of the activities have been making Egyptian bread, "Aish baladi", making Papyrus, building pyramids, singing and dancing, making clay pots and also dressing a mummy. I'm sure that you'll all agree that this really does show the school vision in action '...fostering a love of learning'. We thank the whole Year 3 team, Miss Exley, Mrs Thripland and Mrs Smith for organising the creative day for the children.

### **A message from Buckinghamshire county about the conflict in Ukraine**

All of us have been following the war in Ukraine with horror and disbelief. The Local Authority have been advised by central government that we can expect the arrival of Ukrainian refugees across the country over the next few weeks and we know that the people of Buckinghamshire will be generous in taking these families in and keeping them safe in our community.

The refugee population is overwhelmingly made up of women and children, and in order for them to feel safe and valued in this country, a school place will be a key element in their support. It is important that we all do our best to support these victims of war and welcome them into our school communities with empathy and compassion. When we have further information on the situation for our school, we will write to you again.

### **How to talk to your children about the conflict in Ukraine**

As hostilities in Ukraine escalate, children may see and hear things about the crisis in the news, leading to feelings of uncertainty, anxiety and fear, which parents and caregivers need to address. Save the Children's psychologists want. In school we are not discussing the conflict unless children bring it up and then the advice has been for us to be factual and allow children to talk about their worries.

*“What is happening in Ukraine can be frightening for both children and adults. Ignoring or avoiding the topic can lead to children feeling lost, alone and more scared, which can affect their health and wellbeing. It is essential to have open and honest conversations with children to help them process what is happening,” said Ms. Lemche.*

Do click on this link for more information about how to talk to your child about Ukraine.

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/how-to-explain-conflict-ukraine-to-children>

### Attendance Matters

We recognise the key role that punctuality and attendance plays in the quality of education we can deliver at Marsh Gibbon CE School and ask parents to play their role in supporting us by ensuring children arrive at school on time and no later than 8:55am. When children arrive persistently late, we recognise this may be unsettling for them, in addition to missing out on the morning learning tasks planned to address misconceptions from prior learning

### Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

<b>EYFS - Butterflies</b>	Eric, Jack, Cameron, Ben	<b>Year 3 - Rabbits</b>	Reuben, Felix
<b>Year 1 - Owls</b>	Georgia, Harry	<b>Year 4 - Hedgehogs</b>	Jonty, Tyler, Verity, Arthur
<b>Year 2 - Dragons</b>	Elsie-SL, Noah, Bryony, Georgia	<b>Year 5 - Foxes</b>	Millie, Sam, Chloe, Florence
		<b>Year 6 - Eagles</b>	Alfie, Evie, Finnbar, Olivia

### Times Tables Rock stars

Willow house enjoyed their Mufti day last Tuesday. At the moment, you can see from the results below that Beech are in the lead. Which house will be the TTRS winners at the end of this term? We shall wait and see.

There are some great results across the school. Huge congratulations to AL in Y4 who has correctly answered over 10,000 questions. This is truly amazing!

Year 5 have stolen the show with 100% active play over the last two weeks. You are amazing role models! Come on MGS – let’s push towards that 100% in every year group.



House	Correct Answers	Most Correct Answers					
		Congratulations to our top three players over the last 14 days AL (Y4), LB (Y5), EB (Y6)					
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6

<b>Beech</b>	<b>1932</b>	MM	RH	AC	<b>AL</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>EB</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>1806</b>	1,040	2,319	6,035	<b>10,271</b>	<b>9,083</b>	<b>7,587</b>
<b>Ash</b>	<b>1268</b>	80% Active	88% Active	<b>97% Active</b>	95% Active	<b>100% Active</b>	30%
<b>Maple</b>	<b>905</b>	Player	Player	Player	Player	<b>Player</b>	Active
							Player

### Marsh Gibbon School Sporting Events

This term many children have competed and joined in with school sporting events. We are all extremely proud of our children and we would like to congratulate them all for their efforts, sportsmanship and resilience.

Here is some feedback from the children.

**Gymnastics** - On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 12 children went to Stoke Mandeville and competed against 8 other schools. We had a Y3/4 team and a Y5/6 team. We all had to do vault and half of us did floor. The other half did body management. Both teams managed to come forth. By Y5

**Cross Country** - On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, lots of children competed in loads of races and they did brilliantly. Ayrton and Liam nearly came in the top 10! We had lots of fun doing the races and enjoyed our time together. Thanks everyone for cheering us on. By Y3

**Football** - On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 8 boys from Y6 played a match against Brookside. We play 7 a-side. During the second half, we played much better: working well as a team and communicating to each other. Elias saved some great goals, but unfortunately, they still won. Y6

Kind regards



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