



6 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school following the summer break. We are very excited to see you and your children again and to take you into our Marlborough Road family, if you are joining us for the first time. Below are some important dates for your diary and a reminder of some of our expectations.

Times Of The School Day

School starts at 8.50 am (**not 9.00 am**).

The breakfast club is open from 8.00 am and can be accessed through the gate on Dudley Street. Please do not send children before 8.00 am as we are not able to let them in until staff are in place. Children from Reception- Year 6 can attend without a family member, but Nursery children must be accompanied by an adult. Breakfast club is free.

The gate by the chippy opens at 8.40 am.

All children finish school at 3.20pm. Please try to be on time to collect your child. We know that sometimes things beyond your control happen and we really appreciate a phone call, if you find yourself in that position, so that we can reassure the child.

After School Clubs

A wide range of after school clubs are on offer at Marlborough Road Academy. Clubs will start w/b 18.9.23. Application letters will be sent out next week. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis for half a term and anyone who applies after a club is full is placed on a waiting list. We look forward to seeing as many children getting involved as possible.

Monday: 3.30-4.30pm Y5/6 Girls football

Tuesday: 3.30-4.30 pm Y5/6 Boys football

Thursday: 3.30-4.30pm Y5/6 mixed dodgeball, Art Club 3.30-4pm Y3/4

Fridays: 3.30-4pm Y3-6 Cross country, Y3-6 Gardening Club 3.30-4pm (a gardening club for Y1/2 will be offered for lunchtimes on a Monday)

Science club will start after half term.

Uniform

We expect all our pupils to wear the correct school uniform. In the autumn/winter, this consists of grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress, a white polo shirt and a purple cardigan or jumper. To keep costs down, we keep branded items to a minimum and do allow children to wear purple jumpers and cardigans without the school logo on them. We also offer pre loved uniform free of charge and this can be found in the school office – just help yourself! We do ask that children wear black school shoes and not trainers. Trainers can be brought to school separately to wear in PE, along with a white T shirt and black shorts or leggings. Year 4 go swimming (from 15.9.23). All children need trunks (no shorts) or a costume (no bikinis or two piece sets), a towel and a swimming hat. Swimming hats are available



from the baths, sports shops or the school office and must be worn by all children regardless of their gender or the length of their hair. This is to keep hair out of the pool for hygiene reasons.

Term Dates And Attendance

You will find the term dates for the year on our website. Please note that we do not authorise term time holidays and that taking your child on holiday during school time will result in a fine being issued. The Principal can authorize absence to travel in **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances, but a request MUST be made in advance and a discussion had with the Principal before anything is booked. Evidence to prove that the circumstances are exceptional will be required. Our attendance target this coming school year is 96%. This is in line with the pre pandemic national average for the country. Last year we achieved 92.4%, so we have work to do in this area. I am sure that you will agree that children's education has been disrupted enough over the last few years.

Our new attendance officer is Miss Wileman, who will be working closely with myself on improving our attendance and punctuality. We are keen to help where there are difficulties in getting children to school and/or being on time, so please do get in touch if you have an issue.

What's On?

We have a busy half term planned. You should receive information about what your child will be learning by Friday 8th September, so that you can help to reinforce learning at home. Please see the website for your child's weekly homework and ideas for educational websites and games.

- Monday 4th- Friday 8th September = 0 Waste Week. We will be aiming to throw away less food, use less energy and recycle more. Our votes for schools topic this week is related to throwing away less technology.
- Thursday 7th September is Orienteering Day. Each class will have a chance to use the courses that have been built around the school grounds. Pupils should still wear their uniforms for this activity.
- Wednesday 20th September = 'Voices Foundation' class visits = this is the start of a singing project that we are involved in this year
- Thursday 21st September = Y6 team building camp out and activities day. It is not too late to pay, if you would like your Y6 child to take part. It is a wonderful event and the sort of experience that children remember for the rest of their lives.
- Thursday 21st September = small sided football tournament at 'The Cliff' for Y3
- Friday 22nd September = We will be raising money for children with genetic disorders through the charity 'Jeans For Genes' on this day. For a donation of what ever you can afford, pupils can wear their jeans to school (with their school uniform on the top half).
- Monday 25th September = Yom Kippur, which we will mark with an assembly
- Friday 6th October = Y6 will watch a theatre production of 'Crossing The Lines', as part of their PSHE work on staying safe.
- Monday 16th October = Harvest Festival, which we will mark with an assembly and a collection of tinned and dried foods (rice, pasta etc). This year we are collecting ready to start our own food pantry for the local community.
- Wednesday 18th October = Parents' Evening for EYFS and K.S 1 (4-6pm)
- Thursday 19th October = Parents' Evening for EYFS and K.S 2 (4-6pm)








There will be other dates added to this list as the half term goes on. Please check the information board in the tunnel regularly and the calendar area on the website to stay up to date with what is happening.

Reading Books

By Friday 15th September all children in Reception-Y6 will have brought home a library book (this will start for Nursery after half term, once the children have settled into school). Pupils who are part of our phonics programme in Reception –Y6 will also bring home a reading book from the Read, Write, Inc scheme. This will be matched to their phonic ability and feature the sounds they have been learning that week. Pupils need to return their phonics reading book on a Friday each week and they will be issued with a new one. These books are designed to help children read with fluency, speed, accuracy and understanding, as they feature known sounds. This builds confidence and helps children to see themselves as successful readers quickly. We are very keen to foster a love of reading in all our pupils, as this is the key to future learning and a great source of pleasure.

Who Is Who At Marlborough Road Academy







We have produced the following short guide to help you locate the member of staff you require more easily, should you need to.

 Miss Richens	Principal	I have overall responsibility for everything that happens in school. I am part of the safeguarding team.
 Miss Wileman	Vice Principal	I cover for Miss Richens, when necessary and am the safeguarding and attendance lead. I also teach in Y5/6 and am responsible for English and teaching and learning across the school.
 Mrs Nardella	Phase Leader	I lead the Y5 and 6 staff team. I teach in Y6 and am responsible for Maths, data and trips and visits across the school.
 Mrs Moore	Phase Leader	I lead the Y3 and 4 staff team. I teach in Y3/4 and am responsible for Computing and behaviour across the school. I am the E safety officer.
 Mrs Morris	Phase Leader	I lead the Y1 and 2 staff team. I teach in Y2 and I am responsible for History and the curriculum across the school.



 Mrs Brookes	Phase Leader Mon- Thur	I lead the EYFS staff team. I teach in Reception and am responsible for phonics and early reading. I am the EYFS safeguarding officer.
 Miss Ditchfield	SENDCo	I am responsible for pupils with additional needs across the school. I am part of the safeguarding team and I am responsible for Music across the school. I run the pupil wellbeing committee
 Miss Beaver	Teacher Phase Leader Fri	I am the Nursery teacher and I am responsible for Design Technology across the school.
Mrs Woods	Teacher	I am a Reception teacher and I am responsible for Geography across the school.
The EYFS and Nurture team also includes: Mrs Taylor, Miss Edwards, Mrs Tinsley, Miss Dillon, Miss Shaw, Miss Wilson	Teaching Assistants	We support the teaching and learning and personal development of the pupils in EYFS
 Miss Edwards	Teacher	I am a teacher in Y1 and I am responsible to PSHE and phonics across the school. I run the school council.
 Mrs Hanif	Teacher (Mon-Wed)	I teach in Y1/2 and I am responsible for RE across school.
 Mrs Turner	Teacher (Wed-Fri)	I teach in Y1/2 and I am responsible for Art across school.
 Mrs Ward	Teacher	I am a teacher in Y3/4 and I am responsible for Science across the school.
 Mrs Ali	Teacher	I am a teacher in Y3/4 and I am responsible for Music across the school.



 Miss Walker-Molly	Teacher	I am a teacher in Y5/6 and I am responsible for PE across the school. I also teach in EYFS for 1 day a week (Fri)
Miss Earl	Teacher	I am a teacher in Y5.
 Mrs Zaman	New to English Teacher	1 work with pupil who are brand new to learning English
The Teaching Assistants in K.S 1 and 2 include: Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Goldstone, Miss Bambra, Miss Akhtar-Raja, Miss Currie,		We support the teaching and learning and personal development of pupils in Y1-6
Miss Grange, Miss Kerridge, Mrs Flynn	Key Workers	We provide social and emotional support to pupils across the school.
 Miss O'Hara	Operations Manager	I make sure that the back office functions run smoothly. I am responsible for Estates. I can help with volunteering in school.
 Miss Seaborn	Receptionist	I work in the school office. I can help with payments for dinners, uniform, messages, letters and the newsletter.
 Mrs Hull	Executive Business Manager	I work at Marlborough Road, as well as across other local UL school and I coordinate finance, estates, I am responsible for Health and Safety.
Mr Thomas	Sports Coach	I provide sports activities at lunchtime and cover PPA for teachers.
 Mr Collinson	Care taker	I am responsible for keeping the building and grounds safe and clean.

Unfortunately Mrs Clarke is not able to be at work just now as she is recovering from a serious cycling accident. The responsibility for SEND pupils will be covered by Miss Richens until she returns. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Many thanks for your continued support. I look forward to working with you and your children again this year.

Miss Richens

Principal