

# Marlborough Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all received the class newsletter relevant to your child last week and feel fully informed about what they will be learning this term. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher for clarification or further ways you can help your child's learning.

As you are aware the centre had a complete makeover during the summer holidays. Unfortunately the final coat of paint was not of a washable nature and therefore after the first few days the building was beginning to look very 'lived in'. The painting contractors visited and agreed to repaint the main areas of the building during the half term break. So once again classes were dismantled and staff had to move furniture in to the middle of the rooms. However, once again the return saw a great refresh and we don't think the children noticed the disruption at all. Gradually our orders have started to arrive including coat hooks which caused great excitement! Our soft play room is also underway; the indoor trampoline has arrived as has the deep pressure squeezer. All equipment will be used following direction from the occupational therapy team.

It was great to see so many of you attend the parent consultations in September. We hope you found them as informative as we did.

Thank you also to all the parents who attended open afternoon, bought cakes, books and spent time making sandwiches, planets, satellites, etc. we really appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to sharing more with you this term.

Kind regards

Catherine Mckie  
(Head of Specialist Provision)

## A message from our Chair of Governors

Dear All,

I hope everyone had a good break and managed to get some quality family time. I can't believe we are staring term 2 already where did last term go?

This is a busy term with the Christmas celebrations at the end, but as a school we will still ensure the learning continues and the education for the children does not regress. In support of this the school looks forward to continuing to work with you as parents.

Schools are busy places and during this term with the Christmas celebrations, as chair, I hope governors will have the opportunity to meet with you and celebrate the great work which is being undertaken throughout the centre.

Yours sincerely

Ian Chappell

## STAFFING

In Mrs Austen, the Centre office administrator's absence I would like to welcome Miss Smith who will be joining us every morning to cover the office. In the afternoon the phones will be transferred back to the main school office where they will continue to answer and queries or pass on messages accordingly.

Miss Murphy who was helping in the office in term 1 will now be reverting to her role as Review co-ordinator. When you come in for your child's review of their statement or plan meeting Miss Murphy will be there to minute and produce all the reports afterwards.

Mrs Tudor, TA in Turtle class will be leaving us just before the end of term as she relocates to Dorset. We would like to thank her for the 5 years of hard work she has completed here at the centre and wish her well for the future.

Mr Newell has a new role within the centre as senior teacher. You may find on occasions that it is Mr Newell that contacts or meets with you as opposed to me as part of this new role.

## PARENTMAIL



Don't forget to sign up for this; you will receive information from school quicker than letters at the bottom of your child's bag! Plus you can reply to us via this medium, so time saving all round.

## TARGETED SUPPORT PLANS (TSP) AND PEN PORTRAITS



Copies of your child's targeted areas for the next 3-4 months and their latest pen portraits will be coming home on Friday. Please read them and check you are in agreement with what has been written. If you have any queries please contact the class teacher who will be happy to answer your questions. Enclosed with these documents you will also receive a letter of receipt, we would really appreciate a prompt return of these as it is a record of your receipt. When you receive your child's pen portrait at the start of term 4 you will also receive notification of the levels they are working at and the progress they have made across the year. We appreciate that our pupils don't progress at the same rate of other pupils and usually working below age expectations, but we feel it is important to share and celebrate this information with you.

## HOMEWORK



Following feedback from parents we have changed the type of homework that is being sent home on a weekly basis. The expectation for every pupil in the centre is that some form of reading takes place every night. This can be parents sharing a book with them, children turn taking reading, children reading aloud to parents/sibling/family/etc. to sitting and reading quietly to themselves. They should also all complete at least one for the Family Learning Projects that are sent home each term with the class newsletters. Pupils in Turtle, Dolphin, Octopus and Whale classes are also sent home spellings on a weekly basis as appropriate to level of learning. In addition a piece of homework linked to the learning that has been taking place in class. As always this work is given on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday. On rare occasions, teachers may ask for something additional to also be done at home.

## ARTWORK



As well as the repainting of the centre during half term, we commissioned some additional artwork for our dining hall. It linked with our harvest festival of eating a rainbow of colour. The children were very excited by the images brightening up the dining hall and lots of 'healthy eating' conversations have been generated as a result of this artwork. We hope to have further murals painted in other parts of the centre to brighten the environment.



## **JOBS DAY – WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Next week we are running an aspirational jobs day for our Y5 and Y6 pupils. However, everyone is invited to dress up as 'what I want to be when I grow up'. Further details to follow.

## KEY DATES 2015 - TERM 2

<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	START OF TERM 2 Family Trust Assembly
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whale & Octopus classes to Kent Life Egyptian day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	BBC Children in Need
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 trip to the Cinema
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Movie Night
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Whole School Photographs
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Centre Jobs Day
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	2.15pm Turtle Class Assembly PTA Gift Room
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	PTA Gift Room
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Wrong Trousers Day
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Beauty & The Beast Panto
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Christmas Fair
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1.30pm Centre Christmas Play to Parents
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term

