



MARSHBROOK NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates:

July

Friday 2nd - **INSET Day**. School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 6th July – Transition Day. More info to follow

Wednesday 7th – Year 3 & Year 4 Virtual Recorder Concert launch.

Monday 12th – Year 1 canal trip

Tuesday 20th July – Leavers' Party (Year 4 only). More details to follow.

Wednesday 21st – Break up for summer holidays at usual finish time.

Phonics Screening Checks Update for Parents of Year 1 Children

We have been informed that the Phonics Screening Check, which children usually do at the end of Year 1, will instead be taken during the Autumn term of Year 2.

The phonics screening check measures how many of 40 words and non-words pupils can decode successfully and helps to identify who may need further support. It would be great if you could provide your child with some extra opportunities to practise their phonics skills over the summer break. Mrs Green will be sending some ideas home. You can have a go at some past tests using this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screeningcheck-2019-materials>. The pass score is 32 out of 40.

There are lots of DfE funded phonic lessons available at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw/featured?disable_polymer=1

Alphablocks videos are also really good. It's phase/level 5 that children will need most support with

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=alphablocks+level+5&sp=eAE%253D

www.phonicsplay.co.uk also has great games for practising blending and continues to be free.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everybody that took part in the PTA sponsored read. We raised a whopping £1,800, which will pay for the replacement of the wooden train on the top playground, leaver's gifts, reading books, class topic resources, amongst other things.

Year 2 raised the most money. They requested extra privilege time as their class reward.

More Thanks

Thank you to Keepers Lane Nursery for their donation of plants for our quadrangle.

Thank you to Bovis Homes for their donation of toys for our nursery.

**THANK
YOU!**

Oak Academy Summer Activities

The National Oak Academy has produced a [Summer Learning Support package](#) of optional lessons and resources for use at home during the holidays. The resources aim to give the best possible support to pupils over the summer to help reduce the impact the pandemic has had on their education. As well as academic content, the package includes a host of art, drama and sporting activities, designed to help boost children's wellbeing and for their enjoyment after such a challenging year.

Birthday Treats

If you would like to send in a class treat for your child's birthday, we ask that you please send a special book to add to the class book box or school library or an outdoor toy to add to the class playtime toys bag.

A label will be stuck on the inside front cover of a book to say who gave the book and what birthday he or she is celebrating. The child or teacher will read the book to the class (or a favourite part if it is a long book).

Outdoor toys will have a message written on them to say who they are from.

We are a healthy school and so are trying to encourage children to cut down on the amount of sugar they consume, we also have a number of children in school with allergies who cannot consume sweets and cakes.

Is there anybody out there who would be willing to volunteer to upholster some chairs?

We have around 20 chairs in school that are in need of recovering. We have staple guns and can get hold of the fabric, but are struggling to get the time to recover them. Please speak to Mrs Macey or Mrs Spiers if you are able to help.

Households encouraged to test twice weekly

Sustained and repeated testing for people without symptoms has a critical role to play in driving down COVID transmission rates. Rapid lateral flow tests for home use can be collected from the Chemist on Market Street, Penkridge.

Sports Day Alternative

We will be doing 'sports day' a little differently this year. Each class/bubble will have their own sports events as follows:

Nursery – Friday 9th July 10.00am-11.00am

Reception – Monday 12th July 2.00pm-3.00pm

Year 1 – Thursday 15th July 2.00pm-3.00pm

Year 2 – Friday 16th July 2.00pm-3.00pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 14th July 2.00pm-3.00pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 13th July 2.00pm-3.00pm

Due to rising cases in the local area, we will not be opening the event up for parents. We will however, produce a video to enable parents to share the event with their child.

Forest Fun

Next year we will be starting forest learning sessions with Years 1 to 4 (more info to follow). Part of this will include development of the forest area. To do this, we would really appreciate any donations of:

Tree stumps, logs, wood

Pallets

Scrap wood

Old kitchen utensils saucepans, pans, wooden spoons, sieves, plastic plates, cups, bowls

Cutlery and any other cooking utensils

Baking trays

Tree surgeon

Waterproofs

Is your child testing the boundaries or going through a period of challenging behaviour?

The NHS website has lots of advice for parents about younger children's behaviour.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/behaviour/dealing-with-child-behaviour-problems/>

The Family Lives website has lots of videos to support parents of children of all ages

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

The NSPCC 'Need to Know Guide, Positive Parenting' is a helpful resource for parents to support with children's behaviour. The guide can be found at: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1195/positive-parenting.pdf>

If you have concerns or worries about your child's behaviour after you have followed the advice provided, please contact the school nursing service on 0300 303 3923 or through ChatHealth on 07520615722 and we will be able to give you further advice and support.

Safeguarding and Online Safety

Internetmatters.org has created a number of age-specific resources to help young people build up their understanding of the online world, create a safe space for them to explore and adjust to new challenges they may face when consuming more online information:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

Uniform

Please send children with a book bag and PE kit only, **please don't send rucksacks**, there is not enough room in the cloakrooms to accommodate additional rucksacks. Thank you for your support.

Marshbrook School and Nursery Uniform



White Shirt



White Polo Shirt



Royal Blue V Neck Jumper



Grey Long Trousers



White Blouse



Blue and White Gingham Summer Dress



Grey Pinafore Dress



Royal Blue Cardigan



Grey Shorts



Royal Blue Sweatshirt



Black Shoes
No Trainers



Grey Skirt



Marshbrook Tie

P.E. Kit (school only)



White T-Shirt



Black Shorts



Trainers

Plain grey or white socks or plain grey tights

No jewellery (except stud earrings and watches)

Make up is not allowed (this includes nail varnish and fake tattoos)

No extreme haircuts/colours please

Children will need a blue book bag

Uniform is available from Crested Schoolwear stores in Cannock and Stafford
Alternatively, it can be ordered from www.myclothing.com

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

To take part in The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 and become a Wild World Hero head to your local library or join online.
Challenge launch dates: 19 June - Scotland/NI | 10 July - England/Wales

wildworldheroes.org.uk Summer Reading Challenge

WORKING TOGETHER TO
INSPIRE YOUNG
READERS TO STAND UP
FOR OUR PLANET

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COMING SOON



FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged
5-16 who get free school meals*

*Eligible children and young people will get a letter from school to register

Registration opens 5th July 2021

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities



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County Council

HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

Being a parent can be challenging especially when our children are struggling with their emotional well-being. We often think we're getting it wrong, feel alone and have no where to turn.



Join HOPE zoom parent support sessions; a safe place to find information, chat and learn from each other through shared experience.

Tues 15th June 7.00pm or Thurs 17th June 10.00am

Separation, Divorce and Co-parenting

Supporting children through separation and understanding their emotions.

Navigating the challenges of co-parenting and the impact on the family.

You don't need to be on camera or speak, you can use the chat facility or just listen

To find out more contact your HOPE mentor in school or Keddie on 07508 176043

keddieHOPE2021@outlook.com

Or register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/t2wsde6gaT0iG9Z1P-U0lckA4Y7KBzYDihxU>



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HOPE Parent Peer Support Volunteering Opportunity

Being a parent can be challenging especially when children are struggling with their emotional well-being. We think we're getting it wrong, feel alone and have nowhere to turn.



We are looking for parents who have experience of supporting their children's mental health and feel they could now offer another parent a

listening ear, empathy and understanding.

We can offer you:

- ⇒ Training to fully prepare you to become a **HOPE Parent Friend**
- ⇒ Supervision and networking
- ⇒ A uniquely fulfilling and rewarding experience.

You need only commit to 12 hours of training over 4 weeks, then 1-2 hours weekly in 1 contact with your selected parent

To find out more contact your HOPE mentor in school or Keddie on: keddieHOPE2021@outlook.com

HOPE is a mental health project in Staffordshire schools. With training, supervision, resources and networking opportunities, key pastoral staff are able to deliver an essential listening service, either 1 to 1 or in groups, to support their pupils emotional well-being.

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