



MARSHBROOK NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates:

September

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd INSET days (school closed for all pupils)

Monday 6th – Back to school for all pupils

October

Friday 22nd – INSET day

Monday 25th – Friday 29th – Half term

Changes to Before and After School Club Booking System

Our booking system for before and after school club is now going online. This should make it more streamlined and flexible. Over the holiday, Parent Pay will be updated to enable before and after school club bookings to be done through the Parent Pay System. If you pay by childcare vouchers, please ensure that they reach school before the end of August to enable us to credit your account so that you will be able to book and pay for your sessions in September.

If you experience any problems, the office staff will be available between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Wednesday 1st September, 9.00am – 10.00am on Thursday 2nd September and 9.00am – 3.00pm on Friday 3rd September.

Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Date Commencing</u>	<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher / Coach</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Monday	Multi-sports	6 th September	Y3 & Y4	3.15pm-4.15pm	TC Sports	Free
Tuesday	Multi-sports	7 th September	R, Y1 & Y2	3.15pm-4.15pm	TC Sports	Free
Wednesday	Games	8 th September	Y3 & Y4	3.15pm-4.15pm	Mrs Howell	Free
Thursday	Music	9 th September	Y2,3 & 4	3.15pm-3.45pm	Mrs Parkes (Staffordshire Music Hub)	£2 per session Register and pay via Parent Pay
Friday	Football	10 th September	All	3.15pm-4.15pm	TC Sports	£3.50 per session. Please register directly with the coach – letters will be out first few days back

Please email office@marshbrook.staffs.sch.uk if you wish to book your child onto any of the free clubs.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

There will be an opportunity over the first 2 weeks back at school for you to meet your child's teacher. Each teacher will give a brief talk outlining events and main aspects of learning for the year group. We are assuming we will be able to hold this event in school. However, if this is not possible, we will do it virtually.

Please see dates and times below:

Year 2 - Monday 6th September 5.00pm-6.00pm

Year 4 - Tuesday 7th September 5.00pm-6.00pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 8th September 5.00pm-6.00pm

Reception - Monday 13th September 5.00pm-6.00pm

Year 1 - Tuesday 14th September 5.00pm-6.00pm

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.

Music Concert

Our end of year music concert for Years 3 and 4 has been done virtually this year.

Please follow this link to watch the video.

<https://youtu.be/GnsCbMR4K04>

We are on at 9:45.

Prevent Summer Learning Loss

Whilst we want children to enjoy some free time over the summer holidays, we also want to avoid learning regression, so please remember the following resources are available to support children's learning over the holiday:

☑ Bug Club Reading Scheme www.activelearn.primary.co.uk- you will need your child's log in details (school code plgr)

☑ The Summer Reading Challenge at Penkrige Library

☑ My Maths www.mymaths.co.uk - you will need your child's log in details

☑ Sum Dog www.sumdog.com -you will need your child's log in details

☑ Hit the Button www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button great for mental fluency

☑ Active Maths Use the following URL (including the school code) to access the games

<https://www.mathsoftheday.org.uk/?code=A9X6W>

☑ My Maths www.mymaths.co.uk - you will need your child's log in details

☑ Keep a holiday journal/diary or scrapbook that children can share with their new teacher in September.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you are missing any log in details.

Oak Academy Summer Learning

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.



Congratulations to

Jackson who won the design a vegetable character for our menus.

His character, Captain Corn, has been digitised and will be used on school meal menus and promotions.

Well done Jackson!

Free School Meal Vouchers for the Summer Holidays

We have recently sent out a code to enable the parents of those children who qualify for pupil premium/free school meals to receive a £50 one off food voucher for the summer holidays. **If you think you meet any of the criteria below, you can apply for pupil premium/free school meals by applying online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx> or by telephone 03001118007**

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. Please note: anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4-week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.
- Zambrano carers
- Right to remain under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Children of failed asylum seekers receiving support under Section 4 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Children in families receiving support under section 17 of the Children's Act 1989 and have no recourse to public funds

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

If you think a child is at risk of harm over the holidays, please ring First Response on 0800 1313 126

Open: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:00pm

Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Emergency Duty Service:

(Out of Hours Service)

Telephone: 0345 604 2886

Online Safety

The holidays are a good opportunity to talk to your children about staying safe online. Why not visit: www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-summer-holidays and

☑ Watch Red and Murphy talk to Freddie and Alisha about asking before they watch videos online

☑ Read Digiduck's Big Decision and help educate children aged 3 - 7 about how to be a good friend online

☑ Have an adventure with Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew and help them to make SMART online decisions.

School Meals

From September, all school meals will need to be booked and paid for on ParentPay in advance. You will need to load credit onto your child's account in order to click onto the next step and book the meal.

If you qualify for Free School Meals or your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 from September – you will still need to logon to ParentPay and book either a hot meal or the sandwich option for that day, or your child will not be included in the numbers.

Please contact the school office if you have not been given your ParentPay activation codes and these can be given to you.

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

PENKRIDGE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS FROM 22nd June 2021

TUESDAY	10am to 6pm
THURSDAY	10am to 5.30pm
SATURDAY	9.30am to 12.30pm

Computer Use will be available for 1hour sessions BUT must be booked in advance by telephoning 01785 854100 during the above opening hours.



Presenting this year's SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



THE READING AGENCY PRESENTS

WILD WORLD HEROES

HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP A LOVE OF STORIES WITH THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

SIGN UP FOR THE CHALLENGE FROM JULY 10TH 2021 AT YOUR LOCAL STAFFORDSHIRE LIBRARY.

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

YOUR LIBRARY Staffordshire County Council

CREATIVITY CENTRE

THE READING AGENCY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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HOW TO TAKE PART



At your local library

- Visit your local Staffordshire library to sign up for the challenge.
- You will receive a starter pack containing all the items you need to begin your reading adventure - including a pull-out poster and stickers!
- Take out six books and get reading!
- When you have read your books bring them back to your local Staffordshire Library, and collect your completers certificate, medal and bookmark.

Online

- Sign up to the Reading Agency's easy-to-use website and create a profile at www.wildworldheroes.org.uk.
- Children set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the Summer.
- Collect rewards with additional activities and incentives along the way, including online badges, games and videos.
- Children can download a certificate once they have completed the Challenge.



ONLINE ACTIVITIES

There's lots taking place online during the summer too!

- Visit [Facebook/StaffordshireLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/StaffordshireLibraries) for fun creative activities taking place every Wednesday during the summer holidays.
- Check out our Creative Explorers program taking place at: Staffslibrariesculture.wordpress.com/creative-explorers



Family Support Service by SCTSP in Partnership with Staffordshire County Council

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE

FREE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMMES

Summer Workshop for Families

Creating Healthy and Positive Friendships

Date: Thursday 26th August: 4.00pm-5.00pm

A workshop for Parents and Children to access together.

Suitable for children 7 and above.

September Programmes and Workshops for Parents

4- week Programme Understanding and Managing Defiant Behaviours and Anger in Children and Young people

Start Date: Wednesday 8th September: 1.30pm-2.30pm

Helping to build Self Esteem and Manage Social Anxiety in Children and Young People

Date: Monday 20th September: 1.30pm-2.30pm

To book your place please email your **name, date of programme and phone number** to raminderdaliwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk or text/phone with your **name, date of programme and email address** to 07741645691.

Once you have booked onto you will be sent instructions on how to access the Workshop/Programme.



HOLIDAY Activities = FOOD

REGISTER NOW!

FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 8-16 who get free school meals*

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

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If your child is eligible for a free place on our summer holiday activities and food programme, they will receive a letter via their school. This letter will contain a unique code which you will need to register your child.

Running throughout August 2021

Monday-Thursday

10am-2pm

Breathing Space welcomes any young person aged between 8-12 years, living in the Staffordshire area, who are eligible for free school meals.

There will be a number of fun activities on offer throughout the day, including arts & craft, sports & recreation, drama, healthy living workshops, story writing, music and (if the weather permits) animal assisted activities!

As a staff team we have various individual skills and experience which complement the proposed programme of delivery and have tried and tested each of the above activities during our previous holiday provisions to ensure their feasibility. As we are a therapeutic service, we have extensive experience of supporting children and families in a variety of ways, including signposting and referral to more appropriate support services if necessary.

Example Timetable:

- 10am: Registration and Team Building/Activities
- 10.30-11.30am: Outdoor activities - Sports and Recreation
- 11.30-12.30pm: Health (ARF) and Healthy Living
- 12.30-1pm: Lunch
- 1.30pm: Creative Therapy (to incorporate Art, Craft, Drama, Dance, Music)
- 2-2.30pm: Parent/Carer Advice @ Outdoor Design (signposting)

Book now with your HAF code via our email address:

bic@breathingspacetherapeuticservices.co.uk

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Good Luck!

Good luck to our Year 4 children who will be moving on at the end of term and will all be starting at Middle School in September. We will be sad to see them go and wish them all the best in their new school.

We also wish Miss Brothwood and Mrs Wykes all the best as they move on to new positions. Thank you both for all that you have done for the children at Marshbrook.

'Thank You' also to the many people who help us in so many ways throughout the school year. Thanks to all the staff who work very hard to ensure the school is the best it can be for all of our children. Thanks to our parents, volunteers and students who regularly assist our staff in the day to day running of our school and thanks to all the members of the PTA, the Governors and Trustees who have continued to support us through such a strange couple of years. Thank you.

HAVE A SUPER SUMMER BREAK. SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER!