



Markeaton Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2017

To all Parents/Carers,

I have to start with the absolute highlight of the week, and that was our Growth Mindset Day on Thursday (see pic below of Miss Hawley's class)! What a treat it was to see all the children come dressed as what they want to be when they are older. We had Doctors, Professional Rockclimbers, Artists, a few teachers, an author and a Magician! Thank you to you all for getting the children's costumes prepared and embracing all that we do around Growth Mindset. Following some exciting activities in the afternoon we had a whole school assembly (including our new FS2 children) and each class had the chance to talk about what they had been learning. Well done to everyone!



This morning was our Harvest Assembly and again, it was a great opportunity to share some of the important messages around this theme—being thankful for what we have and sharing those riches that we do enjoy. A huge thank you to Sharon from St Alkmund's for supporting the assembly and for the children who sang their hearts out and performed a piece of drama. And a last thank you for all the kind donations we have received (see right). These will be collected next week and shared with those in need.



And finally, on November 23rd at 6:30pm we will be hosting our annual Parent/Carer Forum where we will be going through the results of the questionnaire and discussing our school development priorities for 17/18; remember to pop it in the diary. Have an enjoyable half term and I will see you on the front gate a week on Tuesday!

Mr I. Johnson



To all Parents/Carers in FS2

The first half term has absolutely flown by and I know my son, who has just started in Reception, is looking forward to a little break! Your children have settled in really well and hopefully you are all happy with the way things are going; I know Tapestry really helps you to see what your child is learning and how they are interacting with the environment. I read a story to them last week and I must say how well they listened and how beautifully they sat throughout.

By this point most of the children are coming in to school independently and responding positively to the routines of the day. It is probably a good time to remind Parents/Carers that we would now like the children to come into the classroom on their own and wave goodbye at the gate to the person who has brought them to school.

Of course, if you want to have a chat with the teachers then please do so but, in order to maintain our commitment towards **the highest standards of safeguarding**, I must ask that Parents/Carers or other family members do not enter the school building unless you have been invited to do so or you have signed in at the front office. I am sure you can appreciate the reasons behind this but do come and speak to a member of staff if your child is still struggling to adapt to school life; their door and my door is always open.

Mr I. Johnson

We are a nut free school

Due to children who attend Markeaton Primary School that have a severe allergy to nuts, we kindly request that you do not send your child to school with nuts, or products containing nuts, for their snacks or in their packed lunches.

For some, contact with nuts could be life-threatening!

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school environment safe for all.



Cross Country Team

A huge well done to the cross country team. They've showed super perseverance this season, even in the rain!



Football Team

The football team has had its second match of the league. Their team spirit never faltered even if they were beaten 3-2 and then 5-1 by Lakeside. It's tough competition this year!



Highlights from this Half Term

Our **FS2** children are settling nicely into a daily routine, developing their independence and making new friends. They have been showcasing their amazing ability at making models from construction bricks and enjoyed a Diwali Dance Workshop presented by Deda earlier this week.

Y1 took a walk in the local area to study the different type of buildings around them; they then came back to school to build their own junk buildings out of recycled materials. Miss Gamble's class has also been delving into the arts this half term at Kedleston Training Centre (Miss Balfour's class are due to visit in November).

Y2 have had a fantastic time re-enacting The Battle of Swarkestone Bridge. The Redcoat army beat the Jacobites again! They have also been conducting their own investigations about germs, as part of their Florence Nightingale topic. Can you guess how quickly their glitter germs spread?

Y3 enjoyed a jam packed half term, with poetry performances, developing their log, tuck and circle rolls in PE and learning about Tudor Times, with a trip to Haddon Hall being the highlight of the half term.

Y4 also immersed themselves in their Tudor topic this half term, dressing up, baking and making their own wattle and daub. Classroom learning was brought to life by visiting nearby Haddon Hall.

Y5 kicked off this half term by making their own Growth Mindset hats and in the process adopting the 'can do' attitude to learning. They have also been busy producing their own 'Starry Starry Night' masterpieces; some budding Van Goghs in the making we think!

Y6 have also been busy producing and showcasing their artistic talents by producing some fabulous Chiaroscuro works of art. Years 5 and 6 took a trip to Think Tank's Planetarium, which helped further develop their knowledge of 'The Earth and Beyond'.

One of the biggest highlights of this half term, for both Key Stage 2 pupils and staff alike, was a visit for Paul Sturgess, the world's tallest basketball player and Great Britain's tallest man. There was certainly a buzz around school that day as Paul and Mark held basketball workshops and gave a talk at our assembly about how he had learnt to celebrate his differences and use them to his advantage in life.





Why not follow us on Twitter [@Marketon Primary](https://twitter.com/MarketonPrimary) to view more of our fabulous activities and events throughout the school year.

Outdoor Learning

Just in case you missed it, here is our new sign for the Forest School Area designed by Alfie Cooper and the 'thank you plaque' for everyone that sponsored our new fence last year!



Recognising the commitment of staff at

MARKEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

for encouraging and inspiring young people in STEM subjects through the use of STEM Ambassadors

Bram & Cambridge

Partnership School of Learning | Part 1 (2017-2019)

Yvonne Baker

Headteacher | 2017-2019

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. We raised an amazing **£477!**



For more details on events and activities in your local area please visit our website:

www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/In-Your-Local-Area



Parentmail PMX

For the first time, this year we introduced our new Parent Evening Manager. This has proved a huge success with over 50% of parents having booked their slot within 40 minutes of the system going live. No more pieces of paper going missing in bookbags and a choice of times available to suit parents/carers' busy schedules.

By registering with ParentMail PMX, you can now also access the online shop system to pay for school trips and activities, dinners and adult Come to Lunch meals.

When logging in to pay for a school trip or activity, always click payments, and if you cannot find the item you are looking for, click **Shop** at the top of the page. This will take you to a full list of items (including those you have already paid for). The reason the activity can only be found here is because the payment due date has passed.

You may also be interested in downloading the free ParentMail app. This app will negate the need for you to sift through your inbox looking for school messages, as they are all easily accessed from one place and you will receive a notification when anything new comes in. If you decide to not download this app, we ask that you check your email inbox once per week so that you don't miss any messages.

Should you have any problems navigating this system, please speak to the School Office. We are always on hand to help.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Tuesday 31st October to Tuesday 19th December is **£79.20**. Payment can be made half-termly or weekly and is due in advance. Please refer to our School Dinners— Payment and Arrears Policy on our website for more information.

Thank you



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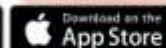
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Website/Twitter



Have you visited our website yet?

In addition to our Parentmail PMX system you will also find a host of information on our website: term dates, upcoming PTFA events, downloadable trip letters and application forms for extra-curricular activities and clubs. There is also a page advertising what is going on in your local area and even a quick and easy link to inform us of your child's absence.

Parents told us that they would like more visibility of what their children were learning about in school. In addition to Parents Evenings, Come To Lunch Dates and Class Assemblies, every Year Group now have their own Twitter feed. You do not need to subscribe to Twitter to view it, simply go to 'Our Learning' on our website www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk to find out more.

YMCA Wrap-Around-Care

Based at Markeaton Primary School

In partnership with Markeaton Primary School we provide a safe and friendly environment for your child that provides lots of exciting activities before and after school, including: problem solving, arts and crafts, a range of sports, help with homework and much more. Our wide range of activities will support children's natural stages of development and interests alongside ensuring healthy and nutritious food is provided.

We support daily routines to enable children to become alert and ready for the school day and then offer time for homework and fun and games after the school day so children go home relaxed.

The Breakfast Club includes a nutritious breakfast and the After School Club includes a nutritious tea.

To book your place, please visit:

<http://ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/about/what-we-do/family-work/markeaton-primary-school/>

