



# Markeaton

## Primary School

### Newsletter

Friday 25th May 2018

To all Parents/Carers

Where has that half term gone? I can't believe we are about to enter the final phase of another school year!

First and foremost, once again, I must say a huge thank you to everyone for their kind donations and sponsorship over the last few months. In case you missed it on Twitter, we made it to the summit of Snowdon at 2:45am following a gruelling three hour climb; a feat which was described in Monday's assembly but also helped us to achieve our £5000 target (combined online and cash totals)!!! Well done to all who took part and thank you for your support. That is an incredible amount of money and will be well spent by our two charities.

In other news, we were very lucky to be visited by Joe Roebuck on Thursday; an Olympic Athlete who has won European and Commonwealth medals around the world. This is our second Professional Athlete visit of the year and he spent time with all the classes doing different types of exercises (see right) – culminating in a whole school assembly about what it takes to become an athlete and how he has used setbacks in his career to drive himself forward. Thank you to Joe for spending time with us and good luck with your next event!

I would also like to say a huge well done to the Y2 children for completing their KS1 SATs. Similar to previous years, we always try to make sure the children are unaware that they are taking a test. This might not always be possible as some children are very perceptive but we endeavour to eliminate as much anxiety or stress as we can and try to treat it as a normal day in the classroom. On the whole this has always worked particularly well and the week is managed very successfully by the Y2 Team.

Another highlight of the week were the lessons on 'fake news' being taught in Y5. Fake news seems to be in the media quite a bit and the damaging effect it can have on others; and perhaps wasn't something that was around ten years ago, or even during the emergence of social media. The reason I mention it is because I wanted to remind you about our E-Safety Workshop on Thursday 21st June. I have mentioned it in previous weekly words but please do put the date in your diary as Traci Good, the training provider, is excellent and you will most certainly take something away from it that is relevant to you and/or your family.

And finally, over the last few weeks, the staff and I have noticed a slight decline in overall school uniform standards. We have noticed some children wearing trainers and some children just taking less care with their uniform in school (you only have to look at lost property to see how many items go missing on a regular basis!). Being smart and taking care of your belongings is the least we would expect from the children as it is something that will stand them in good stead when they get older and move on to Secondary School.

Once again, thank you for all your support...I appreciate that it has been quite an expensive term for families and we will do our best to redress the balance over the next eight weeks.

Best wishes,

Mr I. Johnson



## Snowdon Challenge!

We did it! Team Markeaton conquered Snowdon last weekend! Money is still rolling in and we are hopeful to hit our 5K target, to be split equally between Markeaton PTFA and Alzheimer's Society. If you have not yet donated but would like to, it's not too late. A collection bucket is still available at the School Office until Tuesday 5th June.



PTFA



## School Dinners



The cost of school dinners for half term Tuesday 5th June to Wednesday 25th July is **£81.40**. Payment can be made half-terminly or weekly and is due in advance.

Please refer to our School Dinners—Payment and Arrears Policy on our website for more information.

## 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.



## Highlights from this Half Term

Every newsletter we seem to say what a busy half term it has been. This half term has been no different—in fact, I'm not sure we could have packed any more in! We've been utilising our fabulous outdoor space, whatever the weather, with Forest Schools; the children have been involved in choosing the colour-scheme for the new junior toilets and the whole school have participated in fitness circuits with Olympian athlete Joe Roebuck earlier this week. Unfortunately, the newsletter can only highlight a selection of our exciting lessons and activities, so why not take a look at our Twitter page where we showcase week on week what we are doing in school.

[twitter.com/MarkeatonSchool](https://twitter.com/MarkeatonSchool)



This half term **FS2** have been reciting their lines and enjoying 'Going On A Bear Hunt' and discovering 'Do flowers drink water?'

**Y1** have designed their own stained glass windows using Christian symbols and made glitter bottles in Golden Time. The RSPB came into school to deliver their Bioblitz session - the children had a great time exploring their outdoor surroundings and identifying lots of minibeasts, even building their own minibeast hotels!

**Y2's** topic this term is 'Explorers'. The children have explored the differences between the UK and India during their Geography lessons and have also created some fabulous Rangoli patterns in their sewing lessons.

**Y3** have immersed themselves in performance poetry sessions and incorporated John Foster's 'The School Kids Rap' in their work. Also this half term, the children were able to cover IT and Modern Foreign Language in a joint lesson by learning about 'les vêtements' using laptops.

**Y4** put their persuasive writing skills to the test by producing 'Deadly Deforestation' posters and sending them to Greenpeace. The children were delighted to receive a response and tips about how they can do their part to help save the environment. The highlight of this half term has to be 'Brazilian Carnival Week'. Along with Y3 classes, the children have been involved in a explosion of colour and taste as they explore the Brazilian culture.

**Y5** have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest Schools sessions: from learning how to use tools sensibly to fire making skills. The children have also produced some amazing works of art based on the style of Pablo Picasso.

**Y6** have shown amazing maturity and determination during SATs week. We are very proud of their hard work. As a reward, the children were taken along to Derby Arena to enjoy an activity day of sports. Also this half term, Y6's have been attempting to make their own version of Swiss artist Giacometti's shadow sculpture with wire, aluminium and modroc—perseverance and determination at its best!





## Sport Relief

You raised an amazing £588 for Sport Relief this year. Thank you and well done!



Our school uniform provider, Simply Uniform, will be in school on **Wednesday 4th July**. If you would like to purchase any items and have them delivered to school before we break for the summer holidays, pop along after school, 3.30 - 4pm in the School Hall where they will have a selection of examples and sizes to try. Orders placed on the day, or online by *Friday 6th July*, are guaranteed delivery to school by 25th July.



## Please Help Us to Help You

The School Office is a busy hub of activity any time of year but more so in the Summer Term as we collate information for secondary schools, prepare for our new starters, produce your child's year-end reports and arrange all the trips and activities that your children participate in.

In order to help us run as smoothly and efficiently for you all, please could you help us help you by doing the following:

If you know in advance that your child is going home with another adult, please send a note in with your child for their class teacher or email/phone the School Office by 12 noon.

If you know your child is due to participate in a school trip, please ensure you give us written consent by the date requested in the letter. The easiest way to do this is by visiting your Parentmail account, go to Payment Items, Shop, select the correct trip and add it to the basket and make sure you tick the consent box at checkout. The information is sent to us instantaneously, therefore reducing the need for us to follow up with phone calls, emails or messages to the class teacher. The office staff are happy to help if you need guidance navigating this system. Chasing last minute consent so that your child does not miss out on a trip is time-consuming and could be better spent helping you in other ways.

If your child forgets their homework, lunchbag etc., please ensure these are dropped off to the School Office by 10.30am. These items will be delivered to class by 12 noon unless deemed urgent.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to provide an smooth, efficient service for you all.

*The School Office Team*

## 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/>



You can now follow us on Twitter at [https://twitter.com/YMCAD\\_YKidz](https://twitter.com/YMCAD_YKidz)



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**YMCA Holiday Club will run from Tuesday 29th May to Monday 4th June (inclusive) to book your place go to**

**<https://data.ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/?q=holiday-clubs>**

## Dates For Your Diary 2018/2019

*Further dates will be added throughout the school year - please check our website for the most up to date information.*

<b>28th May - 3rd June</b>	<b>Half Term - school closed</b>
<b>Mon 4th June</b>	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>
Tues 5th June	Y1 trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm
	Writing Workshop for parents 3.40 - 4.40pm
Thurs 7th June	Derby Book Festival (selected pupils)
Sat 9th June	<a href="#">PTFA Summer Fair</a>
Mon 11th June	FS2 & Y6 Vista Photographs
11th - 15th June	KS1 Phonics Screening
13th - 15th June	Y6 PGL residential trip
Thurs 14th June	Y5 Come To Lunch
Mon 18th June	Y5/6 Sports Day 9.15am
Tues 19th June	Y1/2 Sports Day 9.15am
Wed 20th June	FS2 Sports Day 9.15am
Thurs 21st June	Y3/4 Sports Day 9.15am
	E-Safety talk for parents (School Hall 3.40pm)
25th - 28th June	Y6 Level 2 Bikeability (limited places)
Wed 27th June	School Councillors' trip to Pizza Express
Fri 29th June	<a href="#">PTFA Bags2School collection</a>
	Modern Foreign Language Day!
	FS2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Mon 2nd July	Y3 trip to Cadbury's World
Tues 3rd July	Derby City Council Local Authority Secondary School Transition Day
Wed 4th July	Independence Day lunch special
	Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
<i>More dates overleaf</i>	

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	Simply Uniform - School Hall - 3.30 - 4pm
Thurs 5th July	Dance Celebration Assembly 9.30am
Fri 6th July	Y4 trip to Cadbury's World
9th - 12th July	Y6 Level 2 Bikeability (limited places)
Wed 11th July	Y6 Careers Afternoon
Thurs 12th July	Y6 Leavers' Meal 6-8pm
Fri 13th July	Pupils' reports sent home
Tues 17th July	House Captains trip to Wagamama
18th - 20th July	Arts Week
Fri 20th July	PTFA Summer Discos
Tues 24th July	FS2/KS1 Little Blue Monster production in school
	Picnic Day!
Wed 25th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2.30pm
<b>26th July - 5th September</b>	<b>Summer Holidays - school closed</b>
Thurs 6th September	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>
Fri 7th September	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>

## Arts Week

Calling all artistic parents!

Our Arts Week this year is taking place on the 18th – 20th July and the theme is the environment and recycling. Have you a talent, a skill or a hobby you would be willing to share with us? Could you spare a few hours or even a day to help lead or support a session? If the answer is yes please get in touch with Miss Gamble via the school







# SUMMER FAIR

at  
**Markeaton Primary  
School**

**Saturday 9th June  
1.30pm- 4.30pm**

Bar



**Tea & cakes**

**Bouncy Castle**



**Stalls & Games Food stalls**



**Raffle Face Painting**

**Children free  
Adults 50p**

### **We Need Your Help!**

Donations and your time would be greatly appreciated. Please see our webpage [www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/ptfa](http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/ptfa) for more information on how you can help us.

Thank you.

*Helen, Jo, Maria, Gemma and Jenny*