



Markeaton

Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2019

To all Parents/Carers,

And so ends another busy half term at Markeaton – though this one was notably different to those that went before given the arrival of Ofsted in week five! In case you missed it, the official Ofsted report has been sent by parentmail to all parents and carers with a little preamble from myself about what the report means and a bit more about what a 'Section 8' Inspection is. Please do read this before you take a look at the report as the way in which Ofsted inspects schools since September 2019 is very different to what went before.

Whilst on the topic of feedback, the latest results from the Summer 2019 Questionnaires are now available on the website. They are presented in a slightly different way to previous years but hopefully they are relatively easy to understand. Click on the link below to view them:

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Questionnaire-Results>

Year3@Markeaton @Year3Markeaton · 21h

We've finally published our winning diary entry on the green screen. Isn't it wonderful? You feel like you're actually in Hampton Court Palace.



In other news, I must mention the amazing 'green screen' work which has been taking place in Y3 (and other classes – debuting in Y6 last year). Through the wonder of a green piece of fabric and some apps on our tablets, the children can be transported into any place, anywhere in the world throughout time. It really has transformed the way in which children present their ideas in History. Above is a tweet of a Y3 pupil at Hampton Court Palace as part of her Tudor Project – who knows where the children will be next! Of course, there have been amazing projects up and down the school taking place so keep an eye out for further tweets.

And finally, as much as I don't want to end with a negative, the issues surrounding parking have resurfaced once again. Please can I remind all parents/carers to not park on the yellow zigzag lines outside school and also not use the entrance to the school car park or the car park itself to drop your child(ren) off. It only takes one or two people to not follow these rules and suddenly Bromley St becomes a dangerous place for pedestrians and drivers. We still have the park and ride agreement with the Jonty Farmer so please do use that if you are not local.

Have a lovely half term and see you all on Tuesday 5th November.

Mr I. Johnson

World Mental Health Day

Thank you to you all for supporting World Mental Health Day – you helped us to raise **£343.50**, all of which will be donated to Young Minds! Well done!!



School Book Fair

With your support we sold **£619** worth of books (from which we receive commission) during the School Book Fair we held this half term. Thank you!

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Tuesday 5th November to Friday 20th December is **£74.80**. 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.



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.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our hamper and/or came along and enjoyed a cuppa and some cake at our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. With your support we managed to raise **£255.20**.



Bridge the Gap

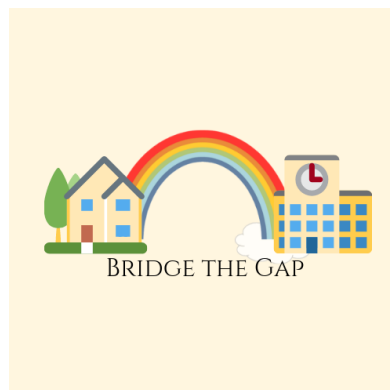
As part of our commitment to Mental Health, we have teamed up with Bridge the Gap to offer free courses to help parents become more confident in supporting their child's emotional health and well-being. These courses are held over three sessions and are limited to only 10 places per course. Places are filling up fast; please contact the School Office admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk if you would like more information or would like to book a place on one of the courses.

Course 1 - Tuesday 19th, 26th November and 3rd December 2019 **(FULLY BOOKED)**

Course 2 - Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th January 2020 **(FULLY BOOKED)**

Course 3 - Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th March 2020

Course 4 - Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th May 2020





Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information"



"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"



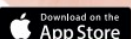
"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"



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DOWNLOAD



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



ParentMail



Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message.

Parentmail - Have you connected yet?

To all new parents, you should by now be receiving our correspondence via Parentmail. But, did you know that this system also allows you to easily pay for trips, give consent, book Parent Evening appointments, as well as paying for School Dinners (Y3 -Y6 only). If you have not yet connected, it is a simple process. Please contact the School Office for your registration email.

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.

Problems receiving Parentmail emails?

We have recently been made aware of a problem whereby some parents are no longer receiving Parentmail emails in their normal email inbox; they have to log into Parentmail to view. We have raised this with Parentmail and this is their response:

We are aware of an issue with Outlook and Hotmail inboxes incorrectly classifying our emails as malicious or phishing. We have made contact with the provider directly to rectify this false message and are treating it as a high priority. An update will follow once we have been able to resolve the problem.

Please try this guide on whitelisting the email address for ParentMail (info@parentmail.co.uk) and see if this resolves the matter. It should force the emails into the inbox rather than an alternative folder.

<https://help.parentmail.co.uk/faqs/how-to-whitelist-or-add-email-addresses-to-your-safe-sender-list>

Platinum Sports Award

It's official! Here is Miss Hughes being presented with our Platinum Award for Sports by Jo Wilkinson at SSP (School Sports Partnership) - the first school in the city to achieve it! Well done to everyone!!!



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.

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 has 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.

Parent Evenings

Parent Evening slots are now available to book online—please log into your Parentmail account to choose a timeslot suitable for you.

Highlights from this Half Term

The start of the school year has kicked off with some fabulous learning activities, trips and fund-raising events. We've enjoyed Harvest assemblies, with thanks to St. Alkmund's and Broadway Baptist Church, European Languages Day, World Mental Health Day, Community Poppy Project, trips to Wollaton Hall, Pickford House and Museum of the Moon at Derby Cathedral. Thank you to parents, carers, the PTFA and members of our community who have donated their time, money or experience to help provide our children with a jam-packed, fun filled curriculum. Here are some of our best bits from this half term.



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



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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YMCA Holiday Club will be running from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November (inclusive). To book your place go to <https://ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/about/what-we-do/family-work/markeaton-primary-school/activity-club/>



Markeaton Primary School
PTFA

Halloween pop-up Café, Spooky games & surprises!

at Markeaton School
Thursday 31st October

Open from 4.30pm
Cake donations welcome on
the night!

Parentkind
Member Association

On Halloween & Bonfire Night Keep Safe Think of Others HAVE FUN!



DO'S

- Remember road safety and wear bright clothing while 'trick or treating'
- Keep Halloween 'tricks' safe
- Be considerate to others
- Follow Derbyshire Fire & Rescue safety tips on the reverse of this leaflet
- Go to an organised fireworks display - it's the safest way to enjoy them

DON'T

- Go 'trick or treating' alone and take an adult with you
- Cause damage to people's homes or property
- Handle fireworks if you're under 18
- Knock on stranger's doors
- Scare or hurt others
- Let off fireworks between 11pm and 7am or in a public place

CALL 101
In an emergency always dial 999
www.derbyshire.police.uk



- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box and take them out one at a time
- Follow the manufacturers instructions on each firework. Read them by torch light, not a naked flame, always buy fireworks from a reputable source.
- Light fireworks at arms length using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick - then stand back.
- Never go back to a firework once lit, it may still go off.
- Collect used fireworks with care, douse with water and bury them or place in a metal container.
- Keep children away from fireworks and bonfires.

- Keep pets indoors.
- Take care with sparklers - young children should not handle these.
- **NEVER** throw fireworks.
- **NEVER** keep fireworks in your pocket.
- Keep a bucket of water handy.

If you must light a bonfire, follow these safety tips:

- Site the bonfire well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees, shrubs and well away from your fireworks.
- Before lighting, make sure there are no animals hiding inside.
- Be careful when building the bonfire so it does not collapse once lit.

- Don't burn foam filled furniture, aerosols, tins of paint, or bottles.
- Never use flammable liquids such as paraffin or petrol to light the fire.
- Keep children and pets away from the fire.
- In case of emergency, keep buckets of water, a garden hose or fire extinguisher ready.
- When the party is over, pour water on the embers before leaving.

CALL 101
In an emergency always dial 999
www.derbyshire.police.uk

