



*Make Every Minute
Meaningful*

Dear parents and carers,

As the Autumnal chill settles in, we hope you and your little ones have settled in nicely to the new term! It's that time of year when coats are essential, so do make sure they're wrapped up warm as the days grow colder. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival. Your support made a significant impact and the Foodbank was incredibly grateful for your generous donations. Remember: we're always here for you, should you wish to chat about anything on your mind. With Christmas just around the corner, exciting times are ahead!

Best wishes,

Mrs Webb Mrs Harman-Box Mrs Houghton



November Dates

Sunday 9th November—Remembrance Sunday

Tuesday 18th November—Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 19th November—PTA cake and hot chocolate sale

19th and 20th November—Parents Evenings

Saturday 22nd November—Grounds Morning 9-12

Thursday 27th November PTA—PTA Winter Sparkles Disco 3.30-4.15pm

Important December Dates

Thursday 4th December—Year 2 to Garrison Church for Aldershot Schools Carol Service 5pm

Wednesday 10th December rehearsal at Methodist Church—parent volunteers to help us safely walk.

Wednesday 10th December—Santa's Christmas Grotto comes to Marlborough! 3.30-5pm

Thursday 11th December Christmas Play at the Methodist Church in North Camp 9am—all welcome!



Grounds Morning Saturday 22nd November 9-12am

We need your help!

Please join us with your gardening gloves, trowels and even hammers!

We have hopes and dreams to fulfil...

Planting Spring bulbs, dismantling the wooden raised beds on the playground, creating with pallets in the Reception class outside areas and more!



Let us know if you have any basic carpentry skills and come along with your tools. We will provide tea, coffee and cakes—and eternal gratitude for your support.



Leave of Absence Forms



The Leave of Absence Request Form (LOAF) has been updated to reflect a policy change. **Schools are now authorised to issue Penalty Notices to parents who attempt to avoid penalties by scheduling holidays that fall below the threshold, including during weeks containing Bank Holidays or INSET days.** Please do not plan to take family holidays in the term time to avoid this being an issue for your family.

Online Safety: Being Smart with Screen

As technology evolves, so does the need to help children use it safely and positively. Through our computing curriculum, we teach children about "**Digital Balance**" – understanding how to enjoy technology safely without letting it take over our free time.

At home, you can help by:

- Talking regularly about what your child enjoys online and who they might be chatting to (even in games).
- Using BBC Own It and Childnet for fun videos and games that teach safe online habits.
- Encouraging "tech-free times" - for example, no devices during dinner or before bed.
- Setting up devices with child safe settings and age appropriate filters.
- [? BBC Own It – Online Life Advice](#)
- [? Internet Matters – Screen Time Tips](#)



Behaviour

Fantastic behaviour remains a strength presented by the children at Marlborough Infant School. We have our clear and relatable school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

These simple yet powerful guidelines are designed to create a positive learning environment for all children.

Ready means being prepared to learn, both mentally and physically. This includes arriving on time, having necessary materials, actively listening and being open to new ideas.

Respectful encourages children to treat themselves, their peers, their environment and staff with kindness. This fosters a supportive community where everyone feels valued.

Safe emphasises the importance of a secure environment, where children can express themselves without fear. This includes following safety protocols and being mindful of others' well-being.

Consistency is key; all classes will follow these rules, and staff will use the same language to re-inforce them. Together, we can help our children thrive!



Parking

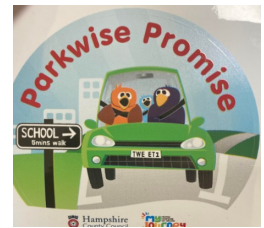
We know that the school run and getting timings right can be difficult. However, there has been an increase in near-misses around the school, primarily due to unsafe parking.

We are asking for your support in ensuring that children are kept safe by parking in appropriate places. This means that cars should not be parked on double yellow lines or yellow zigzags directly outside the school. As you will know, this is particularly dangerous.

We have a few parents of children in the school who have blue disabled badges and need to use the space available. Please refrain from using this space if you do not have a blue badge as you are preventing those in need from accessing the school safely. For those of you who do, please move along in a timely manner as you are not alone; others have need too.

To ease the congestion, please remember that we have permits for the Napier Gardens carpark just off the roundabout. Please pop in to see us to get one of these permits—and start the day with a burst of fresh air and a lovely walk through the park!

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



Results of our Feeling Safe Survey

Following our recent "Feeling Safe" survey, we identified several areas requiring attention.

Firstly, we remind all parents and guardians that wearing a helmet is essential when riding a bike or scooter to prevent serious injuries.

It is crucial to discuss what children are permitted to access online and to establish time limits for devices used on the internet to ensure children engage in safe online practices. Frank, open discussions and no secrets are the way forward for healthy online habits.

Lastly, our friendship bench which is supported by playground duty staff, aims to foster awareness and encourage conversations to ensure that no child feels alone at Marlborough.



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Get Togethers



6th November, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA - **SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support**

11th November, 12-1pm: online Lunchtime Get Together - Meeting ID: 835 1332 0196 Passcode: GT

12th November, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viabes Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

19th November, 10-12pm: Winchester Get Together - Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB

28th November, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD

- Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the Fleet session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.



For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk

These events are a great opportunity for SEND parents to connect, share experiences and access support.

Become a Parent Representative!

Join Hampshire Parent Carer Network and help shape better services for families.

Your Role

- Share your experiences as a parent carer to help shape children's services.
- Ensure parents' voices influence key decisions.
- Work with professionals to improve services for children with disabilities.

What's Involved

- Attend relevant meetings or events (with another HPCN member if possible).
- Share short written feedback within 2 weeks.
- Respond to topic-related requests and help at events.
- Join training sessions and promote our work



HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER NETWORK enabling voices to be heard

MYSTERY VISITS



Visit leisure centers & culture providers, report back in secret, to help improve send accessibility.

We will cover the cost of the visit!*

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON OUR MAILING LIST TO BE PART OF THIS PROGRAMME!

Time Commitment: Flexible - even one hour a month can make a difference! Training and support provided.

We'll Support You: Advice, guidance, and training. Reimbursement for travel and related expenses.



Are you interested? For more information Contact : Participation@hpcn.org.uk

