



Marown Primary School

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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the start of a new school year. I hope that you and your families have had a restful and enjoyable summer break and that the children are feeling excited and ready for the term ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school and to see the enthusiasm, smiles and positive attitudes they have brought with them. The school has been full of energy as children have settled into their new classes, reconnected with friends and embarked on new learning experiences. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our new starters and their families, who have made such a positive start to their school journey.

This term we will be planning our class topics around the concept of 'Aspirations'. Do look out for your child's class 'Parent Information Sheet', which will be emailed at the start of each half term and will include key information, as well as an overview of the areas of learning that will be covered in class.

This year promises to be another exciting one, filled with opportunities for our children to learn, grow and achieve. Our dedicated staff team is committed to providing a rich, engaging and supportive learning environment where every child can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Staff are continuing their professional development through Dialogue Works, a programme led by educational expert Nick Chandley. Dialogue Works is based on philosophical enquiry and helps children become confident thinkers, communicators and learners. Through carefully structured discussions and the use of 'thinking moves', pupils learn how to listen attentively, build on each other's ideas, ask thoughtful questions, explain their reasoning and consider different perspectives. These skills support learning across all areas of the curriculum, encouraging deeper understanding, greater independence and improved problem-solving. By creating classrooms where talk is valued as a tool for learning, Dialogue Works helps children develop confidence, curiosity and the critical thinking skills they need both in school and beyond.

We greatly value the partnership between home and school and thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the very best opportunities to succeed and develop confidence, resilience and a lifelong love of learning.

We look forward to sharing the many achievements, experiences and celebrations that lie ahead and to working together to make this another successful and enjoyable year for all our children.

With best wishes,

Anna Jackson

Head Teacher

Autumn Term 1

Pupil Absence

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, please telephone or email the School Office at the start of the school day before 9.15am. School Holiday request forms are on our school website should you need to request any holidays. Please be aware that a child's attendance will be reviewed when considering such requests.

Arbor

Enrichment activities (off-timetable activities offered out to all children) will be on Friday afternoons commencing in the near future. Further information will be emailed out to parents and booking information will be made available via Arbor. Arbor will also be used when booking Parents' Evening appointments. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure all personal information and contacts are kept up to date via Arbor.

Car Parks

Thank you to all parents for your continued cooperation and common sense in response to the current parking restrictions. Your willingness to plan ahead, share transport where possible and park considerately has helped minimise disruption and ensured the safety of our children, families and local community. We greatly appreciate your flexibility and support.



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PE Kits

Please ensure that your child comes to school with an appropriate outdoor PE kit this half term, with suitable footwear and clothing to help them stay comfortable, active and enjoy their learning.

Our P.E. lessons will take place outside whilst the main hall is not accessible, therefore children should be prepared for possible rainy, colder weather. Over the last academic year, we have had a lot of children going to the office to ring home as they have forgotten to bring things into school, moving forward we will no longer be allowing children to call home for things that they have forgotten.

New Staff

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Maclaren, who has joined our Reception team and will be working with the class from Monday to Wednesday each week. She has already been a fantastic addition to the team and has settled in wonderfully. We are delighted to have her with us and look forward to seeing all the lovely experiences and learning she will share with our Reception children.

Lunch prices

The cost of a school meal remains £2.55 per day. Payments are made through ParentPay. If you have any issues or queries, please contact the school office.

External works railings/ fences

The contractors have reported that in recent days some of the railings/fences on the main staff car park have been getting pushed over in the evenings. We kindly ask that families please be vigilant if in or around the school grounds out of school hours.

Swimming

Lessons will recommence in the Spring Term (similar to this year) for Years Y3-Y6. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Parent volunteers

Parent volunteers are welcome in school to help with activities such as hearing readers. If you are interested in helping, please do contact your child's class teacher. Please note that a DBS check will be required.

Year 1

There has been a change in teaching staff in Y1. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Ramsden's Thursdays and Fridays will now be covered by Mrs Cilliers.

MSA

Many thanks to the Marown School Association committee for their support throughout the last academic year - please take a look back through our newsletters and editions of the "School Skeet" for some examples of the fantastic fundraising events and what they have funded!

Meet the Staff

Each newsletter this year, we will include a short feature on our staff to get to know them a little more!

Let's begin with....

Mrs Crouch-Blacker!

Mrs CB is part of our Senior Leadership Team and is currently our Head of School, whilst Miss Halsall is enjoying her maternity leave.

From April, she will be swapping the office with a classroom and finishing the year as our Year 3 class teacher.

"I love history, so I enjoy teaching creatively about the past and encouraging children to explore, make comparisons and ask questions about historical time periods. When I am not in the classroom.... I make an exceptional lasagne!"





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Dates for the diary

Monday 14th September	Y5 Trip - Sailing
Friday 18th September	Skipping Workshops
Tuesday 22nd September	Y6 - Bluey Online Safety Roadshow with Childnet & Manx Telecom
Thursday 24th September	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 29th September	Y5 Trip - Aardwhallan
Thursday 1st October	Individual & sibling photos
Thursday 1st October	Y6 - Junior Achievement Visitor
Tuesday 6th October	Y6 - Fire Service Visitor
Monday 19th October	Be Safe Be Seen Campaign Launch with 3FM
Friday 23rd October	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd November	Return to school Autumn Disco
Monday 16th November	Pantomime
Friday 20th November	Dress Down Day - Bring a stall item TBC
Friday 27th November	Dress Down Day - Bring a stall item TBC
Tuesday 1st December	Puppet Show
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair TBC
Tuesday 8th December	KSI Christmas Concerts



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Thursday 10th December	KS2 Christmas Concerts
Friday 11th December	Rotary Club Father Christmas Visit
Friday 18th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
Monday 21st December	Christmas Craft Afternoon
Tuesday 22nd December	Carol Service at Marown Church Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 6th January	Return to school