



Red Marsh School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governor

Governors at Red Marsh School play an important role in ensuring our school continues to grow and develop as an outstanding provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs.

We are delighted to inform you that Jo Flackett, our re-elected parent governor, has also been elected as Vice Chair of our Governing Body. Congratulations also goes to Sally Healy, who has been elected as a further parent governor. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Donna Bibby for her hard work, in her previous role as parent governor. Donna, in this role, provided support to school for over 10 years. A big Red Marsh thank you to you all.

Thank you

Thank you to all our parents who have followed the DfE, Public Health and school guidance. It has been our priority throughout the term to keep pupils and staff safe. By following this guidance you have helped our school community remain safe.

Important Covid-19 Information

Next week is the last week of term, we do not wish any bubble to be sent home at the last minute, which will have a devastating effect for many over the Christmas period. In order to limit the risk, we are asking that from Monday 14th December to the end of term any child with any of the lower threshold symptoms to be kept off school until they are feeling better.

These symptoms are:

- aches and pains
- sore throat
- sickness or diarrhoea
- headache
- a rash on skin
- discolouration of fingers or toes

Obviously, no child should attend school if they are displaying the following Covid symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

It is important to understand that the self isolation rule, is not school guidance but a legal requirement from the Government and Public Health England. Members of the public not following this advice can be fined.

Christmas Time

Enrichment / Performing Arts Week

Performing Arts Week begins on Monday 14th December. Performing Arts Week is always a very exciting time. Over the course of the week all our pupils have the opportunity to experience live performances which will take place virtually, develop their performance skills and explore and enhance art and craft skills. There will be many activities taking place during Performing Arts Week. During the week we will also be preparing for Christmas. Pupils, who wish, can wear their Christmas clothes throughout the week. Please ensure your child has warm clothing for the outdoor activities planned for this exciting week.

Important activities for this week are listed on the following page.

Art Activities

Pupils having the opportunity to develop their arts and craft skills. As part of this work we hope you will enjoy receiving a card and personalised Christmas gift from your child.

PTFA Santa Dash – Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December

The PTFA have asked if staff and pupils can come to school in a Christmas jumper and participate, a class at a time, in a 'Santa Dash' around the track. Please could you ask family and friends to sponsor your child to take part in this exciting activity. Sponsor money will be placed in a plastic bag straight from the bus and quarantined for 72 hours before counting. All money will go towards developing canopies for outdoor play and learning. When your child has taken part in our exciting 'Santa Dash' we will email you a certificate to share with your family and friends who have sponsored your child.

Virtual Christmas Pantomime – Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December

A virtual pantomime will be shown to all our pupils enabling them to experience a live theatre production. The pantomime is called 'Lost in Limbo Land' and stars Steve Royle and Tom Lister. The production has been specifically designed to be shown in classrooms, enabling the children to remain safely in their classes, whilst still being able to interact with all the fun and laughter that a live show would bring.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 16th December for all pupils. Class party afternoon will also take place on this day. All pupils who want to, can come into school in their party clothes.

Christmas Production – Thursday 17th December at 6:30pm

Your child's class has prepared a song or short performance for you to enjoy. To ensure we comply with safeguarding and data protection requirements this performance will be available for you to watch on **Thursday 17th December at 6:30pm.**

Access to Christmas Production

In order to access the performance you will need to;

- navigate to our home page of our school website
- scroll down and click on Red Marsh School Christmas Performance.
- input username: **Christmasperformance**
- input password: **christmas2020.**
- then select your child's class.

Please note you will only be able to access this site for 30 minutes.

We are hoping this will be successful !

Nativity Sensory Story – Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December

All pupils will have the opportunity to join in telling the story of Christmas through sign and song. This year this will be a sensory experience that has been designed around our school track. The journey will end in a stable lit up with Christmas lights.

Take care

Catherine Dellow

Headteacher