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Dear Parents,

We very much hope you enjoyed reading the first Marshfield Memo of the year. These will continue on a monthly basis; however, additional newsletters may be circulated as and when they are required.

Pandas Update

The school's governing body met with Hayley Mulkerrins from Pandas on Monday to discuss initial plans for reopening. As you can appreciate, adapting the provision so that it is Covid secure is very complex. For instance, all pupils need to remain in their school contact class. Pandas will continue to work in partnership with school on adapting the facility over the coming weeks. The governing body team will reconvene to discuss their plans on 14th October. At the heart of any decision made is the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and school community.

Harvest Assembly/ Raven House

We would like to continue to aid Raven House during lockdown, so once again we would like to ask our community to support their charity. Food banks across the county and country are in desperate need of provisions.

As part of our harvest celebrations we are asking children to bring to school any of the following-

- ✓ Cereals
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Dried goods
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Tins

NB: Sorry, no fresh produce.

Children can put these in the boxes in their classrooms and the parcels will be collected by Raven House on the 20th October. Many thanks in advance for your donations.

Assemblies

Some of you may be wondering how we are conducting assemblies under the current conditions. We now have our version of Marshfield TV, where children tune in to share success, news and views. This also gives pupils the opportunity to see others classes- if only on a virtual platform.



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Wellbeing Calls

Over the next few weeks, the staff are contacting parents to let them know how the children have settled in. This will also give you the opportunity to discuss any specific queries you may have. These replace the normal consultations that would normally take place this time of year.

At the beginning of this week, you should have received a Seesaw message from your child's class teacher asking you to select your preferred day/time slot.

If your child is in **nursery, reception or year 1** you should receive confirmation of the specific date/time of the call by the end of tomorrow- Friday, 9th October.

If your child is in **year 2 to year 6**, you will receive confirmation of your specific date/time by Tuesday 13th October.

Please contact the school if you have not received any information regarding the calls.

Seesaw/Twitter

We are very pleased with how many of our parents use the Seesaw system for communication. You can also find information about school life on our twitter page. You are able to message via seesaw up until 6pm. Teachers will respond to messages in a timely manner.

School Absence

If your child is unwell, could you please ring the office on the first day of absence, stating name, class and reason for absence. Please also let us know if your child is showing COVID symptoms and whether you are booking a test. Please ring the school with the outcome of the test as soon as you have the result.

Due to the current climate, we are experiencing quite a high level of absence. This is mainly due to pupils and community members waiting on the outcome of tests.

In line with our stringent policy and in order to safeguard everyone, you may have noticed some increased staff absence. This is unavoidable and we would like to reassure you that the same policy applies to them. When classes need to be covered we try to use consistent staff members as much as possible. In addition, when the class teacher is away, often pupils will still have the consistency of the same teaching assistant. We appreciate that the class teacher being absent is not the ideal scenario at the beginning of term and would appreciate your support and patience whilst we are managing a very challenging situation.

Lunches

From the 28th September we have trialled hot boxes with junior pupils. The feedback from the pupils has been very positive. From next Monday, 12th October, we are rolling out this



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option to all pupils in year 1 and year 2 too. Hot boxes will be available for reception children after half term.

You are able to view the options and book meals using the ParentPay system. Please note that Chartwells are not able to make any amendments to the options.



Thank you all once again for your continued support during this time.

Kind Regards,
Mrs L.J. Lewis and the Marshfield Team