Newsletter: Autumn Term, W/C 15th October

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Our week began by saying a fond farewell to Rev. Sue Collingbourne in a special assembly. We would all like to pass on our very best wishes for her retirement.

#### School Website Launch

The Digi-Bots and Mrs. Cooper presented the new website to the school on Friday. It will take a while to be fully populated but you are able to view important information about the school from today. For instance, all newsletters will be uploaded to the site. Eventually you will be able to view information about our Pupil Councils- PALS (Pupils Actively Leading in School), class topics and other curriculum details. You can also gain access to the twitter pages. At some point in the future, we would like to become a paperless school!

Find us at www.Marshfieldprimary.co.uk

# Parental Consultations

Consultations will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Appointments for consultations were circulated last week. Please contact the office if you did not receive one or if you have difficulties with the appointment allocated.

# Morning Entry during Inclement Weather

When the weather is poor, i.e. very wet, pupils can enter the school through the wooden gate as normal and enter school from 8.40am. Please note-there will not be staff at the gate during very wet mornings. Parents of younger pupils are welcome to drop them at the door if you so wish. There will always be staff on duty at the door.

On all other mornings, pupils can be left at the wooden gate before walking onto the playground.

# STEM Week

The school will once again be participating in a STEM week. This will take place after half term between Monday  $5^{th}$  November to Friday,  $9^{th}$  November. We are

hoping that the week will be even more successful than last year, with many activities, open sessions and visitors. Further information will follow.

# Uniform

Polite reminder: could all uniform please be labelled. We have a lot of items left in school on a daily basis, many of which are not labelled.

# Paint for Artwork

A few parents have commented that they are having difficulties cleaning paint marks from children's clothing. As a result of your feedback, the school has decided to change the educational supplier it uses for painting materials.

#### Families First Information

Families First (FF) is an organisation offering support to those families who need it. Over the years, they have helped many of our families for a variety of reasons.

Recently, a new strand of Families First has been set up which offers support to those families facing difficulties in the following areas:

- Structured, goal orientated interventions
- Financial / benefits support and advice
- Engaging and befriending hard to reach families
- Emotional and Well-being support
- Employability and employment mentoring
- Housing related support
- Low level Parenting / behavioural support
- Access to food banks and immediate provision
- Support in accessing relevant services

If you would like to know more, you can either speak to Mrs Pearce at school, or you can contact the team direct on 01633 815826. Alternatively, you can e-mail them at: <a href="mailto:westhub@newport.gov.uk">westhub@newport.gov.uk</a>.

# Community News

Slime making workshops are being held in Marshfield Village Hall during half-term on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. They will be led by ex-Marshfield Primary pupil, Zara (SlimeBossUK). Zara will demonstrate slime making and talk participants through making their own slime. Ingredients and a container are provided. The cost is £10 per hour session (+30p booking fee). There are two time slots each day for ages 5 and over. There will also be

an opportunity to purchase SlimeBossUK slimes. For more details and to book, please visit eventbrite.co.uk and search for slime making in Cardiff. Alternatively search for slimebossuk on Facebook.



# Castleton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides urgently need your help!

Would you be interested in helping with Castleton Girlguiding? We would love to have your help in any of our lovely units, from Rainbows (age 5-7), Brownies (7-10) or Guides (10-14)

You will work with our fab leaders to give the girls fantastic opportunities for fun!

By volunteering with these units you will be doing something amazing for the girls in our community – helping them to continue their Girlguiding Adventure.

Please contact Kath on kathimacsorley@btinternet.com or log on to Girlguiding.org.uk and choose Get Involved



#### Chartwells News

Chartwells are looking to employ a Relief Catering Assistant with contractural 10 hours per week (11.30am-1.30pm) plus Breakfast Club duty each day 7.45am-8.45am. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne on 07938 842353 for further details.

# After School Clubs

Please note this is the last week of Clubs. They will resume the week commencing the  $5^{th}$  November. Pandas After school club will run as normal.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Mrs. L. J. Lewis

Headteacher