



*Make Every Minute  
Meaningful*

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the festive season, excitement is in the air! It's wonderful to see our children thriving and behaving so well, despite the lively atmosphere that Christmas brings. We are delighted that our Nativity play is beginning to take shape. The children have been working hard, and we can't wait to showcase their talents. We warmly invite you to join us at the church to witness this enchanting performance. Your support means the world to our students, and we look forward to celebrating this magical time together. Thank you for your continued encouragement and involvement in our school community.

Best wishes,

Mrs Webb and Mrs Houghton



### December Dates

**Thursday 4th December**—Year 2 to Garrison Church for Aldershot Schools Carol Service 6.30pm



**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!



**Monday 15th December**—PTA Secret Presents Event

**Thursday 18th December**—Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch day

**Thursday 18th December**—Year 1 and 2 Progress Parties 2.45-3.15

**Friday 19th December**—Break Up 3.15pm

**January Monday 5th January**— **Inset day**

**Tuesday 6th January**— **Return to school**

### Grounds Morning Thanks—you are all amazing!

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the wonderful group who joined me for our recent Grounds Morning. Despite the rain, we achieved so much, showcasing our great strength of community spirit! Together, we built a fantastic pallet car in the Oak Class outdoor area, as well as a stage and a comfortable seat for our outdoor reading corner. We also planted more spring bulbs, mulched the flower beds, and swept away countless pesky leaves. The skips were filled with the old, rotten raised bed from the back playground, and it is such a relief to have that area cleared and ready for play once more. The children are absolutely loving the new resources, especially those who can proudly say that their mum or dad helped build them. Thank you all once again for your incredible support!



## Marlborough Behaviour Rewards

We love to celebrate all the good at Marlborough—and we have many ways to do it.



All children start the day on the bronze level of our sticker chart—will they get to silver, gold or even platinum for making the most of their learning minutes, displaying the school values or achieving something that's been tricky for them before. This gets stickers, a visit to another teacher for praise or even a "dip in the box" special present!

Once a week each teacher chooses a "Star of the Week". This is a child who has exhibited the school values or achieved something special for them in that week.



We also choose a child from each class to have hot chocolate with a staff member each week. This is a special time that is celebrated by many schools across the country. This is a child who is consistently following the school rules and core values. We abide by all dietary requirements, purchasing appropriate resources to make this possible.



Children can visit the SLT office for a "Dip in the Box" for a special piece of work. This box contains the sort of things you may find in party bags and this celebration includes a discussion on how the work shows progression and ambition.

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All staff at Marlborough use our reward systems to make sure that every child is valued, every effort is celebrated and everyone is included.

We do allow parents and children to celebrate birthdays by sharing small treats with the class at the end of the day. We do our best to accommodate all dietary requirements and parental wishes so please do speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns.

## Christmas lunch and jumper day

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday **18th December** in place of their Marlborough jumpers.

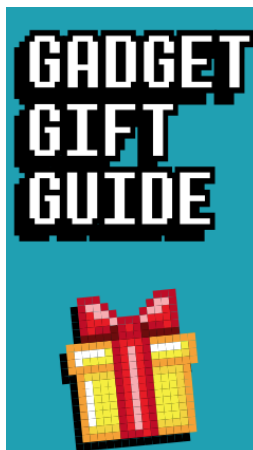
Children should still wear **school trousers/skirts** and **school shoes** but may also wear Christmas themed headbands and hats!



## Online safety—buying gadgets for Christmas

Please click on the information for a free **Gadget Gift Guide** which shares information on the latest gadgets (some of which may be on your child's wish list!) and the benefits, risks and information about how to best safeguard your

children if they have them. Please note that many devices and gadgets enable children to have apps which do have age limitations on them and this needs to be closely monitored at home.



<https://www.cybersafekids.ie/giftguide/>

# Should I keep my **child off school?**

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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# CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

**Donation Point**  
Donate new & unwrapped toys for children this Christmas  
**Deadline for donations 12th December**

**Morrisons Farnborough**

Summit Ave, Southwood,  
Farnborough, GU14 0NA

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Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258

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# The Big Christmas Give

Can you help Spotlight bring joy this Christmas by purchasing a toy for our Christmas toy appeal or making a small donation...

Use the qr codes below for ways to donate.

**Amazon Wishlist**

**Give As You Live**



## Scarlett's Smiles SPOTLIGHT Christmas Quiz

Click on the link below to enter the Christmas quiz and be in with an exciting chance of winning some free tickets to bowling, swimming, laser tag, donutting, paddle boarding, climbing, High Score Arcade and more.

<https://forms.gle/uFiJo1ckjgHsBH6r7>