

Four Marks School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful and busy half term we have had! Some highlights include a trip to the panto for the Year Rs, a number of music performances, Christmas dinner and school parties taking place this week. A huge thank you to FOFM for all their hard work arranging Elfridges, the hamper raffle, and all the festive fun that came with them!

I was incredibly proud of all the children who took part in our Christmas performances: Big Little Nativity and The Angel Who Nearly Missed It. It has been fantastic to see so many different talents on show through singing, acting and dancing. As this is my first Christmas at the school, it has been a real joy to experience these traditions for the first time, and I have been truly impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of both staff and pupils.

Well done to everyone who worked so hard to put on such wonderful Christmas performances.

On behalf of all the staff at Four Marks, I wish you a very happy Christmas and new year!

W. Glen



Diary Dates

- 5th January - Inset day
- 6th January - Children back to school
- 16th January - Pine class assembly
- 19th January - Online safety workshops in school
- 23rd January - Young Voices trip
- 13th February - Yew class assembly
- 13th February - Breakup for half term
- 23rd February - Inset day
- 24th February - Children back to school
- 26th February - Year 1 & 2 trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- 24th February - Matilda @ Perins (Showtime) - Dress rehearsal
- 26th February - Matilda @ Perins (Showtime) - Performance
- 27th February - Matilda @ Perins (Showtime) - Performance
- 2nd March - Year 5 & 6 Treehouse Theatre (in school)
- 3rd March - Parents evening (in person)
- 5th March - Parents evening (virtual)
- 6th March - Elm class assembly
- 6th March - World book day
- 13th March - Hazel class assembly

Forest School

Next half term will be:

- Year R (Wednesday)
- Willow (Thursday)
- Hazel (Friday)

Inset days

- 5th January
- 23rd February
- 1st June

PE days

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. PE days for this half term will be:

- Year R - Friday
- Year 1/2 - Wednesday & Thursday
- Year 3/4 - Wednesday & Friday
- Year 5/6 - Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday



Print for your fridge

Update from the kitchen



As you may already know, from January our current catering provider, HC3S (formerly Hampshire Catering), will no longer be supplying school meals. Alongside many other Hampshire schools, we will be moving to Chartwells as our new catering provider.

We're pleased to confirm that Gill, Yasmine and Rachel will be staying with us in the kitchen, and the way children order their lunches will remain exactly the same. The cost of a school meal will also reduce to £2.75 per day.

Please take some time to familiarise yourself with our new menu. From January, we will only be able to offer the items listed (including for special diets) and will not be able to provide alternatives based on preference. If you are unsure whether your child will eat the options available, please send a packed lunch.

Thank you for your patience while the kitchen team adjust to the new ways of working. Please also note that there will be no tuck until further notice.



Reminders

- Please make sure you are paid and up to date on Scopay for your lunches and voluntary contributions. Where we are changing catering company this will be extra appreciated.
- Please note that there has been various reports of nits in school. Please take the opportunity over the break to check your children's hair and treat if necessary.
- Don't forget that we do need full school uniform in school, in particular children should be wearing school shoes on days where they don't have PE.

Well done

A massive well done to Ned who came 3rd in a Mountain Bike Competition in Gloucester, competing against 11 year olds!
Congratulations Ned - what a star!



A huge well done to Poppy and Ivy who came in third place in the 12 and under National Street Dance Championships with their crew. We are so proud of you both!



Nativity **TRAIL**

9.30am-12.30pm, 22nd December
@COGS, Four Marks

CRIB *service*



4pm, 24th December
@COGS, Four Marks



GUITAR/ UKULELE LESSONS

YEAR 1 AND UP

SMALL GROUP
LESSONS

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TO SCHOOL

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- ✔ Support your child's school
- ✔ Stay informed and connected
- ✔ Help plan events and activities
- ✔ Meet other engaged parents

FOFM Funded:

- Year R Book Bags
- School Discos
- Playground equipment
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Musical Instruments
- Computer suite

No time? No problem!

We welcome ALL levels of involvement, from volunteering a few hours a year to joining meetings or helping behind the scenes. **Everyone is SO welcome!**

Get in touch today!

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SCHOOL CLOTHING BANK



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A CLOTHING BANK IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK?

All recycled items raise money for our school and resources for your children

What can't you recycle?



- Duvets
- Cushions
- Curtains
- Fabric off-cuts
- Carpet

What can you recycle?



- Clothes
- Bedlinen
- Soft toys
- Towels
- Blankets
- Shoes

