



# MARKET FIELD SCHOOL

*Respect, Excellence, Friendship*

## Upcoming Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths Week (details to follow)
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non Pupil Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> November	New starters Coffee morning
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Jumper Swap Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Forum Evening 5pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Coffee Morning OPAL Playgrounds
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance 10am (details to follow)
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance 10am (details to follow)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – School finishes 12:30pm

## Headteacher message

Welcome to this second edition of our new look newsletter. As I write, the Ofsted Inspectors are with us, seeing first hand what we do and what we are all about. I have been so proud of the students and how well they have managed having visitors in. I would like to thank all of you for your kind words and best wishes, particularly the comments left on 'free text' on Parent View.

The fact that 95% of you would recommend this school to another parent is truly humbling and I thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart.

As always, should you wish to contact myself, please do so using the school number, my email address: [ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk) or using the messaging feature on Class Dojo.



**Spotlight on EYFS/KS1** – The children in Holly Class have been exceptionally busy over the past few weeks going on their first school trip of the year to the local park, junk modelling and learning to write CVC words. I know they have also really enjoyed their weekly story with Mr Dwight – as has he!



**Spotlight on KS2** – Fulfilling a promise I made to the children, my spotlight class in KS2 for this newsletter is Poplar! Poplar class have been learning how to peel and chop vegetables, to make a delicious Autumn soup. It was very good! These basic life skills are a massive part of our curriculum, and it is wonderful to see our children doing this so willingly at such a young age.



### Spotlight on SK3 -

Our students in 9S and 9B have started Travel Training this half term – learning about Road Safety and putting theory into practice. These travel training lessons are a rung on the ladder of independence, and it is wonderful watching the children grow.

Away from Travel Training, 9B have spent lots of time handling money both pretend – in games such as Monopoly and real – by running a Tuck Shop for their peers in Mercury and Venus Classes. Top work!

### Spotlight on KS4 Art Trips

Some of our KS4 classes have experienced an Art Gallery – visiting First Site to see the Background Bob Exhibition. This is part of a collaborative piece of work between Year 10, Venus and Mercury classes to design Street Art inspired by Background Bob. This work will form part of the GCSE portfolios for our Year 10s. Mrs Townley – our Art Teacher, is very excited to see these masterpieces come to life.



**Spotlight on Autism Bases –** Hazel Class have kicked pumpkin season off, being the first class to go pumpkin picking. This was an excellent opportunity to reinforce core vocabulary – looking at ‘big’ and ‘small’. The children have also enjoyed sensory circuits as part of the work on self-regulation.

### Alex Ball Football Tournament

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Mr Govia took a team of footballers from KS3 to compete in a football tournament with the other local Special Schools. The games were played in good spirit, albeit very competitively and I am very proud to say the Market Field Team won the tournament! Go Team MFS!

### Reminder - Halloween

I am conscious that we will return to school from half term straight into Halloween. We will not be celebrating this at school as some of our students are very frightened of costumes and others come from very religious families. All students will be expected to wear school uniform as normal.

## Labelling

Despite reminders, there are still lots of uniform – jumpers in particular, coming in with no name. These will sadly, get lost and without a name, there is little we can do to reunite clothing with its owner. We will be getting the Sharpies out in school over the next few weeks and labelling jumpers the children are wearing that don't have a name in. Lost clothing leads to less money for you due to replacements but also lost learning time within school as staff try to find missing items. Please help us recapture lost learning time by labelling all clothing.

## Wraparound care

Thank you to those of you who have filled in our questionnaire about Wraparound Care. If you haven't yet, but would like to, the survey is still open.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qiwvxvQSfpU2HU-kGvGKiaL-Zf05fZRxEhCDdJImj7K9UMzBaVIBBN0tETzk3SUdWNk1PQTRIOVIRUS4u>

## Christmas Jumper Swap Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We would like to hold a Christmas Jumper Swap Day at school. If you would like to take part please send a jumper in with your child on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November to swap with other children.



## Christmas Cards

If you would like to order Christmas Cards this year, please ensure they are returned and make payments on Schools Comms/School Gateway asap.

Thanks

## And finally

Should you have any feedback on our new newsletter please contact me via Dojo.