

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a cold and frosty week! As much as we love to see the snow, it makes travelling to school very tricky - thank you for all your support in getting your children in to school safely. A big thank you to our very hands-on staff, for helping to shovel and grit the paths early in the mornings - team work at its best!

A big thank you to Miss Vigon for her sleep workshop on Monday – this was a very interesting and useful session. If anyone missed it, and wants to find out more, then please contact the office, or pop onto Class dojo, for the original PowerPoint slides.

Next week, we have our coffee morning on Tuesday 24th Jan at 9am with Miss Vigon, where she will be sharing our new curriculum planners and [key knowledge organisers](#). There will also be good quality second-hand uniform on sale. Also, in our writing workshop on Thursday 26th Jan at 9:00am, Miss Thomas will be talking through how we teach writing across the school and how you can support with handwriting and spelling (details below) – These are great opportunities to find out more about our school curriculum and how you can support your child's learning - I hope to see you there!

Also, I know you will be concerned by the news of the NEU teacher's strike. Please rest assured that my upmost priority will be to keep the school safely open to all pupils. I will be writing to you all as soon as I can, but I need to first identify how this might impact us as a school. Thank you for your patience.

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

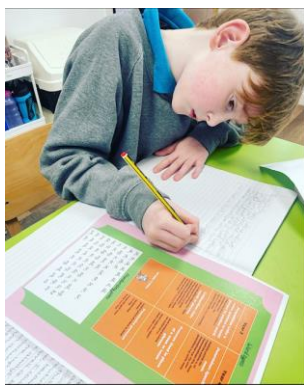
Coffee Morning Tuesday 24th Jan 9:00am

Warm yourself up after the school drop-off with coffee, cake and a catch-up. The focus this week will be our 'Class curriculum planners' and 'Termly Key Knowledge organisers'. We will also have some good quality second-hand uniform out to purchase.

Key Knowledge Organisers

Click the link below for Mrs Kaminski's explanation and pupils' thoughts about our new termly Key Knowledge Organiser booklets!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkiAbxHZKjE>



Spelling information for your child:

Spellings are so important in our children's ability to write with confidence.

Please visit our website [here](#) to find out more about how your child is learning their spellings, and [here](#) to view your child's spelling list so you can get a head start on learning those spellings for the Easter spelling Bee (on the 30th March)!

Writing Parent Workshop Thursday 26th January at 9am.

Join Miss Thomas for a walk through of our writing journeys in each class. You will be able to see how children learn the fundamental components of writing throughout the year and how you can support your child with their handwriting and spelling!

If you can't make the session, please let us know and we will send some info to you via email.

WORSHIP

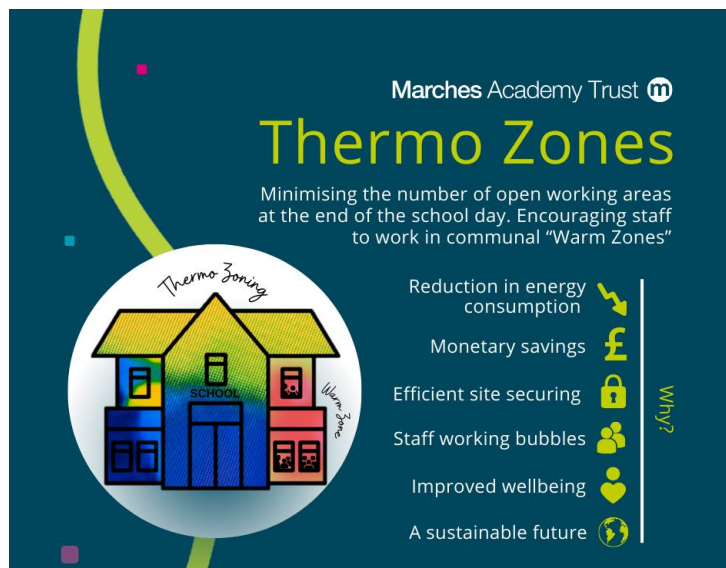
Our Value this term: Respect


If anyone has any example of how they have shown Respect in the community, please let us know!

Thermo-Zones

All schools within the Trust have been tasked with reducing energy usage by 20%, in recognition of the rising unit costs, which we are all being exposed to, both personally and within the school setting.







Whilst we are unable to influence energy costs, we can all play our part in reducing consumption. Therefore, at Tilstock, each day after 3pm, we have created thermo-zones, so instead of teachers lone-working in various classrooms across the school, marking and planning – they are asked to work in communal 'warm-zone' bubbles. This means parts of the school can be shut-down for the night. This will help to reduce the overall energy consumption and put monetary savings back into the school for our pupils.



Marches Academy Trust 

Thermo Zones

Minimising the number of open working areas at the end of the school day. Encouraging staff to work in communal "Warm Zones"

- Reduction in energy consumption 
- Monetary savings 
- Efficient site securing 
- Staff working bubbles 
- Improved wellbeing 
- A sustainable future 

Why?

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

Coffee Morning Tuesday 24th January 9am – Join us for coffee, cake and a look at our curriculum planners!

Parent Writing Workshop with Miss Thomas - Thursday 26th January 9:00am in the school hall – all welcome!

Staff Collaboration Day: Friday 17th February 2023 (school closed to pupils on this day)

PD Day: Monday 27th February 2023 (school closed to pupils on this day)

Children return to school: Tuesday 28th February 2023



Headteacher Awards this week:

Bumblebees: Poppy & Adam

Squirrels: William, Jaxson & Phoebe

Otters: Eden & Billy

Badgers: Sophie & Samuel P

Well done Superstars!

NEWS



[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

Happy Birthday to Oliver, Phoebe and Jamie

who celebrate their birthdays this week. **Have a great time celebrating!**

