

1st April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of the penultimate week of the Spring Term and what a change in the weather we have had. Yesterday's snow brought much excitement - it's a shame it didn't settle! The weather continues to be cold for the time being so please can you ensure the children bring in suitable clothing, including gloves and a hat. Our newsletter has a travel theme this week where we have been thinking about healthier ways to travel to school.

Highland Close

Mr Kemp and myself were most impressed on Wednesday morning to see a clear road at 8.50am - it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to take this photo!

Thank you to everyone who has supported this School Street initiative to keep the road leading up to the school safe. Even though the barrier at the top of the road has gone, our parents are continuing to park away from the school which, as you can see, has made a super difference.



Bikeability



It's been fantastic to see our Year 5 cyclists learning how to control their bikes out on the roads and redways. They certainly had to brave the weather! A big thank you to Mrs Holmes who accompanied them and even had a go on Mrs Catterall's bike!



Big Walk and Wheel

Today marks the end of our Big Walk and Wheel event. Thank you to all our families who have supported us in providing more opportunities for healthier ways to travel to school. It certainly has made a difference. A number of schools in Milton Keynes took part in this initiative and we will let you know if we won any of the competitions!

Easter Hamper Raffle

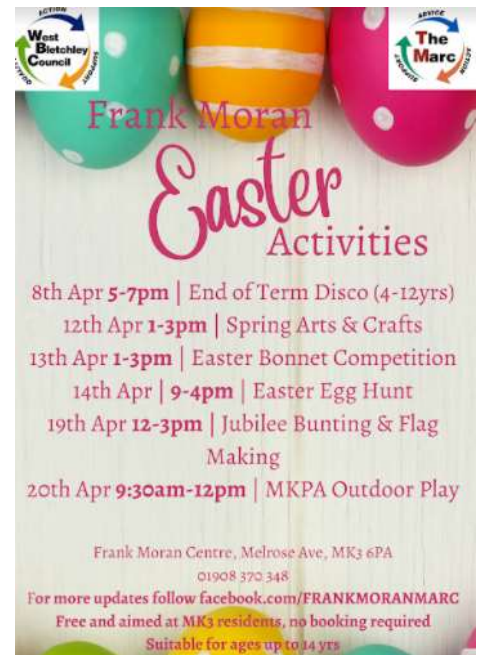
Julie and Traci have once again been busy creating wonderful Easter Hampers from your generous donations. There are two hampers each for Foundation, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. Also, all tickets purchased will be entered into a final draw to win the 'Duckling and Easter goodies basket'. Tickets are £1 a strip and we ask that monies be sent in a sealed envelope, with the completed tear off slip from the letter you received this week, clearly stating which hamper(s) you require tickets for. Tickets will be sent home with your child as soon as possible. Thank you for your continuing support.

Living with Covid-19

From Friday 1st April 2022 there will no longer be free universal access to COVID testing (LFD or PCR) in England, due to changes in government policy. New guidance has set out the next steps for living with Covid-19. The guidance states:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Easter Fun - Are you looking for something fun to do during the Easter holidays?



West Bletchley Council logo (top left) and The Marc logo (top right). The poster features three colorful Easter eggs (green, yellow, pink) at the top. The text reads: **Frank Moran Easter Activities**. The schedule is: 8th Apr 5-7pm | End of Term Disco (4-12yrs), 12th Apr 1-3pm | Spring Arts & Crafts, 13th Apr 1-3pm | Easter Bonnet Competition, 14th Apr | 9-4pm | Easter Egg Hunt, 19th Apr 12-3pm | Jubilee Bunting & Flag Making, 20th Apr 9:30am-12pm | MKPA Outdoor Play. Contact: Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Ave, MK3 6PA, 01908 370 348. For more updates follow facebook.com/FRANKMORANMARC. Free and aimed at MK3 residents, no booking required. Suitable for ages up to 14 yrs.



Hot Chocolate Friday

I had the pleasure of spending some time with these gorgeous children this afternoon - their lights have shone very brightly this week and they are a fabulous asset to our school.

Have a lovely weekend!
Best wishes,

Claire