



marches school
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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us last night at St Oswald's Church for our annual **Christmas Carol Concert**. The standards were excellent and we were joined by primary school choirs from Whittington, Trefonen, Our Lady and St Oswald's and The Meadows, which greatly added to the community feel of the event.

We also enjoyed a first preview of a song from this year's performance of 'School of Rock', which left me excited to see the whole show in February.

We are fortunate to have staff at the school with the talent and energy to put together such events.

Here is to many more opportunities to celebrate what our students are capable of in the coming new year.

I and all the staff at the school wish to thank you for your continued support in educating our students, we are very aware that you have a key role to play in their success and value your involvement.

A safe and happy Christmas to all our families.

School will open again on **Monday 7th January 2019**. Please note our school does not have a PD day as some other schools may have.

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Christmas Concert

Yesterday evening, our students participated in the Christmas Carol Concert at St Oswald's Church in Oswestry.



The musical performances were mesmeric and an enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you to all of the students and staff that were involved.



Police Talks

Due to our close working relationship with West Mercia Police, all students have listened to talks regarding anti-social behaviour this week.



University of Liverpool Visit

Recently, Sixth Form students spent a day at the University of Liverpool sampling a day of university life.

The students were able to have a tour around the university, witness what lectures are like and ask questions to university staff and undergraduate students.



Year 7 Football

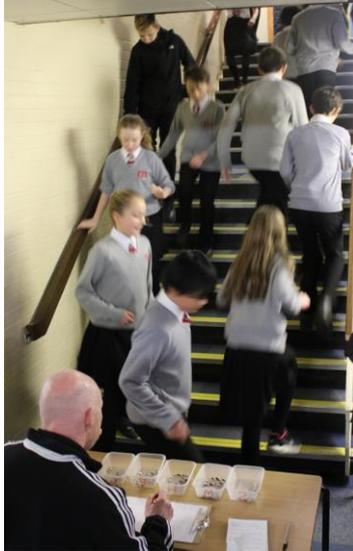
Last week, the Year 7 Football Team played their second round game of the Presidents Plate. The Marches won the game 4-2 whilst showing serious character to come from behind twice. Marches goals came from Charlie White Jones, Tommy Clarke, Josh Burnett and Ben Forbes. The Marches will now play the Priory School in the quarter-final.

Climb the Burj Khalifa Challenge

Students were busy last week participating in the 'Climb the Burj Khalifa Challenge' on the stairs by the Maths Department.

The challenge, which increases physical activity in the students, was coupled up as a house competition and staff enjoyed getting involved too.

In the challenge, students climbed the four flights of stairs, picked up a straw from the top and walked back down to the bottom. If a student completed this ten times on four days, then they will have climbed the same amount of stairs as the world's tallest building, the 828 metre-tall Burj Khalifa.



Art Parade

Following the sculpting workshop that Art students participated in last week, the students travelled with Mrs Robinson to the Forum Shopping Parade in Chester for the Winter Watch Parade.

The Winter Watch Parade was traditionally held in Chester from around the 1400's, so the students involved in the Parade have become a part of history. Further information about the Winter Watch Parade can be found [here](#).



Wicked Trip

Last week, students from both the Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School attended a trip to Manchester to see the three-time winner of the 'WhatsOnStage Award', 'Wicked'.

It was a wonderful trip and we would like to thank the students and staff who attended.



Apps

With the students having more time on their hands over the next two weeks, please see below new guidance from the police regarding apps your child may be using.

10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

<p>Calculator% This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.</p>	<p>Hot or Not Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.</p>
<p>Omegle A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.</p>	<p>Burn Book Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.</p>
<p>Snapchat This is the way most teens communicate with each other. Sending messages and snaps that disappear within seconds and stories go away after 24 hours. Teens live for a "streak" of communication.</p>	<p>Wishbone An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.</p>
<p>Whisper An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.</p>	<p>Kik Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.</p>
<p>Ask.fm Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.</p>	<p>Instagram Many kids are now creating fake accounts "finsta" to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because most kids know parents won't check messages.</p>

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM
Please note: Due to the nature of the Internet and App Store, web and app resources change often. Any outdated material will be corrected and updated.
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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 12th April

Half term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

PD Days: Friday 15th February, Monday 25th February

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29th April to Friday 19th July

Half term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

PD Day: Monday 22nd July

Term dates for the academic year 2019 – 2020 can be found online [here](#).

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