



THE MARTON ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Improvement Letter - September 2017

I hope you have all had a great summer break with your families. The Marton Academy is now part of The Forge Trust, and we can look forward to many exciting developments for the school. Teachers can work together with teachers from other schools within the trust, and all schools can benefit from shared expertise. I visited the school on Tuesday, and thought the children looked very smart in their new uniforms. I am sure that, like me, you are reassured that the teaching staff at Marton are fully committed and very talented. As long as this remains the case, and there is no reason why it shouldn't, the children will receive the best education possible.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Lee Hessey

This is the second school improvement letter of 2017 and our first as The Marton Academy. As an academy there are new freedoms as well as new responsibilities for funding, governance, curriculum and provision. We will use this to further improve pupil attainment and teaching standards. **Everyone will benefit from working and learning as part of the FORGE trust.**

Please pay particular attention to the enclosed academy policies which make clear our expectations so that together we deliver the best education experience for your child. Please go through the home/school agreement with your child found in the centre pages of their home/school diary.

In the Summer Term we continued to improve as a school.

- End of primary results in summary:
Our pupils achieved and exceeded the national standard in line with national results. Reading attainment at the higher level increased to 30%.
Maths attainment at and exceeding the national standard increased to 93% which is 18% above national averages.
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar results also exceeded national averages by 9%.
- Enrichment and visits last term were as follows:
Sapphire Class went to The Lincolnshire Show and presented their project at both the show and in the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards. **The school has achieved RHS Level 5 Gardening and also won the northern region 'Better Energy Awards' 2017. The class managed to end their first gardening year £400 in profit which will sustain their project this year.**

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Children in Ruby Class enjoyed an end of term treat in Woodhall Spa. Diamond and Emerald Class enjoyed a lovely day at Rand Farm. Sport Week, despite the weather, was a great success. From the inspiring opening day with Jordan Jarrett-Bryan to the climbing wall and Tattershall Lakes experience the children were challenged and had fun. **We value all areas of the curriculum, and believe that trips out and visitors coming into school enrich the learning experience for our children.**

- A qualified counsellor continued to support pupils in our school every Friday morning including the Y6 pupils transitioning to their secondary schools. **We provide early intervention for your children as soon as we or you feel that it is necessary.**
- As we move forward this financial year our greatest challenge is to maintain our improvement agenda whilst managing tighter funding.
- The PTFA summer fundraising was a success. Many of you enjoyed the fantastic disco and fayre. They will hold their AGM at school on Tuesday 26 September at 7pm. Why not come along and be part of the conversation?
- You told us that communication was something we could do better at. We launched a Twitter feed, @PrimaryMarton to communicate and remind you of things in addition to the school text and email service. This is embedded into our website. It enables us to share events and classroom activities more regularly. Many of you said that you are not on Twitter but are on Facebook. **We have now also launched The Marton Academy Facebook page showing the same posts as those on the academy twitter feed. In addition to this, our website has changed with our school status and you can now view the school calendar on there.**
- Some of you have requested help to support your child with arithmetic methods. The new National Curriculum has clearly defined methods and approaches. **We will hold parent drop in sessions so that teachers and children can demonstrate the different methods they are expected to master by the end of primary school.**

School Development Priorities for 2017/18

1. Implement a whole school approach to the teaching of spelling and synthetic phonics
2. Further improve reading fluency, inference, comprehension, language, structure and presentation
3. Ensuring a clear and transparent focus on mathematics and English skills as part of a wide and varied values-based curriculum including life skills, enterprise and global learning

Finally, we would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of children attending school every day. It is vital that you send your children to school on time every day. We will be monitoring attendance very closely this term. No holidays will be authorised (other than where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated) and any that exceed three school days will result in a fine. Thank you in advance for helping the school – and your child's education – with this.

Kindest regards,

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Principal

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Senior Teacher

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Chief Executive Officer