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# Marwood Matters

December 2021/January 2022

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[www.marwoodmatters.com](http://www.marwoodmatters.com)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**MARWOOD LADIES** - The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd December, Marwood Church Hall starting at 2pm. There will be our annual famous faces quiz plus a short 'potpourri' of word puzzles and questions. This will be followed by an Advent Tea and raffle. For more information please contact Margaret on 01271 344433

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd DECEMBER  
See agenda on the website.



### MARWOOD CHRISTMAS FAIR,

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Marwood Church from 2-4pm. Please note the change of venue, which will make sure there is plenty of space for everyone.

Christmas Grotto and lots of seasonal stalls. Guess the weight of the cake and CHSW Christmas Cards on sale etc., etc.

*ALL WELCOME*

**FOR MARWOOD CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES, PLEASE SEE WEBSITE**



## BINGO

MARWOOD COMMUNITY HALL EX31 4HF on December 10th  
for South Molton Vintage Rally Club  
Eyes down @ 7.30 pm



*Pop Up Pub - our next event will be held on 17th December in Marwood Church Hall and will start at 18:30*

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★ *A message from Christine Grant, Kingsheanton* ★  
★ *I would like to thank all the neighbours who have messaged and helped since Cyril has died. I feel very blessed to live in such a caring community.* ★  
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**OUT OF OUR PARISH BUT CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS - the owners of Ruda Holiday Park in Croyde Bay, will not be appealing. GREAT NEWS FOR CROYDE!**

## CAN WE HELP? YES WE HAVE!

As a community we have had the opportunity to work together to prepare to support and resettle a refugee family. Several of us have joined Katie and others in North Devon to become the Taw Community Welcome. We have raised over £10,000 during the last year to help support the family to begin a new life in Barnstaple.

Through the Government's Resettlement Scheme and with the help of the Pickwell Foundation and a very steep learning curve, we are jumping through the last of many, many 'hoops', to welcome our family, due to arrive in the middle of December. Thank you Katie for bringing us so far on this journey. The family from Syria will have come on a much longer, and very much more difficult journey and we hope we can now help them to settle here and live their own lives. JT

*For more information please email Katie at [katiestanway@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katiestanway@hotmail.co.uk)*

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## Marwood School

It has been great to have a busy Autumn term at Marwood School. Children have been learning well in classrooms and our new reading books are enjoyed by all readers. Everyone at school is grateful for the £2200 donation of funds from the Marwood School Association to help purchase more books.

We have been able to return to more usual events since September. For example:

- \* Class 3 have completed 6 swimming sessions at Ilfracombe Pool and had a Stone Age history day at Kents Cavern Torquay.
- \* Class 4 enjoyed a 2 night residential at Ultimate Adventure, Abbotsham in some fantastic October weather.
- \* Sporting teams for Cross Country Running, Girls Football (x2) and Tag Rugby all represented the school at competitions in Braunton and Torrington.

In the spring we are looking forward to Volleyball and Basketball sessions at Braunton Academy and gymnastics in Barnstaple for our younger children. Covid 19 has meant that we have not invited groups of parents onto the school site and as of November we have a small number of children isolating. The guidance is very much that children without Covid who are well should be at school. All at school are working to keep our Covid Secure hygiene and ventilation measures in place.

Children at Marwood are invited to have their Flu vaccines on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Although we are not inviting groups of adults onto the site, staff and I would love to talk to anyone who is interested in volunteering at school. An induction and Disclosure and Barring Service check would be undertaken. Please contact the school office 01271 850395 or [admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk) if you are interested.

Autumn term ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and the Spring term begins on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Alun Dobson

*We hope you all stay safe and we all have the Christmas and New Year we are hoping for.- MM*