



Dear Parents / Carers

Our Mission	Our Expectations	Our Values
At Marsden Primary School we promote an educationally sound, safe and challenging environment in which everyone is actively engaged in learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat other people how you would want to be treated • Listen carefully to others and respond politely • Wear the correct uniform with pride • Keep the school clean, tidy and safe • Always be the best you can be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect • Tolerance • Good Manners • Being supportive • Being motivated • Being responsible • Forgiveness

Welcome Back:

Welcome back to the first Newsletter of the new school year. All the children have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying the beginning of term. They look smart in their new uniforms and have made a very positive start to their learning in class. One of our aims this year is to develop learners joined up handwriting and improve presentation across school. Please can you ensure that when your children are completing their home learning tasks that they try hard to present their work neatly.

Our new intake of children have settled well into the two Reception classes and staff are ensuring that they adapt well to school life. We welcome all the new parents and I hope you will all be very happy with everything that Marsden has to offer both learners and their families. Any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come into school to see the class teacher or myself.

Here is reminder of the winter uniform:

If your child does not have a tie, please make sure that you purchase one from the office. Boots are not part of the school uniform.

<p style="text-align: center;">Winter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White shirt (long or short sleeve) V-neck navy blue jumper or cardigan School tie Black trousers Black skirt or pinafore Black/white socks/black/white/navy tights Black shoes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pair of Wellies to be worn or old trainers when attending Forest School</p>



About the School Day:

We would like to remind you that all children are required to be on the school site by 8.55am at the latest. As from Monday, doors will open at 8.45am.

There are still a number of children arriving at school late; please help the school and your child by being on time so that they can begin their learning promptly.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher about an issue, please see them at the end of the day when the rest of the class has been sent home.

End of the day:

It is very important that you inform the school if someone different to normal is picking your child up from school. Children will not be allowed to go home with anyone under 16 years of age.

Medical Appointments:

Parents should avoid taking children out of school for medical appointments. If a daytime appointment is unavoidable, you will need to inform the School Office in advance, rather than on the day, and we will need to see evidence of the appointment (letter or a medical card). Children are not permitted to return during their lunch break and parents / carers will be asked to remain with their child during the duration of the lunch period if they return before the afternoon lessons begin.

Taking children out of school during term time:

Children should not be taken out of school during term time. Too much learning time is lost and teachers cannot go back over what has been missed. From September 2018, it will become the parent's responsibility to catch up any learning that has been missed. On return from a visit abroad, parents will be given a pack of work that will need to be completed and returned to school by a given date. This will be in addition to any set home learning provided on your child's return to school.

You are reminded that it is Government policy that no holiday should be booked before seeing the Headteacher! Please see holiday list attached to this newsletter.



Home Learning in 2018/19

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Home Learning meetings. I hope that you are all ensuring that home learning tasks are being completed; especially daily reading, spelling practise and daily times table.

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Clubs:

We are very excited about all the clubs that we are offering this year. Please see the attached list.

**Out of School Activities:**

We are very keen to know about any activities that our learners take part in outside of school. We want to acknowledge their achievements in Assembly so please send a note in to the office regarding any awards that your child/children might have received. For example, so far we have celebrated pony club and swimming awards.

Class Assemblies:

Class Assemblies for parents are being continued this year to celebrate the learning that is being covered in class. They will take place on a Thursday from 2.30pm. Below are the dates for when your child's class assembly will be:

Date	Class
11.10.18	4M
01.11.18	2M
15.11.18	6M
06.12.18	3M
10.01.19	2S
24.01.19	5M
07.02.19	RM
07.03.19	5S
21.03.19	4S
04.04.19	RS
02.05.19	1M
23.05.19	3S
20.06.19	6S
27.06.19	1S

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children and young people means protecting them from abuse or neglect, getting the right support in place as early as possible and creating an environment in which children and young people feel safe and healthy. Ensuring our children are safe is our key responsibility. We work as a team to develop children's awareness and understanding of being safe. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child in school or in the community, you can speak to Mrs Delamere, Mrs Alker, Mrs Morris or Miss Charlesworth in school.

If you would like to meet with any of our Safeguarding Officers, please visit the office to make an appointment.

At Marsden Primary we take the welfare of children in our care very seriously. Our staff and Governors have been trained on safeguarding in line with the KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION document and have taken part in 'PREVENT'.

Cause for Concern

Teachers are asked to report any causes for concern to the School Safeguarding Officer(s) using a written proforma. If appropriate, any concerns will be shared with parents as early as possible, as more often than not there are extremely reasonable explanations for the concern. Concerns may range from children being visibly upset, persistent lateness to children 'disclosing' concerns.

Attendance

All lateness and absences are recorded by the School Attendance Officer, Mrs Arif. Reasons will be sought for all absence or lateness. Attendance is monitored through these systems and referrals to the Safeguarding Team can be made. Parents will always be informed of concerns

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around attendance at the earliest point. If attendance concerns continue, the school will refer to the Local Authority

A child may be at risk of harm if they do not attend school regularly or are consistently late. Safeguarding and child protection will be considered in all instances.

Safeguarding Team



Mrs Delamere

Miss Charlesworth

Mrs Alker

Mrs Morris

Mrs Butt



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Several of our children are allergic to nuts. To ensure that they do not come into contact with nuts or food containing nuts we do not cook anything containing nuts on school premises. We also can't have children bringing in packed lunches that contain nuts; including chocolate spread and chocolates that could contain traces of nuts. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Congratulations to the following children

On Wednesday 26th September we had a Polling Day during which elections took place for our School Council. One child was democratically elected from each class and below is a list of the successful School Councillors. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward. There will be lots more opportunities to represent the school throughout the year for those who were not successful this time.

1M	Musa Ilyas	4S	Abeera Khan
1S	Ali Abbas	5M	Saibah Hussain
2M	Zaida Khateeb	5S	Abdullah Nowkhaiz
2S	Rabaab Shahbaz	6M	Junaid Hussain/ Usaam Mohammad
3M	Laiba Akhtar	6S	Ikhlaas Mohammad
3S	Zaynah Shahid		
4M	Simrah Adeel		

Weekend Event – Fun Palace

On the 6th October, Lancashire Adult Training are running a fun event at Northlight (the old Brierfield Mill). It starts at 11am until 3pm and there will be a range of creative activities. It is free for parents and children. It would be a great event for the whole family to attend and possibly learn a new skill. Please ask at the Office for more details and a flyer.

Have a good weekend!

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