



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



Parent Teacher Meetings – Thursday 15th November 2018:

By now you will have all received a letter requesting you to provide us with the time slot you would like for meeting with your child's teacher. This is a very important meeting and should not be missed!

Please note that we are once again starting these meetings at **1.40pm** and so school will officially end for all learners at **1.30pm on Thursday 15th November**. All children must be collected from school at 1.30pm even if your meeting is after 3.20pm as all staff will be involved in meetings and will not be able to supervise your children.



A new vision for Marsden

Once again, we can be very proud of our academic achievements. Last year our EYFS, Year 2 and Year 6 achieved very well compared to National figures. We pride ourselves on being a community school and we know that in order to achieve success we all have to work together. School is currently full with 429 pupils on role and we have an extensive waiting list.

The Governors and myself feel that now is the perfect time for us to celebrate and be proud of who we are. We need to celebrate our achievements by reflecting on what we stand for. Our passion for the school and what we truly believe in now needs to be reflected in a new logo, vision and mission statement. To achieve this we need you to support us! The first step is the gathering of ideas. The Governors will be asking you to provide us with your thoughts and ideas during the Parent Teacher Meetings.

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I look forward to working with you to identify how we will represent what we stand for, what we believe in and what we want for our children.

Being a School Governor

We are looking for parents to join our very committed team of Governors. If you want to be part of making strategic decisions, if you want to know more about the way in which the school works and if you have a few of hours to spare during the year then this is a role for you. If you are interested, please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Ruby Anwar at r.anwar@marsden.lancs.sch.uk



Mrs Saima Abbass, our vice Chair of Governors has reflected on her role as a Parent Governor:

“Being a Parent Governor at Marsden Primary School has given me the opportunity to get an insight in the work that goes on in the school behind the scenes.

I have always had an interest in education and believe in every child having an opportunity to get the best out of their lives, especially with their learning journey at Marsden.

I have learnt so much about the running of the school and the role of the Governing Body like reviewing and approving policies such as reading schemes, curriculum, resources, building improvements, staff structures, extra curricular activities and more. I have had the opportunity to get involved in the schools decision making and express issues from a parent’s point of view.

The main role as a Governor is to be a critical friend to support the Head teacher but one must be willing to question and challenge her when the need arises or when there is a need to make a difference in improving standards throughout the school.

I received support and guidance from the Head teacher and Chair of Governors (Mrs Ruby Anwar) to understand the paperwork as well as attending a variety of courses to become familiar with the role of a school Governor. It is a demanding but rewarding role where you can take an active part in improving the lives of the future generation.

I am committed to be part of a team that is diverse in skills and experiences, that are willing to dedicate their time and effort into making our children stand out and shine.

If you have some time to spare then I would definitely recommend it.”

Inconsiderate Drivers:

I have once again asked the Council to send a Traffic Warden to issue fines, as appropriate, to parent’s who do not take notice of the rules of the road around school. Negligent driving could cause an accident! Please, under no circumstances, park on the yellow lines outside school or mount the pavement or stop in the middle of the road. I was saddened to hear that parents have been shouting at each other and not following rules. These are not examples we want to set for our children!



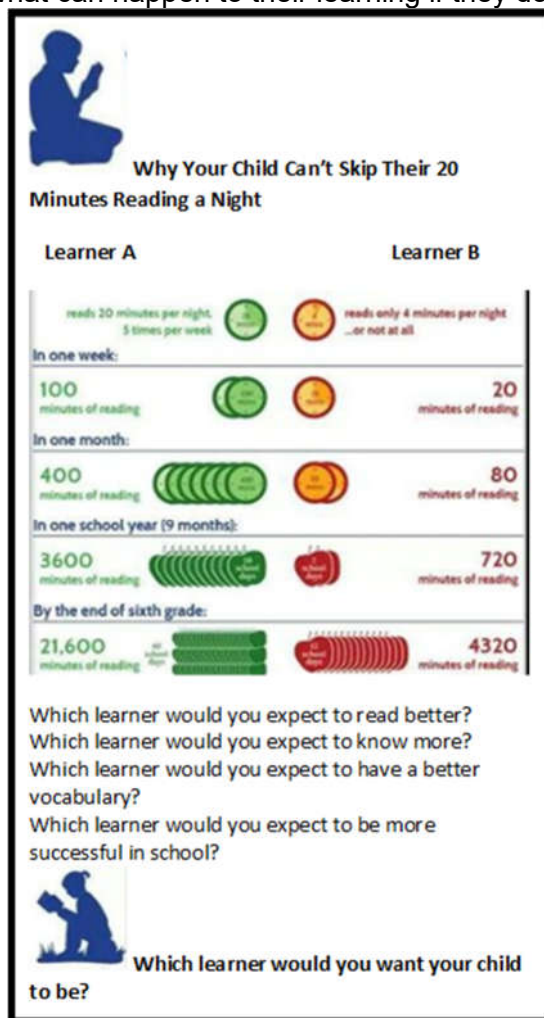
In addition, please do not drive into the yard to pick your children up from the Sports Hall.

Reading at Home:

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Please can you make sure that your child/children are reading every night for at least 20 minutes.

The table below shows what can happen to their learning if they don't read!



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
22.11.18	6M
29.11.18	2M
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

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What is happening in the World of Sport?

Football

Our Year 5/6 football team took part in the Pendle School Sports Partnership league for season 2018/2019 with 2 defeats and 1 draw. They showed lots of skills which can be developed in the next set of fixtures on Wednesday 14th November. Please feel free to come and support.

Netball

Our Netball team took part in the Pendle School Sports Partnership league for 2018/2019, they got off to a really positive start with 2 draws and 1 loss. Everyone did their best and this was a promising start. The next fixtures are Thursday 8th November. Please come along and support.



Holiday Club

We have started a busy half term after a very successful Holiday Club during October Half Term. The programme was based on a Halloween theme with children taking part in sports, arts and crafts, games, baking & making pizza's. The week finished with a Halloween party.

Our next Holiday Club will be during February Half Term 2019.

Vacancy - Leisure Attendant Required

Due to the expansion of our leisure facilities we are looking for a casual member of staff to join our team to work on Sunday, with potentially additional hours available during school Holidays. For more information please contact Gareth Martindale

Sports Hall & Meeting Room Hire:

The sports facilities and the meeting room in the Sports & Arts centre building are available to hire for badminton, football, basketball, cricket, table tennis & fitness classes.

Prices are as follows per hour :-
£15 sports hall and meeting room
£8.00 Badminton court

Bookings are available Monday to Sunday at various times throughout the week. Please contact Gareth Martindale on 01282 610893 or email to gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk for bookings and more information

Water Bottles:

Please note that only plastic bottles not glass should be brought into school!

Attendance:















Thank you to all the families who have not taken their children out of school for an extended period of time. You have supported the school in working towards achieving our school target of 97% attendance.

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Please be reminded that you should not be making any arrangements to take your children out of school during Term time. If you do need to take your child out of school, please ensure that you do not book any tickets before discussing your **individual circumstances with me personally first.**

Attendance so far this term is: 96.6%

Class Attendance for October is:

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
						
96.0%	96.6%	94.2%	94.9%	97.5%	99.1%	98.1%
RS	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S
						
91.2%	97.0%	98.6%	97.8%	99.3%	96.7%	94.3%

Have a lovely weekend.