



Dear Parents / Carers

Our Expectations	Our Values
<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

Announcements

National Results have been published

The media have announced school's performance data this week and I wanted to share Marsden's good results. Here's a snap shot of the published headline data:

Progress score in reading, writing and maths ?

Reading

Well above average

3.4

[More score details ?](#)

Writing

Well above average

4.4

[More score details ?](#)

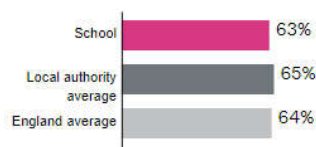
Maths

Well above average

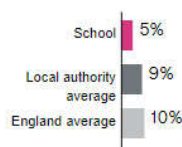
5.3

[More score details ?](#)

Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths ?



Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths ?



The percentage of our pupils who passed Reading, Writing and Maths at the expected standard in all three subjects was 63%. This places Marsden broadly in line with both Local and National results. The Local Authority's average was 65% and in England the pass rate for all three subjects was 64%. We have also been graded as 'Well above Average' for progress scores in Reading, Writing and Maths based on the learners Year 2 results. There is a more detailed breakdown of our school's performance on the link below. To look at our results in more detail please visit www.compare-schoolperformanceservice.gov.uk.

To support the school in maintaining and improving on these positive results, we ask all parents to ensure that home reading is taking place daily and that all Home Learning tasks are completed. If your child is in Year 6, it is particularly important to ensure that they are reading at home every day and if they have been invited to attend a booster they must attend.

Parent Coffee Mornings






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We are very pleased to announce the return of our 'Coffee Morning'. Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire that we'd like you to fill in. Please indicate your preferred time to attend as well as indicating which guest speakers would be of interest to you. Please fill this form in and email it to s.butt@marsden.lancs.sch.uk
(If you would like a paper copy please collect one from the school office)

Internet Safety

We are aware of the challenge's parents face at home with a constantly changing technology driven world. Due to a number of recent incidents we have had in school, we want to make you aware of some common Apps and games our children are using:

	Fortnite (Online Combat Game) A free, cartoon-style game, containing combat and violence against other online users. Users can speak to other people live by typing or via voice-chat. There have been reports of inappropriate language and grooming on this feature, so we recommend this feature is disabled by making the account Private . <i>Age Restrictions: 12+</i>
	Roblox (Online Adventure Game) A gaming platform where you can create your own games or play games that other users have made. There is also the option to chat to other players, but again we recommend this feature is disabled. <i>Age Restrictions: 7+</i>
	WhatsApp (Messaging App) Users can send pictures, videos and messages to people in their phonebook and other users. Can also be used to chat as a group. <i>Age Restrictions: 16+</i>
	Snapchat (Picture and Video Clip Messaging App) Pictures and videos can be shared with a time limit; they disappear after a chosen length of time (often less than 10 seconds). <i>Note: There are ways for users to save images</i> <i>Age Restrictions: 13+</i>
	Musical.ly (Video Sharing Platform) Users can express themselves through singing, dancing, lip synching and comedy in 15 second videos that can be shared with others in the Musical.ly community. People can view and comment on anything they upload at first, but we recommend users control this by making their account private. <i>Age Restrictions: 13+</i>

Most recently we have had incidents where children have been unkind to each other on Roblox. If your children use this site, we recommend you disable this chatting option. If you have any concerns, please contact a.malik@marsden.lancs.sch.uk. Please also be aware that if your child is playing Fortnite (12+ restriction) then their account should be made private.

Parent Workshops Spring Term



In the Spring Term we will be holding a number of workshops. Please see the list below but also refer to the website for any updates. Letters / text messages will also go out to the different year groups as some workshops will be for a targeted audience.

Date	Time	Year Group	Workshop
9 th January	8.30am	EYFS	Reading Breakfast
15 th January	9.00am	Year 2	SATS
16 th January	9.00am	Year 2	SATS
17 th January	9.00am	Year 2	SATS
22 nd January	2.15pm	Year 6	SATS
23 rd January	2.15pm	Year 6	SATS
24 th January	9.00am	Year 1	Phonics Training
29 th January	9.00am	EYFS	Writing Training
30 th January	8.30am	Year 1	Reading Breakfast
6 th February	8.30am	Year 5	Reading Breakfast/Training
13 th February	8.30am	Year 4	Reading Breakfast/Training
27 th February	8.30am	Year 3	Reading Breakfast/Training
6 th March	8.30am	Year 5	Maths Breakfast/ Training
13 th March	9.00am	Years 4,5 and 6	Reading Cafe
13 th March	8.30 am	Year 1	Maths Breakfast/ Training

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19 th March	9.00am	EYFS	Maths Number Training
20 th March	9.00am	Years 2 and 3	Reading Cafe
20 th March	8.30	Year 4	Maths Breakfast / Training
27 th February	9.00am	Year EYFS and Y1	Reading Cafe
27 th February	9.00am	Year 3	Maths Breakfast/ Training



Thank you to all the parent's who attended the Reading Breakfasts this term.

We are so excited about our new school Vision/Motto and Logo



In the last newsletter I gave you a taster of what parents have said about the school. We have developed our Vision statement by combining comments made by parents and staff. In January, we will be discussing the Vision with learners and we will be asking you to choose our new School Motto and Logo.

Highlights



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
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
04.07.19	2S

Your Charitable Donations

Thank you so much for your kind donations in support of the RSPCA. We raised over £300 and made up 12 Christmas shoe boxes.

Together

Congratulations

Support



Well done to the following winners of the first stage of **Marsden's Got Talent**.

EYFS	Barbie Girl group (Summer and Ariba)
Year 1	Crystal and Zainab
Year 2	Hayah
	The Rappers (Awais, Rayhaan, Mohsin)
Year 3	Shiza
Year 4	Neha
	Ariana Grande Angels
Year 5	Saime
	Crystal Warriors
Year 6	Attention Group (Alishba, Amina, Aaminah, Eshal, Ayesha and Jessica)
	Ikhlaas



Well done to the following learners for reading the most words in their class!

4M	Younus, Khadijah 96,594 (7 th week)
4S	Shahzad, Abdul-Rahim 104,080 (2 nd Week)
5M	Asif, Alisha 719,284 (8 th week)
5S	Asif, Hamza 139,636 (4 th week)
6M	Asif, Zakariya 917,817 (9 th week)
6S	Huzaifah, Mohammed 2,030,915 (6 th week)



A super effort!

Reminders

School Dates For the rest of the year

Please only book your holiday during the school holidays.

Spring Term 2019

School Opens: Monday 7th January 2019

School Closes: Friday 15th February 2019 at 3:20pm

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18th February 2019 – Friday 22nd February 2019

School Opens: Monday 25th February 2019

School Closes: Friday 5th April 2019 at 3:20pm

Summer Term 2019

School Opens: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

May Day: Monday 6th May (School Closed for Bank Holiday)

School Closes: Friday 24th May 2019 at 3:20pm

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27 May 2019 - Friday 31 May 2019

INSET DAYS Monday 3rd June 2019 – Thursday 6th June (Includes Eid)

School Opens: Friday 7th June 2019

School Closes: Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 3:20pm

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Drop off and Pick up















Please do not stop in the middle of the road or on the yellow zig-zag lines. You are putting your child's and other children's lives at risk by not following the rules of the road.

If you get caught by the traffic wardens, you will be fined.



Attendance this term is : 96.4%

Class Attendance for December is :

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
						
85.8%	95.6%	95.5%	91.6%	98.8%	97.1%	93.4%
RS	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S
						
92.6%	91.4%	97.9%	96.3%	94.9%	95.8%	98.1%

Finally

Have a very relaxing holiday and a happy and healthy start to 2019.

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