



Dear Parents

The past two weeks saw our Year 6 and Year 2 learners take part in their SATs. I am proud of the efforts they have made and thank all members of staff for their hard work in preparing all learners for their tests. In addition, I thank all parents who supported their children at home, ensuring that home learning tasks were completed. This support makes all the difference.

Our New School Uniform

We are so excited to inform you that our new uniform will be ready to purchase in July. All learners will be expected to wear the School cardigan or jumper with the logo. The colour we have chosen is unique to our School. I have been so impressed with Parveen, from Shafi's, as she has gone out of her way to source the colour. From the samples we have received the quality of the fabric is good so the Governors and myself have agreed that the uniform will only be available to purchase from Shafi's.



Important Dates for Your Diary

You will see from the dates below that Summer 2 is a very busy term. Please look at the dates and events relevant to your child/children and place them in your diary. If a meeting has been arranged for you, please make every effort to attend.

| Date | Event | Year Group | Who involved |
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| 13 June | Parent Assembly | Year 3S | Learners and Parents |
| 13 June | Class Photos | Whole School | Learners |
| 17 June till 28 June | Healthy Lifestyle Program begins | Whole School | Learners |
| 20 June | Parent Class Assembly | Year 6S | Learners and Parents |
| 20 June | Chester Zoo | Year 5 | Learners |
| 27 June | Parent Class Assembly | Year 1S | Learners and Parents |
| 25 June | KS1 Sports Day am | Year R to Year 3 | Learners and Parents |
| 26 June | KS 2 Sports Day am | Year 4 to Year 6 | Learners and Parents |
| 2 July | Blackpool Zoo | Year 2 | Learners |
| 3 July | Summer Fayre | Whole School | Learners and Parents |
| 4 July | Parent Class Assembly | Year 2S | Learners and Parents |
| 4 July | Thornton Farm Hall | Reception | Learners |
| 15 July | Reception Graduation | Whole School | Learners and Parents |
| 8 July | Blackpool Zoo | Year 4 | Learners |

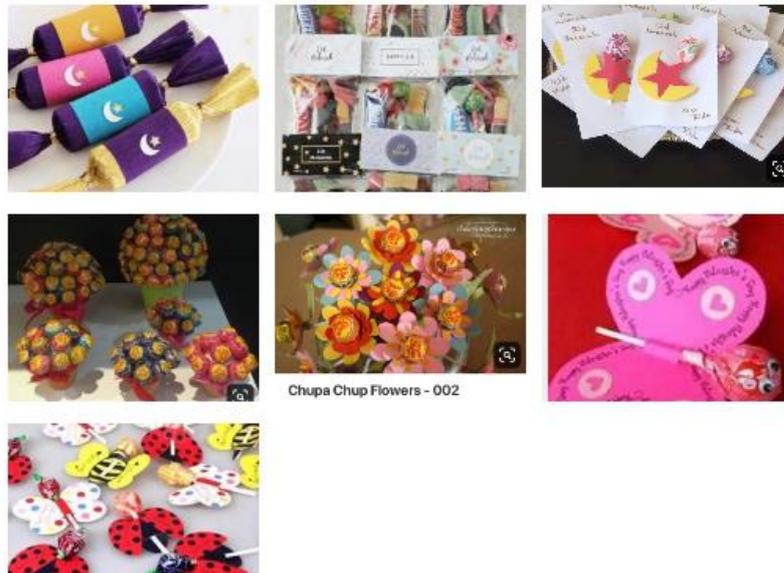
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| 15 July | Meet your child's new teacher | Year 1 at 2.30pm | All parents to attend |
| 16 July | Meet your child's new teacher | Year 2 at 2.30pm | All parents to attend |
| 17 July | Meet your child's new teacher | Year 3 at 2.30pm | All parents to attend |
| 17 July | 100% Attendance Trip – Blackpool Pleasure Beach | Reception – Year 6 | Learners |
| 18 July | Meet your child's new teacher | Year 4 at 2.30pm | All parents to attend |
| 19 July | Meet your child's new teacher | Year 5 and 6 at 9.05 am and 2.30pm | All parents to attend |
| 22 July | Year 6 end of year production | Year 6 | Parents of Year 6 |
| 23 July | Year 6 Graduation | Year 6 | Parents of Year 6 |

Ramadan

To all our Muslim families, as you fast and offer prayers to Allah, may you find your peace and happiness. Have a peaceful and happy Ramadan. May the Spirit of Ramadan stay in your heart and illuminate your soul from within.

Eid

To celebrate the act of "giving" on Ramadan and to celebrate Eid we would like each child to make a homemade gift which they will bring into school to exchange on the 7th of June. Here are some examples of what could be made:

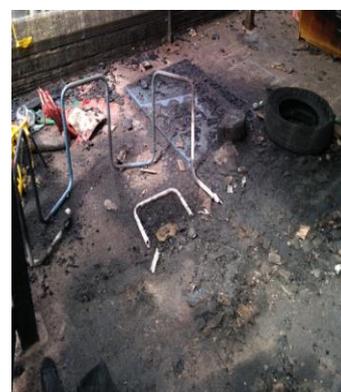
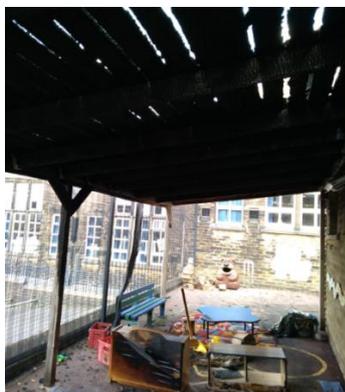


On the 7th of June we will be having our own Eid celebrations in school. All learners can come to school in their Eid clothes. Louise, in the Kitchen, will be providing a special lunch for all children who have a school dinner. In class, learners will exchange gifts and reflect on the importance of being kind. Please can all learners bring in a £1.00 donation.

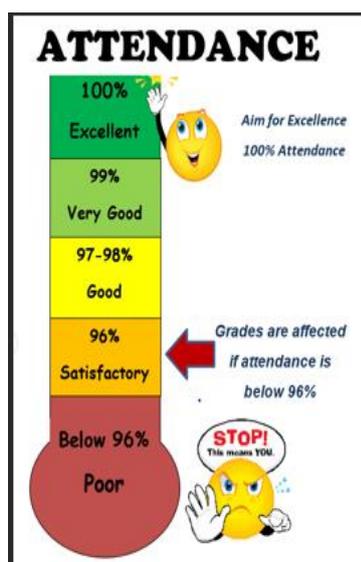
Vandalism and Destruction of School Property

We were all angered and saddened by the events that occurred on the night of Tuesday 21st May. Not only did vandals cause damage to the property but the School is now having to use its limited funds to pay for the clean up and repairs. This is money that should be

used to pay for resources for our learners and your children. I have sent home with your child a letter regarding this matter, please read it and show it to people you know even if their children do not attend Marsden. I am pleased to say that the children involved were not current learners at Marsden but sadly they were identified as past pupils. During the half term, please make sure that your children know not to enter the school grounds and if you do spot anyone in the yard please inform the Police. The crime number to use is: **04/96690/19**



Attendance



Wow what a difference it makes to our Attendance when learners are in School.

From 92% in April – we are now at 96%
Please keep this up!

Please note that no leave of absence will be authorised during term time.

If you decide to break the law and take your children out of school you must still make an appointment to see the Headteacher before

Attendance so far this term is: 96.0%
Class Attendance for May is:

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| RM 95.6% | 1M 96.4% | 2M 93.9% | 3M 98.1% | 4M 95.7% | 5M 98.1% | 6M 96.3% |
| RS 96.2% | 1S 96.3% | 2S 96.8% | 3S 98.6% | 4S 98.1% | 5S 98.1% | 6S 99.1 |

School Closes: Friday 24th May 2019 at 3:20pm and re-opens Friday 7th June 2019

Summer 2 2019

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Pendle Festival of Culture

On Saturday the 8th June, Building Bridges, as part of the Good Neighbours Project, have organised a special event in Nelson Town Centre from 11:30am to 4:30pm. On site they will have Live Music, interactive Art Zone for parents and children, Funfair Rides, Storytelling and Craft Workshops, Bouncy Castle, Emergency Service Vehicles, Food Zones and Talking Society. The choir from Marsden have the privilege of singing at the event at 12:00 noon. This would be a fantastic day out for all the family.

Well done to our Dance Group

This year eleven children from Years 4, 5 and 6 once again represented our school at the Lancashire Dance Competition in Preston. The theme this year was Diversity. Our children danced to mixed tracks from Oliver Twist to Jai Ho. They had an amazing time at the competition and did us proud. Each year you can see their self-esteem and confidence grow. When they came off stage, they wanted to go straight back and do it all again.



What is happening in the World of Sport?

Girls Football

Our Girls' Football Team have had two rounds of matches in the Pendle Schools' League so far. They have played six games to date, winning one game against Gisburn Road and drawing with Wheatley Lane. Unfortunately, they lost four games against Earby, Blacko, Sacred Heart and Trawden but showed resilience and team spirit throughout. Over thirty girls have attended Football Club this year which is lovely to see. The final round of football takes place on Wednesday 12th June.

Netball

Our Netball Team has also competed in the Pendle Schools' League this year. This is a newly formed team who have improved week after week putting in some really good performances. Our overall finishing position was fourth out of nine schools. With over twenty girls attending Netball Club each week the future is positive.

Cricket

Our Year 5 / 6 Cricket team attended Colne Cricket Club on Tuesday 21st May to take part in the first round of the Pendle Competition. Like the other teams, the Marsden team won two games and lost one game. The standard was very high but the teams were fairly matched. The top two teams will qualify for the Pendle finals once all the scores have been collated and checked.

Golf

On Tuesday 21st May, the children who attend the Change for Life Club went to Pendle Vale to take part in a tri golf event. The children learnt skills linked to chipping and putting and took part in multi skill activities. They all had a really good time and enjoyed learning new skills. Inaayah in 4M was voted 'Player of the Day' because despite being left handed she tried to play with her right hand.

Swimming

During the holidays the children get a free swimming pass for Pendle Wavelengths. This entitles them to access the pool without charge during certain times of the day. It is a very important life skill so we are trying to encourage families to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Have a wonderful half term and Happy Eid to all our families celebrating at this time of year.