



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

We have come to the end of another very busy term and already we are looking forward to the many Summer Term events that will be taking place.

I am sure your children have told you about many of the activities that they have enjoyed this term. Year groups have been busy enjoying out of school visits to various places linked to their current topic and the whole school has been involved in raising money for charity and learning new things.

Safeguarding at Marsden

I just wanted to update you and reaffirm our policies surrounding 'Safeguarding' in our school.

At Marsden Primary, we regard the safeguarding of children as our main priority. We believe that we all have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn. We all have the responsibility to make this happen.

We will ensure that:

1. The welfare of the child remains paramount.
2. All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/ or sexual identity have the right to be protected from harm.
3. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
4. All staff and volunteers working at our school have a responsibility to report concerns to the Designated Leads for Safeguarding.

Our safeguarding policies cover all areas of school life and include:

- Staff & Visitors- ensuring they are vetted, informed & trained.
- Children's Behaviour- promoting safer & happier behaviours & lifestyles.
- Parents & Carers- promoting links & supporting families.
- Premises -keeping them safe, pleasant & fit for purpose.
- Curriculum -providing positive learning experiences.

We recognise that very young children and those with Special Needs or disabilities have equal rights to protection. Adults in school, charged with their care, follow the school's Intimate Care Policy and procedures. Copies of this policy and of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy are available on request and on the website. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the procedures we follow to keep children safe at Marsden.

We are all responsible for ensuring that each child remains safe, however the Designated members of staff for Safeguarding are:

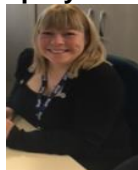
Lead DSL Deputy DSL Deputy DSL Family Support Workers Attendance Officer



Mrs Delamere



Miss Charlesworth



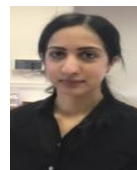
Mrs Alker



Mrs Butt



Mrs Morris



Mrs Arif

Together We Can Discover, Create and Succeed

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs every morning and because it is sponsored by Greggs Bakery we are able to offer it to you free of charge. If you are interested in your child attending this, please contact the School Office. If your children already attend, please do not leave them unsupervised in the playground before the doors open but wait with them. There is no school supervision until 8.10 when breakfast club begins so, as parents, you are responsible for your children until this time.



Our Website

We are very excited about our newly designed website. On here you can find school policies but you can also find out about all the exciting learning that is taking place. You will find photographs of events; class blogs written by pupils; book reviews delivered by learners; learners of the week; videos of learners talking about interventions and many more things. In addition, you can find out about what your children are learning as well as the opportunities that we provide for adult education.



Open Days – Our Invitation to Parents

During the Summer Term, we will be inviting parents into school to spend either a morning or an afternoon with your child in their class. This will be an opportunity for you to experience school life at Marsden. Please keep checking the website for dates when this will be happening.

A Reason to Celebrate

On Monday the 20th of March, many of our Year 6 children took part in the Sing Together recital at King George's Hall in Blackburn. The children sang beautifully and made both parents and teachers very proud! You can listen to their singing through a link on the website.



The Spring Fayre

Thank you to all the parents who attended this event with their children. Together you helped the school raise nearly £700. The money raised will be used to benefit the pupil's learning and we will let you know what this will be as soon as it has been finalised.



What is happening in the world of sport at Marsden?

On Wednesday 19th April, the girl's football team will play in an inter school competition. This is the children's first day back after the Easter holidays.

The Sports Council have started to plan Sports Day, which weather permitting, will be on the 28th June. They aim to build on the huge success of last year's 'Marsden Olympics' at Seedhill.

Well done to the Year 5/6 football 'B team' who won the football competition at Pendle Vale.

















Holiday Club

Holiday club will run for both weeks of the Easter holiday from Monday 3rd April to Thursday 13th April. As always, we have a wealth of exciting activities planned for the children to be creative and most importantly have lots of fun. Thank you for your continued support and helping to make the holiday club a success.

Attendance

Thank you to all families who have not taken their children out of school for an extended period of time. You have supported the school in achieving above 96% attendance for the last 3 weeks. Please be reminded that should you need to take your children out of school during term time, you must make an appointment to see me before you book your tickets!

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
						
96.4	93.1	98.1	96.8	97.7	98.1	98.5

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Farewell

At the end of this term we sadly say farewell to Mrs Tanuku (Year 1 teacher) and Mrs Harding (Year 3 LSA). We thank them for their contribution to school life and wish them well in their new adventures.

And Finally

Thank-you for your continued support this term. Have a lovely, safe holiday. School opens again on Wednesday 19th April 2017.