



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"> <li>• Treat other people how you would want to be treated</li> <li>• Listen carefully to others and respond politely</li> <li>• Wear the correct uniform with pride</li> <li>• Keep the school clean, tidy and safe</li> <li>• Always be the best you can be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect</li> <li>• Tolerance</li> <li>• Good Manners</li> <li>• Being supportive</li> <li>• Being motivated</li> <li>• Being responsible</li> <li>• Forgiveness</li> </ul>

## **SATS:**

I would like to congratulate all our Year 6 children for the effort and hard work they put in during SATs week. Our Years 2's have also completed their tests this week and have done so with enthusiasm, showing how much they have learnt over this past academic year. I thank all staff for their dedication in ensuring that all learners achieve the best they can.

## **Parent Views:**

Thank you to all parents who took part in our Parent Survey during Parents Evening. Your positive comments were greatly appreciated and we are already implementing some of your suggestions for how we can further improve. The results of the completed survey are on our website,

### **Here are the results:**

100% of parents agree that their child is happy at Marsden.  
 98% of parents agree that their child makes good progress at Marsden.  
 98% of parents agree that their child is taught well at Marsden.  
 99% of parents agree that their child feels safe in school .  
 100% of parents agree that their child is well looked after at Marsden.  
 94% of parents agree that their child receives appropriate home learning for their age.  
 98% of parents agree Marsden makes sure it's pupils are well behaved.  
 88% of parents agree that Marsden deals effectively with bullying.  
 95% of parents agree that Marsden school is well led and managed.  
 92% of parents agree that Staff respond well to any concerns raised.  
 92% of parents agree that the school website is good and informative.  
 97% of parents agree that they receive valuable information about their child's progress.  
 98% of parents agree they would recommend this school to another parent.

Some positive comments	Some areas for improvement
<p>Teaching makes sure everyone is learning and they are safe.  Solving problem is more of a focus.  Education is good, behaviour is good.  Teachers do a great professional job.  My child is making good progress at the school and enjoys coming here.  Dealing with bullying is effective and improving.  Supportive school. Attendance checks are good.  Communication is good so parents know what's happening at School.  The adults boost children's confidence.  Well behaved pupils, children are taught respect and diversity.  The school is good and I am very happy with school.  As a parent I think that the school is very good - giving homework and celebrating pupil achievement.</p>	<p>Have more variety of clubs before and after school to encourage additional learning  Additional homework to meet my child's needs.  More feedback from the teachers about individual progress, more homework and more help on how to complete homework  Workshops on maths - at times that suit parent availability esp. those that are working in the mornings. If parents cannot make it to the workshops- info should be readily available.  Extra boosters.</p>

### **Behaviour Questionnaire:**

Parents were also asked about their views on behaviour and below is a summary of the findings.

Positives	Areas for Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most parents knew the policy would be found on the website</li> <li>Perception of Behaviour 16% excellent / 73% very good / 9% good</li> <li>Problems are dealt with quickly by staff</li> <li>Teachers are approachable if there is a problem</li> <li>Parents are informed quickly of incidents – phone call or face to face conversation on day of incident</li> <li>All parents interviewed stated that their children feel safe in school</li> <li>Parents did not feel bullying was an issue in school – if there were problems it was dealt with quickly and did not continue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents not sure of details of Behaviour Policy – summarise key points on next newsletter</li> </ul>

### **Sanctions and Rewards from the Behaviour Policy**

#### **Individual Rewards**

The following rewards are hierarchical and should be used in this order by all staff.

- Verbal praise
- Verbal praise and a merit
- Sending child to another class for praise and recognition
- Note home / class teacher to inform parents
- Sending child to Headteacher / Deputy Headteacher for praise certificate / sticker

In addition to the above individual system, a whole class system of rewards is promoted.

#### **Team Rewards**

The marble jar reward system is a team point system where children work towards a common goal.

- All children in the class work towards a common goal
- Each time a child exhibits desired effort / learning behaviour they are invited by their teacher to place a marble in the jar
- Once the desired number of marbles is achieved the class earns an agreed group reward.

#### **Sanctions**

We use a card system for behaviour

- Two verbal warnings. Give children a reason why they are getting a warning.

2. **First Yellow Card.** Upon receipt of the first yellow card the pupils will take up to 10 minutes away from the children to a designated TIME OUT area in the classroom. They will continue to do their work independently. After this time the pupil will join the class with the expectation that the unacceptable behaviour will have stopped. If the behaviour continues then a second yellow card is issued. The incident will be logged on a behaviour monitoring sheet which is available in all classrooms.

3. **Second Yellow Card.** Upon receipt of the second yellow card the pupil will take up to 10 minutes out of the class and go into a different class. They will be given a reflection sheet to complete. After this time the pupil will be welcomed back with the expectation that the unacceptable behaviour will have stopped. If after a second time-out the pupil continues to behave inappropriately then the next warning becomes a red card. The incident will be logged on a behaviour monitoring sheet which will be available in all classrooms.

4. **Red Card.** If a red card is received then the pupil is sent to the Deputy Headteacher, the incidents will be logged and it will then be decided whether it is appropriate for the pupil's parents to be informed immediately and for the Headteacher to be involved.(Appendix 3- purple incident sheets).

At all times all staff will use their professional judgement as to whether all stages are to be applied or whether a pupil's parent needs to be informed and their child's behaviour discussed before more formal strategies are applied.



### **Learning with your child:**

So far, parents in Year 1, have been invited into school to spend a session learning with the children. This was well attended and the response from parents has been really positive. Please make every effort to attend on the days your child's class has their Open Day. An invitation will be sent to you by the class teacher nearer the time. Here is a list of dates:

Year 3	<b>8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Year 4	<b>15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Year 5	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
Year 2	<b>TBC</b>



### **Ramadan:**

The Governors, as well as the staff and pupils, wish all families a good Ramadan. During Ramadan we will be collecting money for a charity called "The Community Lighthouse Foundation". This charity believes that *"Community engagement is vital to the work that it undertakes. Interacting with families, young people, different faiths, community organisations is the sign of a healthy and vibrant community. Community Lighthouse seeks to provide an environment for this to take place and encourages active participation from all sectors of the community"*. The charity also helps to feed the poor and destitute in areas of Gujrat, in Pakistan. We are going to do two things to support this charity:

1. During the half term, each child needs to make a decorated money box – this can be made from a cereal box, a tin or any container that can be found at home. Children















will swap Money boxes with each other on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June and then use their given box at home to collect pennies during Ramadan.

- On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, all children will come to school dressed in their Eid clothes for an Eid party. Children will be asked to donate up to £1.00 to do so. They will also need to bring their charity boxes back into school.

### Attendance:

Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support the school in improving our school attendance and by ensuring that your children arrive in time ready for the school day. Thank you for booking your holidays during the designated school holiday dates which are set. For the past 5 weeks our attendance has been above 97%. This is in line with National expectation. Classes compete against each other for the best attendance award on a weekly basis so please send your children to school unless they are too ill to attend. So far we also have 55 children from across the school who will be going on the eagerly awaited, yearly Blackpool Attendance Visit as a result of having 100% attendance all year.

### April/May Class Attendance

RM  96.6%	1M  96.9%	2M  97.9%	3M  97.1%	4M  97.7%	5M  98.0%	6M  99.6%
RS  97.8%	1S  95.1%	2S  97.6%	3S  96.9%	4S  96.8%	5S  94.0%	6S  96.9%



### Safeguarding

It is my priority to ensure the safety of all children who attend Marsden. We have introduced some changes this term. For example, the closing of the main gate in the mornings; children entering Breakfast Club via the main entrance and visitors to the Sports Hall entering via the main school building. Please can you also play your part in keeping our children safe – if the main gate is open for a particular reason in the morning or afternoon, please **do not** drive into the school yard.

Parking before and after school is still a concern. Please be aware that if you stop or park illegally, your number plate will be written down, and passed onto the Community police who have on numerous occasions taken further action.

Please also note that only children in Year 5 and 6 should be walking home alone and that a sibling younger than 16 is not allowed to pick up family members unless this has been arranged with the Headteacher. This arrangement applies to before and after school, as well as after clubs and at lunchtime. At lunchtime all children must be picked up from the main office.

### Our Website

We are very excited about our website. Not only can you find school policies but you can also find out about all the exciting learning that is taking place. You will find: photographs of events; blogs written by pupils; book reviews given by learners; learners of the week and many more things. In addition, you can find out about what

your children will be learning as well as the opportunities that we provide for Adult Education.

### **NSPCC**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, the children will be having a special assembly delivered by the NSPCC on "Keeping Safe". The NSPCC is another important charity and supports young children throughout their school careers. To support the charity we are asking all children to wear something **green** or just to come in non-school uniform on the day; bringing in a donation of 50p to do so.

### **What is Happening in the World of Sport at Marsden?**

#### **A few congratulations:**

Well done to Jake for completing the London Marathon in less than 4 and a half hours.



Congratulations Zaki, Hamza and Umar for receiving medals at the Derbyshire Open freestyle wrestling.

#### **And now for in school:**

- The Year 5/6 girls football team participated in a competition at Pendle Vale. They tried really hard and we are very proud of their performance.



- Our boys and girls cricket teams have been lucky enough to enjoy some fantastic coaching sessions from a professional cricket coach through the School Sports Partnership.
- Congratulations to the Year 5/6 boys cricket team who won the cluster competition and have therefore qualified for the district final at Colne Cricket Club.
- The girls cricket competition was unfortunately postponed this week due to bad weather conditions. The date has been rearranged for after the half term holiday on Friday 9th June. Parents are more than welcome to come and support the team.
- After last year's great success, our annual Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 28th June** at Seedhill Athletics track from 10 am until 2 pm. We were overjoyed at the fantastic turn out by parents who came and supported the children last year and are hoping that you will join us for another great day of fun.

### **Holiday Club**

Holiday Club will be running again during the half term holiday from Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June. Please note that we are closed on the Bank Holiday (Monday 29th May).

Jake would like to thank all those involved for their continued support in helping to make the Holiday Club a success.

### **Finally**

Thank-you for your continued support this term. Have a lovely, safe half term holiday.

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