



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>

## Forest School:



Earlier this week, I sent home a letter informing you about the Forest School. We really need all families to make a £10 donation, as the scheme itself costs £6000. The school cannot fund this visit so in addition to your contribution, we will also be holding some fundraising events throughout the year so that all our learners can experience “outdoor learning”.

“I really enjoyed the games at the Forest School” Zainab Iftikhar “We made a Den with string and cloth” Isa 5M “We made a flag out of pressed flowers and learnt to tie knots with string” Safa 5M.

## Family Holidays during term time!

Our attendance has improved so much this term and it is because many of you know that children miss so much learning if they are not in school. I thank you for reconsidering taking your children out of school during term time and hope that you will continue to take your child’s attendance as seriously as we do!



### **Just as a reminder:**

“Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behaviour and have a better chance of graduating from high school”.

When Learners are absent for fewer days, their attainment and reading skills often improve—even amongst those learners who are struggling in school. Learners who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community and develop important social skills and friendships.

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When learners are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect learners as early as Reception.

### **School Uniform 2017/18:**

**Learners who come to school looking smart, feel smart and work “smart”.**

From September, the Governors and myself have agreed that by introducing a tie the children's uniform will look smarter and will positively impact on their approach to learning. We will be phasing in the tie from September 2017 and by September 2018 we would expect all children to be wearing a white shirt with the school tie. The school uniform including the tie can be purchased from Jean Junction (35 Scotland Rd Nelson BB9 7UT).



When you buy **a new uniform** please purchase the following:

<b>Winter</b>	<b>Summer</b>
White shirt (long or short sleeve)	White shirt (long or short sleeve)
V-neck navy blue jumper or cardigan	V-neck navy blue jumper or cardigan
School tie	School tie
Black trousers	Checked blue dress
Black skirt or pinafore	Black trousers
Black or white socks / black or white tights	Black skirt or pinafore
Black shoes	Black or white socks / black or white tights
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Pair of Wellies to be worn when attending Forest School	

### **PE:**

<b>Winter</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Black cuffed tracksuit trousers/black leggings	Black shorts or black leggings
White polo shirt	White polo shirt
Plimsols	Plimsols
Sports trainers for outdoor PE	Sports trainers for outdoor PE

Please note that you can purchase a jumper or cardigan with the school logo or children can wear a plain navy jumper or cardigan.



This will be the tie worn by the prefects

I hope you will agree that this is a wonderful way forward for our great school!



### **New Year Group Information Meeting**

Over the next few weeks we will be holding our annual information and meet the teacher meetings. It is very important that you attend these meetings so that you and your child are prepared for next year. Please see the table below for dates and times.

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm
Year 4	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm
Year 2	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm
Year 5	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm
Year 6	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 pm
Year 3	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm

### **Sports Day**

Due to the forecast of torrential rain, sports day has been postponed till the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **What's been happening in the world of sport at Marsden**

- The Year 3/4 football team have been participating in the football competition at Pendle Vale. Well done to Zakariya Ali who was Marsden's star player.



- The children have been learning about famous Paralympians and Paralympic sports in PE.
- A group of Year 3 children have been enjoying playing 'Boccia' and the Year 4's have loved playing 'blind football' at dinner times.



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- 4M have been lucky enough to have some specialist coaching from a qualified netball coach in PE from the Pendle Sports Partnership. The children are making great progress and are enjoying working with coach Olivia.



- Change4Life 'Adventure Club' is up and running. This week the children were working together in pairs and trying to direct each other from one place to another using verbal instructions. This is helping them to build trust in others and improving their ability to follow / give clear instructions.



### **Art and DT Week**

The learners took part in an exciting week, looking at Artists from different countries and learning about different cultures. Throughout the school the work is on display and there are also lots of photographs on the website. All children also had the opportunity to visit the craft fair where they had the opportunity to purchase goods that other children had made.



### **The School Website**



Please take some time to look at our website. You will find out everything you need to know about your child's learning as well as ideas on how to support learning.

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## Eid Celebrations and The Community Lighthouse Foundation

Shok and Ghulam from the charity were very impressed with our school when they visited at the beginning of Ramadan. They said that the children were well behaved and a credit to the school. They were even more impressed with all the donations made by you and your children when they visited on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. All enjoyed a lovely afternoon at our Eid celebrations. We raised an amazing £1256.29. Thanks to your kind donations.



### 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 **11 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 44 children, who will be participating in a surprise event, as a result of having 100% attendance all year.

<b>RM</b>  <b>97.7%</b>	<b>1M</b>  <b>94.1%</b>	<b>2M</b>  <b>97.9%</b>	<b>3M</b>  <b>98.1%</b>	<b>4M</b>  <b>97.6%</b>	<b>5M</b>  <b>98.2%</b>	<b>6M</b>  <b>99.1%</b>
<b>RS</b>  <b>94.4%</b>	<b>1S</b>  <b>97.0%</b>	<b>2S</b>  <b>98.9%</b>	<b>3S</b>  <b>98.9%</b>	<b>4S</b>  <b>98.0%</b>	<b>5S</b>  <b>96.3%</b>	<b>6S</b>  <b>94.0%</b>



## **Safeguarding**

### **How does Marsden Primary School ensure my child is safe?**

It is the school's responsibility to ensure your child is safe and this is achieved in the following ways:

#### **Physical safety**

- Having one entranceway to the school building for visitors, by ensuring all visitors sign in and out and wear visitors badges
- Half termly fire drills take place
- Termly Health and Safety checks are carried out by school staff
- Risk assessments are carried out on site by school staff and also by teachers prior to any off site visits.

#### **Emotional safety**

- Having a values-based ethos where everyone is valued and views are treated with respect.
- Providing a safe environment that provides opportunities for children to share any concerns with trained adults e.g. Circle Times and PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) lessons
- Having access to external professionals and agencies to provide more specific support to vulnerable children

#### **Staffing**

- Ensuring all adults that work or volunteer in school are subject to DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks prior to joining the school.
- Ensuring all new staff members attend Safeguarding training
- Having a number of team members trained in First Aid.
- Ensuring the school has trained Designated Teachers for Child Protection, and that all staff and visitors know who they are.

#### **Curriculum**

- Ensuring that topics such as road safety, Bikeability, Stranger Danger, on-line safety and anti-bullying are taught in class and during school assemblies.

## **Finally**

As we approach the end of this academic year I want to thank you all for your support and continued effort to work with us in bringing about the best outcomes for all learners.