



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>

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. I can't believe that we have already arrived at October and are nearly at the end of the first half term.

## Uniform

The children all look very smart in their new shirts, ties and jumpers. Thank you to all the parents who have already purchased the new uniform. I did say that we are phasing in the tie over this next academic year but, if you wish to purchase one, we are selling them from the School Office.

As the weather is getting colder, please can **all** children be in the winter uniform which means that girls should no longer be wearing summer dresses. In addition, please can all children wear **black shoes** and **white** or **black** socks. **Boots** are **not allowed** to be worn in school.



Winter	Summer
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/white socks/black/white/navy tights	Black skirt or pinafore
Black shoes	Black/white socks/black/white/navy tights
	Black shoes
Pair of Wellies to be worn or old trainers when attending Forest School	

## Reception

Our new intake of children have settled well into the two Reception classes and staff are ensuring that they adapt well to school life. We welcome all the new parents and I hope you will all be very happy with everything that Marsden has to offer both learners and their families. Any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come into school to see the class teacher or myself.



## **Home Learning in 2017/18**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Home Learning meetings. I hope that you are all ensuring that home learning tasks are being completed; especially daily reading, spelling practise and daily times table.

### **Reading Breakfast:**

Due to the success of our Reading Breakfast last week and requests from parents, we have decided to make this a weekly event. Please join us with your child/children every Wednesday in the Library for a "read and healthy snack" at 8.30am to 8.55am.



### **Key points from the Reading Workshop were:**

- Choose a quiet, relaxed place to read 1-1
- Read at a regular time each day
- Model good reading, sound out words and read tricky words and sentences together
- Be encouraging, supportive and ask questions about what has been read using ideas on the prompt cards in the home learning pack
- Discuss unknown vocabulary and make a collection of this to revisit
- Allow your child to choose other reading material from the library



### **Clubs:**

We are very excited about all the clubs that we are offering this year. Please see the attached list for this term.



### **Out of School Activities:**

We are very keen to know about any activities that our learners take part in outside of school. We want to acknowledge their achievements in Assembly so please send a note in to the office regarding any awards that your child/children might have received. For example, so far we have celebrated pony club and swimming awards.

### **Class Assemblies:**

Class Assemblies for parents are being introduced 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
12.10.17	2S
26.10.17	1M
23.11.17	3S
14.12.17	6M
25.01.18	4S
08.02.18	2M
08.03.18	1S
22.03.18	5M
19.04.18	5S
10.05.18	3M
14.06.18	4M
24.05.18	RM
21.06.18	6S
05.07.18	RS



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## **Safeguarding**

One of the duties that we have as a school is to take every precaution to ensure children are safe. We put in measures as far as possible to prevent something from happening.

Please take note of the following:

- The new places for lining up in the afternoon are working well and teachers can clearly see who children are going home with.
- Adults from school will now be on duty from **8.40am**. If you drop your children off any earlier than this, please can you wait with them until a member of staff is on duty. Alternatively, if you are having to drop off and go to work, please sign your child/children up to attend our free Breakfast Club.
- KS1 children on home dinners, will from Monday, need to be collected from the main office. They will also need to be brought back into school via the School Office. The gate into the KS1 yard will be locked throughout the day.
  - No child under the age of 16 can pick up a sibling from the playground after school or following an after-school club.
  - As parent's it is also your responsibility to keep the children in our school safe. Please do not stop on the yellow lines; even when you are just dropping off. If this is your blue BMW - registration OW07 EOA please can you stop parking in a restricted area as this has happened more than once.



## **Congratulations to the following children**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September we had a Polling Day during which elections took place for our School Council. One child was democratically elected from each class and below is a photo and list of the successful School Councillors. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward. There will be lots more opportunities to represent the school throughout the year for those who were not successful this time.

IM	Hayah Hussain	4M	Imaan Ahmed
IS	Soria Azhar	4S	Fatima Shazad
2M	Zainab Mobeen	5M	Isma Shahzad
2S	Husna Hussain	5S	Burhan Mustafa
3M	Sohail Hussain	6M	Fatima Ali
3S	Ismail Akhtar	6S	Kaamil Butt



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## Forest School

The children are really benefitting from attending Forest School. If you would like to be part of this experience, please let the office staff know. We need adults to accompany the children on a Friday.

## Sporting Events

Below is a list of all the sporting events we hope to be taking part in this term.

DRAFT PRIMARY SCHEDULE 2017-18 DRAFT					
	Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Time
w/c 4 Sep	Th	7	PLT Meeting 1 of 4	PV	1-3.30
w/c 18 Sep			Cycle Skills 1	Cycle Hub	10am - 12
	M	18	Yr5/6 Netball CVL festival 1	PV	4-5.30
	W	20	KS2 Inc. Orienteering indoors*	PVC	9.15 - 10:30am
	W	20	Yr5/6 Football CVL festival 1	FM	4pm
w/c 25 Sep	M	25	Yr5/6 Netball CVL Festival 2	PV	
	T	26	Inclusion Boccia KS2*		1-3pm
	W	27	Yr5/6 Football CVL festival 2	FM	4 - 5.30pm
	Th	28	Maths of the day workshop	Pendle Prim Academy	09:30 - 12
w/c 2 Oct	M	2	Yr5/6 Netball CVL Festival 3	PV	4-5.30pm
	Tu	3	KS1 Inclusion Multiskills*		1-3.ppm
w/c 9 Oct	M	9	Yr5/6 Netball CVL Diamond 1	PV	4-5.30pm
	T	10	Yr3/4 Hockey Quicksticks Fest*	MH	4pm - 5.30pm
	W	11	KS1 Multiskills event*	PV	9.15 - 10.30am
	W	11	Yr5/6 Netball CVL Crystal1	PV	4-5.30pm
w/c 16 Oct	M	16	Yr5/6 Netball CVL Sapphire1	PV	4-5.30pm
	W	18	Yr5/6 Football CVL Legends 1	FM	4-5.30pm
	Th	19	Yr5/6 Tag Rugby Mega Fest*	Colne RUFC	
w/c 23 Oct	M	23	Yr5/6 Netball CVL Diamond2	PV	4-5.30pm
	W	25	Yr5/6 Football CVL Platinum1	FM	4-5.30pm















## Attendance

Please can you all ensure that you do not book your holidays during term time. Your child/children will miss out on important learning that they will **not be** able to catch up on. Any tickets booked in advance of seeing me will be unauthorised. The Attendance Policy can be found on the website. Please take some time to read it since it makes it very clear when requests for time out of school can be authorised and when they can't.

As a school, we are judged by Ofsted on our attendance. All schools must have a target of 96% attendance on a weekly basis. By not taking a holiday, you are supporting the school in achieving the Government's target. All children who have 100% will be rewarded termly and there will be a special reward given at the end of the year. The class with the highest percentage is rewarded weekly.

Attendance this term has been:

Class Attendance so far this term:

<b>RM</b>  <b>97.4%</b>	<b>1M</b>  <b>97.8%</b>	<b>2M</b>  <b>97.1%</b>	<b>3M</b>  <b>94.4%</b>	<b>4M</b>  <b>96.3%</b>	<b>5M</b>  <b>95.1%</b>	<b>6M</b>  <b>96.0%</b>
<b>RS</b>  <b>95.3%</b>	<b>1S</b>  <b>94.9%</b>	<b>2S</b>  <b>96.1%</b>	<b>3S</b>  <b>95.6%</b>	<b>4S</b>  <b>98.8%</b>	<b>5S</b>  <b>99.2%</b>	<b>6S</b>  <b>97.6%</b>

Have a good weekend!