



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>

## Our School Improvement Plan:

To ensure that we continue to make progress and move forward as a school, we have a detailed School Improvement Plan. This identifies key priorities to work on and the actions we will take to achieve these.

Below is a summary of these key areas and ways in which you, as parents, can support us in achieving our objectives.

Key Priority	School Actions	Parental Support
<b>Outcomes for pupils</b>		
<i>Ensure that most learners can reach national expectations for both attainment and progress in R/W and M.</i>	<b>We will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-use on-going assessment to set targets.</li> <li>-ensure that learners are making progress in all subjects across the curriculum considering their different starting points.</li> <li>-ensure that a broad and balanced skill based curriculum matches the needs of all learners</li> <li>-ensure children have opportunities to develop their speaking and listening skills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-ensure home learning activities are completed</li> <li>-make sure children are reading at home daily</li> <li>-work on your child's targets</li> <li>-encourage your children to talk about and share their learning</li> </ul>
<b>Quality of teaching, learning and assessment</b>		
<i>Ensure that teaching is good so that maintaining high expectations can be maintained for all learners.</i>	<b>We will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-plan lessons that meet the needs of all learners</li> <li>-provide accurate feedback and next steps when marking books</li> <li>-ask questions which will promote thinking deepen and consolidate understanding</li> <li>-develop in learners the ability to have positive attitudes towards their work as well as their ability to self-assess, work in pairs and apply themselves so that they can make strong progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-attend Parent's Evening so that you know what your child needs to work on</li> <li>-find out what your child is learning about so that you can help them to find out more. The curriculum for each year group is on the website.</li> <li>-follow the blogs and learning videos on the website</li> </ul>
<b>Quality of personal development and safety</b>		
<i>Ensure attitudes to learning are good and pupils are safe and well cared for</i>	<b>We will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-promote self-confidence in our learners ensuring that they take a pride in their work, school, and appearance.</li> <li>-embed clear messages to promote the impact of bullying and prejudiced behaviour on pupils wellbeing. Further promote parental understanding of how to keep their child safe when online</li> <li>Maintain attendance to be at or above national</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform</li> <li>-ensure that your child has a good breakfast before coming to school</li> <li>-know that if you are concerned about anything you can approach any member of staff</li> <li>-send your child to school every day and avoid taking holidays during term time</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership and management</b>		
<i>Ensure that we provide the best education for all our children – providing them with many opportunities to learn and grow</i>	<b>We will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-keep improving the curriculum so that it meets the needs of our pupils</li> <li>-provide learning opportunities beyond the classroom</li> <li>ensure that all pupils become independent learners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-take part in all events planned for parents</li> <li>-share your expertise with the school (artist, musician etc)</li> <li>-instil a love of learning by being interested in your child's learning</li> </ul>

### Our Website:

Our website has a wealth of information; policies, events, celebrations, blogs, learner's videos etc. Please take some time over the half term to view this site with your children.



### Forest School



All the children have now had the opportunity to visit Forest School. They have all said that they had a brilliant time and cannot wait to visit again. Please can I remind you that when it is your child's turn to go, that you send them into school with a change of clothing as they can get very muddy and wet. Also, as the weather is turning colder, they will need to wear wellies or old trainers with thick socks.

### Meet the Teacher Meetings!

It is very important that you attend the Parent Teacher Meetings as it is an opportunity for you to find out about how your child has settled into their new class; the progress they have made and what they need to work on. This year, we are starting these meetings at **2.00 pm** so that we can see all the parents. If you have not yet requested a time slot please do so by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. All parents need to make sure that they collect their children at **1.45pm** on the **14<sup>th</sup> November** so that these meetings can begin promptly. Please let us know if you require a translator.

### Class Assemblies:

This year Class Assemblies have been introduced to celebrate the learning that is taking place in each class. They take place on a Thursday from 2.30pm. Below are the dates for when your child's class assembly will be:

So far 2S and 1M have had their assemblies and the children have been fabulous! Thank you to the teachers and children for their hardwork.



Date	Class
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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## **Uniform**

Please can all children return to school after the half term wearing the Winter school uniform.

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

## **Safeguarding**

If you have any concerns, worries or need any support, our Inclusion team are always here to help you.

I just wanted to update you and re-affirm 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:



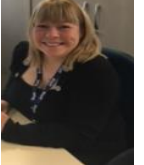




1. The welfare of our children remains paramount.
2. All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/ or sexual identity have the right to be protected from harm.
3. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded 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, in charge with their care, follow the school's Intimate Care Policy and procedures. Copies of this policy and of our Safe Guarding 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 Bradley	Mrs Arif

\*\*\*DSL means – Designated Safeguarding Lead\*\*\*

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## **Maths Champions**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October a group of 4, Year six pupils took part in the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) competition for Primary Schools at Colne Primet Academy. Aaminah, Ayaan, Laiba and Yousaf did remarkably well, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 teams.

The competition consisted of several rounds including group, speed, shuttle, cross number (like a crossword but with numbers) and culminating in a frantic relay round. Our team came top in the speed round but due to a lack of time, our favourite, the logic round was dropped.

All the competitors enjoyed a day of maths and growing their brains with challenging problems. Keep practising your maths skills – in future years it could be you.

## **Breakfast Club**

This term in Breakfast club we have been trying a variety of new foods which the children requested. Children were given the opportunity to try porridge, spaghetti, spaghetti hoops and a variety of jam flavours. Healthy eating is our aim because we believe a good filling breakfast has great impact on children's learning. Furthermore, as well as a nutritious breakfast we also have a wide range of activities including out door play (Summer months), ICT suite facilities, I Pads and varied indoor games. Children have the opportunity to receive support from staff to assist them with their home learning.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast club please obtain a form from the school office. Come and join the fun!



## **Poppy Appeal**

After the Half term break we will be selling Poppies and accessories in school in support of The British Legion. Poppies will be on sale for a minimum donation of 50p. The price list of accessories is shown below. Please support the school in helping this worthy cause.



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## Attendance

Please can you ensure that you do not book your holidays during term time. Your child/children will miss out on 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 as it is 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 with a special reward given at the end of the year. The class with the highest percentage is rewarded weekly.

Attendance this term has been: **97.1%**

Class Attendance so far this term:

<b>RM</b> 	<b>1M</b> 	<b>2M</b> 	<b>3M</b> 	<b>4M</b> 	<b>5M</b> 	<b>6M</b> 
<b>94.7%</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>RS</b> 	<b>1S</b> 	<b>2S</b> 	<b>3S</b> 	<b>4S</b> 	<b>5S</b> 	<b>6S</b> 
<b>95.0%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>96.6%</b>	<b>99.0%</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

## Translators at Meetings

اگر آپ کو میٹنگ کے لئے کسی بھی ترجمہ کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے، تو آپ اسکول آفس کو مطلع کرسکتے ہیں۔  
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Have a wonderful half term!

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