



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

Parents in School:

I want to thank all the parents who regularly support the School by attending workshops and meetings. However, this is often only a small group of parents who are often in the minority and we wish more parents would take up the many opportunities offered. I know that for some, work commitments prevent you from attending during the school day but I would urge those of you who can attend to do so. The teachers put a lot of effort into preparing for these workshops and it is a pity when only one or two parents attend.

The next opportunity for you to get involved and take part in supporting your child's learning will be the week beginning the **4th December 2017** when we are inviting all parents to attend a maths session:



A fantastic opportunity for you to come and see how we are using Maths No Problem in school.

Be part of a maths lesson in your child's class and let your child coach you through an activity!



Invitations went out on **Tuesday 28th November**

Halal Meat in Schools:

On the 13th of November I received the following letter from Lancashire County Council

"You will be aware that in June 2017, the Leader of the County Council requested a review of the Council's current policy on supplying un-stunned Halal meat to schools.

Full Council voted through the following motion during the meeting held on 26th October:

1. Not to provide meat (other than poultry) to LCC establishments unless animals are stunned before they are slaughtered.

The decision to restrict the purchase of un-stunned Halal meat will come into effect from 31st December 2017, the end of the current contract, at which point only un-stunned Halal chicken and chicken products, such as chicken sausages and koftas, will be available.

A new autumn winter menu which will start in January will be created which includes Halal chicken, but which will not include any Halal beef or lamb products".

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Questions you might have with regards to this:

How will this affect Marsden?

As our contract is with LCC, we will therefore be following their guidelines and menu. This menu will be skilfully prepared by the Lead Cook, Louise and her staff. She will continue to ensure that school meals are prepared to the highest standard. She has reassured me that the menu will be even better than it is now!

Does that mean you will not be serving any beef or lamb?

Yes, we will not be serving lamb or beef. We will serve un-stunned Halal chicken and chicken products. Such as:

- chicken sausages
- koftas
- chicken curry
- quorn burgers

Why can't we purchase our meat from a butcher that sells un-stunned Halal meat?

Our contract is with LCC and we purchase our food products from suppliers that are supervised and checked by LCC food inspectors. If we purchased meat outside of our contract, there would be no guarantee that food standards would be met. LCC have also advised that they will not allow meat purchased from an independent source to be cooked in our kitchen.

Will all food served to children be halal?

Yes, all food served is halal.

Do our children receive a balanced meal?

Yes, the daily menu offers children choices from the 5 food groups in the correct proportion – Carbohydrates.

Protein

Milk and dairy products

Fruit and vegetables

Fats and sugars

Packed Lunches

If you send your child into school with a packed lunch, please ensure that this is a healthy packed lunch.

What is a healthy packed lunch?

A **healthy lunchbox** should contain starchy carbohydrates (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta); include fresh fruit and vegetables and/ or salad; include a source of protein such as beans and pulses, eggs, fish, meat, cheese (or a dairy alternative)



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Tissues in School

As the weather is turning colder, please can I remind you that all children should be bringing in a box of tissues.

Well done Peter!

As you arrived at School on Tuesday morning, hopefully you will have noticed that the pavements outside of school were clean. This is due to Peter's persistence with the Council in getting it sorted. He contacted Andrew Stephenson PM, who listened to him and arranged for the cleaning up to take place. I am also aware that a lot of you have also been complaining to the council and so will be happy that they have eventually listened to us.



Attendance at Parent's Evening

Thank you to the majority of parents who attended this meeting. I am pleased to report that we had 97% attendance. If you would like to discuss your child's progress before the next meeting, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with the class teacher.

Outcomes from the Questionnaires carried out on Parents Evening.

72 parents completed the questionnaire. On average 98% of all responses either agreed or strongly agreed with all that the school is doing to ensure positive outcomes. A copy of the analysis of the questionnaire is attached to this newsletter.

Learning at Marsden

Every day is a learning adventure for our children but a couple of the highlights from this month include:

- A visit from Father Guy and Imaan Afaq who delivered a joint assembly on Diversity
- A visit from the World Champion In line Skater, Jenna Downing, who spoke to the children about resilience during a whole school assembly. She also visited each class and Year 5 got to experience skating during their PE session (more pictures and videos on the website)



-Year 6 took part in Bike ability and Year 1 took part in tots on tyres



-Year 4 went to the British Museum in Manchester as part of their learning linked to Ancient Egypt.

-We had a visit from Pudsey Bear as part of Children in Need

-Our school choir is sounding great and preparing well for their performance at King Georges Hall.

-Our learning is also going virtual this week as we have 8 VR (Virtual Reality) headsets in school.



Anti Bullying Day 24th November

The whole school took part in an Anti-bullying day. This year's theme was "All Different, All Equal". The learning produced from this day will go on display – please come into school to have a look. Each class also released a class balloon with a special message attached.



A group of talented artists and their dads worked with Miss Sanderson on an Art Diversity Project and Imaan Afaq joined us for a while.



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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, 1M and 3S have had their assemblies and the children have been fabulous! Thank you to the teachers and children for their hardwork.



Date	Class
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



Toy Collection

Lomeshaye Primary School have asked us to work with them to collect toys for children whose families cannot afford Christmas presents. The Charity is called "Mission Christmas, cash for Kids"

The charity is asking for new and unwrapped gifts suitable for children and young people aged 0 to 18 years. If you are able to, please donate a present – we will send the toys to Lomeshaye as they are a drop off point for the charity.



Farewell to Mrs Pollard

















Mrs Pollard, has been a teacher at Marsden Primary School for over 25 years. She has decided to take early retirement due to personal issues. We thank her for everything she has contributed to Marsden over the years and as an appreciation of this we are holding a special assembly for her on Friday 15th December at 11.30am. If you would like to join us for this assembly and say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Pollard, please let the office know by **Thursday 14th December**.

Our Community Police

I would like to introduce you to our local PCSO's - James Burke and Andrew Mitchell. They are very worried about the number of parents still parking on the yellow lines and they will, if need be, take further action if they see parents stopping illegally. PLEASE, for the safety of our children, do not park on the yellow lines. In addition if you need to find a parking spot, please arrive early to find a parking place rather than just dropping off in the middle of the road.



Attendance this term has been: 97.1%
Class Attendance so far this term:

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
						
95.0%	97.6%	95.5%	96.3%	95.9%	95.9%	98.0%
RS	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S
						
93.2%	96.4%	97.4%	96.7%	98.6%	98.4%	98.1

Translators at Meetings

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