



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>

## Parents in School:

Thank you to all the parents who came into school to take part in a maths lesson with their child. Your comments indicated that you found it useful in so many ways. Here are some of the lovely comments made:



*"I can see how my daughter is learning in class and I can help her at home with her maths"*

*"I learnt how the children are taught about number bonds. The children enjoyed working out the answers. I liked the fact that the teacher worked with the class and gave them examples, clarifying difficulties before giving children their activities. Also the more able were given extra challenge"*

*"I got to watch my son work his brain. It was really nice to see him do his maths so easily"*

*"The workshops were very informative"*

*"It was nice to see how the children work in a classroom environment"*

*"It was a good insight into how children are taught. Definitely the most interesting session I have been in"*

*"I've seen my child being involved and taking a great part in the lesson"*

*"I found it very helpful to see the children learn new skills and a new way of learning"*

*"It was lovely working on challenging questions with other parents"*

Our winner drawn from all the reply slips is Hafsah Ali 2M!! We hope she enjoys her prize!






There will be another exciting opportunity for you to work with your child in class during the Spring term. This will be during a **Reading Workshop**. Dates will be provided closer to the time.

## Reading at Home:

As we head into the December holidays, please can you make sure that your child continues to read their home readers as well as their library books. I was shocked to see that some children have only read 2 to 4 books since September. It is vital that they read every night if they are to make good progress with their reading. You will receive a letter from your child's teacher if your child hasn't read a sufficient amount of books.

# WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.

On average If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Reception, by end of year 6, student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days and Student C will have read for 3

## WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

### Closure of school due to severe weather on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December



During severe weather conditions we make every effort to keep the school open for as many children as possible. However, in some circumstances, following completion of a risk assessment, we may decide that it is necessary to temporarily close the school. Reasons may include:

- Too few staff members able to reach the school, or advice is issued against travelling
- Risk of injury to pupils, staff or visitors due to the weather conditions
- A failure of the school's heating systems

In such circumstances we will always attempt to give parents and carers advance notice, but due to the unpredictable nature of some weather events this may not always be possible.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017, following consultation with our Governing Body and completion of the risk assessment, I regrettably had to take the decision to close the school. This was due to icy and dangerous weather conditions.

As stated in our Severe Weather Policy, we communicated information about the closure before 8.00am via our school website, the Local Authority's Website, 2BR radio and a personal text message to all parents.

**Please also let us know if your contact details have changed.**

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If you would like to read our Severe Weather Policy you can find it on our school website

I'd like to thank you all for your patience and understanding. Decisions to close the school are never taken lightly but, unfortunately, may sometimes be necessary for the safety and wellbeing of the school community.

### **Winter School Uniform**

Please can all children return to school wearing the winter school uniform. Please note that boots are not allowed to be worn in school. If children walk to school in boots or wellies, they need to change back into their school shoes once inside the building. Please also note that only black shoes are acceptable for both boys and girls.

#### **Winter School uniform**

White shirt (long or short sleeve)

V-neck navy blue jumper or cardigan

School tie

Black trousers

Black skirt or pinafore

Black / white socks or black / white / navy tights

Black shoes

Pair of Wellies to be worn or old trainers when attending Forest School

### **Forest School**



The children have absolutely loved attending Forest School on a Friday and have developed their speaking, listening and problem-solving skills. During the Spring term they will use their skills to develop our own Wild Life Garden with the Forest School Teachers. Each year group will be given an area to develop and take care of. We will return to Marsden Park in the Summer Term.

### **Health and Safety**

If your children attends an early morning club in the Sports Hall, they **must** go through to the main school building and Gareth will pick them up from the Office. No children should be walking through the main school yard unless accompanied by an adult.

### **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.

### **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, 3S and 6M have had their assemblies and the children have been fabulous! Thank you to the teachers and children for their hardwork.



Date	Class
25.01.18	4S
08.02.18	2M
08.03.18	1S
22.03.18	5M



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19.04.18	5S
10.05.18	3M
14.06.18	4M
24.05.18	RM
21.06.18	6S
05.07.18	RS



### **School Council Update**

The School Council has been very active this term and represented Pupil Voice very well. Their actions have had a positive impact in a number of ways. This includes:

- Creating posters to advertise the Book Fair which resulted in more parents attending
- Collecting feedback on behaviour around school and making videos to improve this. They delivered an assembly and carried out a survey before and after this to measure their impact. The videos can be seen on the website under Home – Learner Videos – Pupil Voice.
- Collecting toys for the animals at the RSPCA to donate to the shoebox Christmas Appeal.



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

#### **Football**

Our football team has improved a lot over the last few months. We are currently 6th in the Pendle Sports Partnership football league.

We have also competed in the English School Cup Competition.



#### **Netball**

Our Netball players have been working hard over the last few months and are currently in 5th position in the Netball league run by Pendle School Sports Partnership. With more games in 2018 in the league and a cup competition.

#### **Athletics**

We took 2 teams to an indoor athletics event run by Pendle SSP. We are very proud to have finished 2nd and 3rd in this event.

Well done to Laiba Shahzad (vertical and long jump), Zaina Malik (triple jump) and Shabaan Hussain (vertical jump) for breaking and holding new Pendle Schools records in these events.

### **Dodgeball**



Our dodgeball team entered an event at Fishermore high school and won 3 out of 3 games.

We have also had children represent the school in Orienteering and Multi Skills events all organised by the Pendle School Sports Partnership.

### **Sports Hall and Meeting Room Hire**

The sports facilities and the meeting room in the Sports & Arts centre building are available to hire for badminton, football, basketball, cricket, table tennis & fitness classes.

Prices are as follows per hour;  
£15 sports hall and meeting room  
£8.00 Badminton court

Bookings are available Monday to Sunday at various times throughout the week.



Please contact Gareth Martindale on 01282 610893 or email to [gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk) for bookings and more information

### **And now for something new!**

### **Marsden's very own Table Top Sale**

#### **Car Boot Sale**

We are investigating the possibility of starting a Table Top Sale on the last Sunday of every month.















If you would be interested in hiring a table, please contact Gareth on 01282 610893

**£10 for a selling table**

**50p entry fee for buyers**



Attendance this term has been: 96.9%  
Class Attendance so far this term:

RM 	1M 	2M 	3M 	4M 	5M 	6M 
87.5%	96.2%	90.4%	94.9%	98.2%	95.1%	96.5%
RS 	1S 	2S 	3S 	4S 	5S 	6S 
81.1%	95.4%	97.6%	94.5%	96.5%	98.5%	97.6%

**Translators at Meetings**

اگر آپ کو میٹنگ کے لئے کسی بھی ترجمہ کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے، تو آپ اسکول آفس کو مطلع کر سکتے ہیں۔ شکریہ

Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you back at school on  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2018**