



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 OFSTED Report



I hope by now you have all had a chance to read our OFSTED report which confirms that we are a "Good School".

I am very pleased that the HMI inspector recognised the progress that has been made. Among the comments the inspector noted a number of very positive achievements, including:

- Children are at the heart of everything that your school does. You and all your staff strive to ensure that all pupils achieve their very best.
- All pupils make strong gains in their learning. In 2016, the progress that pupils made in writing at key stage 2, including those who are disadvantaged, was outstanding.
- Provisional results in 2017 show that progress in writing and mathematics is very strong at key stage 2, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.
- The proportion of pupils reaching the expected standards in reading, writing and mathematics is now above the national average.
- Pupils are delightful and a credit to the school and their families. Overall, behaviour around the school is impeccable and pupils look really smart in their school uniform, which they wear with pride. Relationships at all levels are respectful.
- Outdoor learning is particularly popular with all pupils. They relish the wonderful opportunities they have to make dens, boats and volcanoes from the natural materials found in the nearby woodland area.
- High priority is put on keeping pupils safe.
- Current attendance figures are in line with the national average.

These comments give Marsden a very positive platform on which to continue to progress and make further improvements in order to fulfil the huge potential that exists here to create a unique educational setting.



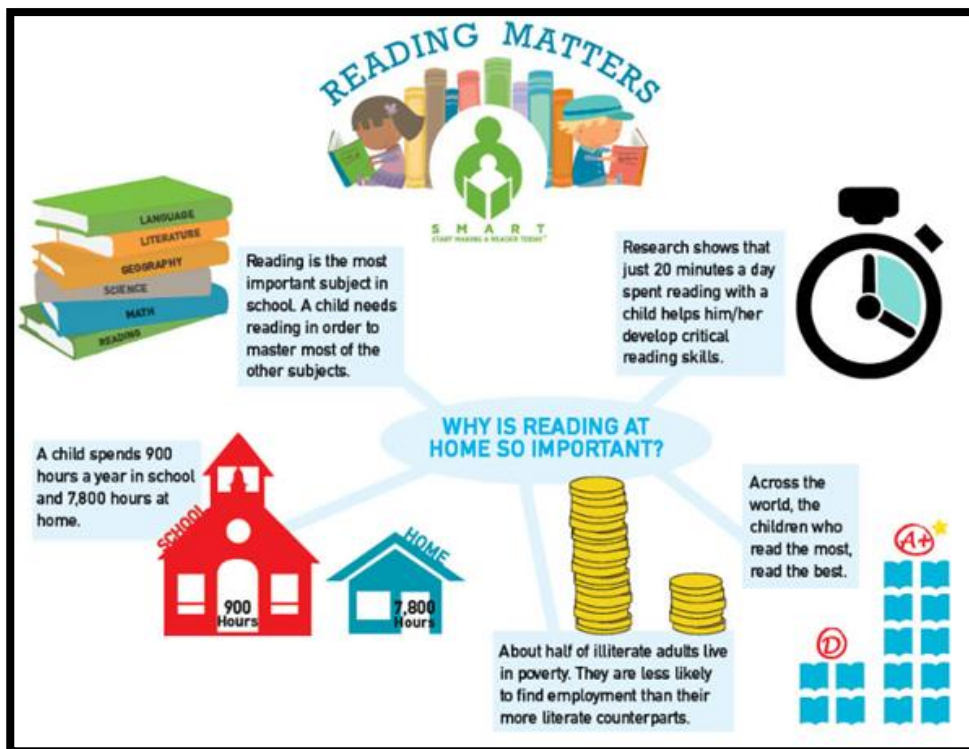
## Working Together

Within the Ofsted report, there are areas that we need to work on. One of the areas is ensuring that the progress our children make in reading is accelerated so it is in line with maths and writing. In order to achieve this we need every learner to be reading at home for at least 20 minutes a day. Please can you ensure that your child/children are reading every night.

Here is a reminder of why it is important to ensure that all children read at home.



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## An Important Letter from Our Safety Stars



### **Road Safety**

Dear Parents,

Do you park on the yellow lines? If yes, then please read on to find out how important it is **NOT** to park on the yellow lines.

Yellow lines are there for children to cross the road safely, they are **NOT** there to park cars. If this carries on there will be serious consequences. If you are found parking on the yellow lines, the staff members will have to talk to you. Also pictures of car's number plates will be taken and shown to the police.

Children will not be able to cross the road if you park in the middle of the road or on the yellow lines because it is a hazard and it could endanger a child's life.



Please park responsibly

Safety Stars

### **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:

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So far 2S, 1M, 3S, 6M and 4S have had their assemblies and the children have been fabulous! Thank you to the teachers and children for their hardwork.



Date	Class
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



### Our Website

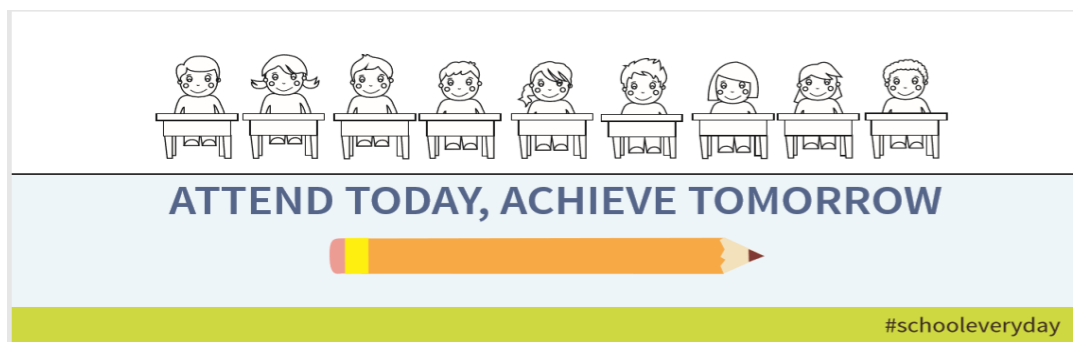
The HMI Inspector loved our Website, especially the videos that celebrate learning and the Blogs that the children write. Please take some time to view all the exciting learning that is taking place on a daily basis. You can view, for example, the class assemblies and Learners of the Week. There is also a special recording of some of our teachers rehearsing at the Blackburn Cathedral for the upcoming 'Sing Together' Concert. In addition you can view photo's showing our fantastic work. Here are some pictures of our classroom doors showing the class books we are reading at the moment. How many of the books do you know?



### Attendance

In the Ofsted Report, it stated that our attendance was in line with National (96%) at the time of the inspection. Sadly, last week we dropped to 93% which is below National. This figure is largely due to illness and I wish all the children who are off sick a speedy recovery!















I have also had a number of families requesting extended leave in order to have a family holiday. Reasons for this have been cheaper tickets. Please note that Lancashire County Council have said that Headteacher's no longer have the authority to authorise leave. One of the reasons is because when your child isn't in school they miss out on learning and they find it difficult to catch up. Please also be aware that we have recently been instructed by the Council to remove a pupil from our school due to their absence. Family holidays should only be booked during the designated school holidays. The Holiday lists are attached to this newsletter.



In order for us to sustain good and work towards outstanding we have to maintain our attendance to be above or in line with National. Attendance plays a very important role in the way in which we are judged both by Ofsted (every 3 years) and regularly by the Local Authority. We therefore need **ALL** parents to work with the School to maintain and exceed expectations. I will continue to put the children's education first and any request for leave will not be authorised!

**Attendance so far this academic year has been: 96.5%**

**Class Attendance so far this term:**

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
						
91.1%	95.2%	96.1%	94.5%	94.2%	93.0%	94.7%
RS	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S
						
88.5%	89.8%	96.5%	97.2%	96.9%	97.5%	95.4%

### **Governors**

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

This is a very exciting time to join the Governing Body. We are looking for a parent who has the following skills

- Commitment to ongoing development and to getting to know the school well, including taking part in effective induction.
- Commitment to playing an active part, whilst working as part of a team.
- Ability to provide robust challenge and hold school leaders to account, whilst listening to and respecting the views of others.
- Focus on a strategic role rather than involvement in operational matters.

If this is a role that is of interest to you, please contact Ruby, our Chair of Governors, via the School Office

This vacancy has come about because Mr Shakeel Shariff is having to step down from his role as Governor due to work commitments. On behalf of the Governors, I would like

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to thank him for his dedication. We would also like to thank Mrs Sayma Ilyas who has also stepped down due to personal reasons.



### **Year 6 and Year 2 SATs Meeting**

If you have a child in either year 2 or year 6 it is vital that you attend this meeting. Both meetings are being held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.  
**Year 2** will be at **9.00am** and **year 6** at **2.45pm**.

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

The sports facilities and the Meeting Room in the Sports & Arts centre building are available for hire. This could be for badminton, football, basketball, cricket, table tennis or fitness classes.

Prices are as follows per hour:-

£15 Sports Hall

£15 Meeting Room

£8.00 Badminton Court

Bookings can be made Monday to Sunday at various times throughout the week.  
Please contact Gareth Martindale on 01282 610893  
or email him at [gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk) for bookings and more information

### **Translators at Meetings**

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

## Marsden Community Primary School Term Dates 2018/2019

### Autumn Term 2018

School Opens:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – INSET Day for all staff
Children Return:	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
School Closes:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 3:20pm
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 22 October 2018 – Friday 26 October 2018
School Opens:	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
School Closes:	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 3:20pm

### Spring Term 2019

School Opens:	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
School Closes:	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 3:20pm
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
School Opens:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
School Closes:	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 3:20pm

### Summer Term 2019

School Opens:	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
May Day:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May (School Closed for Bank Holiday)
School Closes:	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 3:20pm
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 27 May 2019 – Friday 31 May 2019
INSET DAYS	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019 – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (Includes Eid)
School Opens:	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
School Closes:	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at 3:20pm