



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

The Beast from the East Hits Marsden

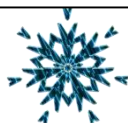
It has been an extremely cold week and after assessing the risks, I made the decision to close Marsden on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as it was not safe for children to come to school. In addition, staff living outside of the local area were unable to get into school due to hazardous driving conditions. This would have meant that there would not have been enough staff to supervise and cover classes.

I thank everyone for their co-operation with regards to these closures.



In the event of this happening again, please can I urge you to wait until you get a text message before you phone the School or the Chair of Governors. As a School we follow the following procedure:

- A risk assessment starts to be undertaken by 7:00am.
- A decision to remain open or to shut is made between 7:30am and 7:45am. I make this decision along with the Chair of Governors.
- If the School is going to close I phone Lancashire County Council to let them know the risk factors and to then get permission from them to shut the school.
- Mrs Arif will send a text message to staff and parents before 8:00am. If situations change, like they did on Wednesday, then a late text message cannot be avoided.



Living with Technology (Computers, mobile phones, online games etc)



Does your child use the internet? Will your child be starting to use the internet soon? If this is the case the you should know that although the internet is a great way to stay up-to-date on the news; do research for school projects and communicate with friends it can also be very **dangerous**.

Does your child play computer games? Computer games can also be a lot of fun and some are even educational but do you know what games your child is playing? Some of these games could be **inappropriate** for your child! Do you know what a PEGI rating is?

As a parent, it is your **responsibility** to make sure that your child stays **safe online**.



For this to happen you must know your way around a computer and the internet. **Do you?** A child should never know more than a parent does about the internet. We want all our Marsden parents to be well educated on the internet and computer use because you are then better able to fully understand the dangers.

Does your child use internet chat rooms or social networking websites? If so, do you know how easy the internet makes it for someone to create a whole new, fake identity? A good understanding of computer and internet use can better enable you to **protect your child**.

To support our parents in answering the above questions and developing their own knowledge we have invited Graham Lowe from the Safeguarding Children's Board to come and speak to all parents about keeping their children safe when on line.

When: **20th March 2018**
Where: **Marsden Community Primary School**
Time: **6.00pm to 7.30pm**

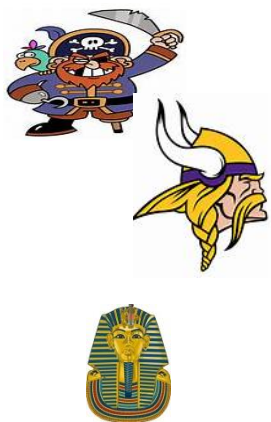
THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PARENTS AND WE WOULD URGE ALL PARENTS TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.



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:

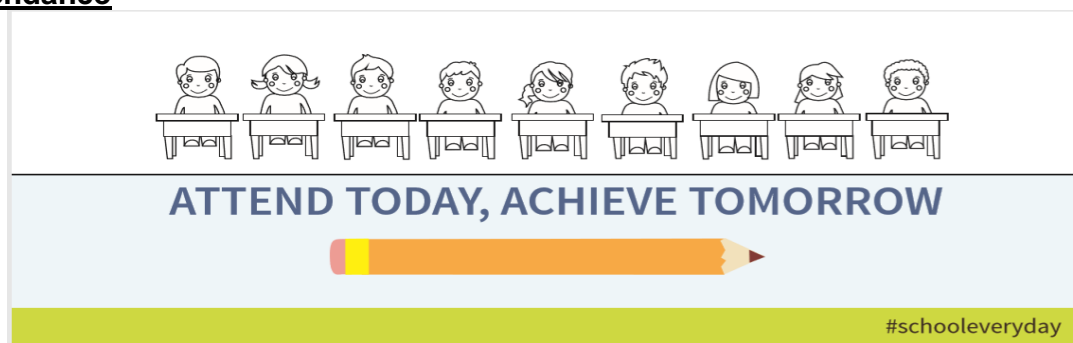
So far 2S, 1M, 3S, 6M, 4S and 2M have had their assemblies and the children have been fabulous! Thank you to the teachers and children for their hardwork.



Date	Class
15.03.18	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

















Attendance



In order for us to sustain 'GOOD' and work towards outstanding we have to maintain our attendance so it is 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 this term has been: 94.4%
Class Attendance so far this term:

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
						
89.5%	96.0%	95.8%	97.9%	96.3%	97.8%	92.9%
RS	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S
						
96.3%	88.6%	93.2%	90.4%	97.1%	92.8%	96.8%

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 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



Together We Can Discover, Create and Succeed



Author, Dan Worsley

Dan Worsley is a published Author. He has been working in school with a group of Year 4 and Year 5 writers on a 6 week Writing Project. The focus has been on editing and improving writing so that the vocabulary chosen shows rather than tells the reader what is happening. The children involved have thoroughly enjoyed this project and their writing has improved as a result. Dan also delivered an assembly and did a book signing for KS2 on one of his visits.

What's been happening in the world of sport?

PE Lessons

All the children have been working really hard in PE this half term. The topics they have been following are as follows:-

Year 1	Kicking Skills
Year 2	Dance (Seaside)
Year 3	Tennis
Year 4	Gymnastics with Blackpool Gymnastics Club
Year 5	Dance (The Highway Man)
Year 6	Orienteering

Football League

On Wednesday 21st February the school football team attended the next round of the Football League. The team performed really well in their League game showing great sportsmanship even when they lost 4-0. They did us proud – well done!



Manchester City Trip

On Wednesday 31st January, a group of Year 6 children attended the Manchester City vs. West Bromwich Albion Premier League match. The group really enjoyed watching top level football and seeing Man City win 3-0.



Clubs

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Our before school, lunch time and after school clubs have been very popular as we prepare teams for competitions and events organised by Pendle School Sports partnership. Our most popular club this term was Gymnastics which had a membership of 30 children. Well done!



Calling All Ladies Body fit Exercise

Join our brand new Bodyfit & Kettlebell classes

A GREAT WAY TO GET FIT & FEELGREAT

Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm - Starts Tuesday 6th March 2018

£2 trial session £5 normally



To Book call Gareth on - 01282 610893, 07411807128 or email

gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk or Shar on 07861736722 or email

sharmenfh@gmail.co.uk

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 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

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