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**Newsletter
April 2021**

Parent Teacher Meeting 6th May 2021



As you know, school will be closed due to the Local Elections on the 6th of May. We will be holding our annual Parent Teacher Meetings throughout this day. These meetings will all be held via Zoom. As all staff will be involved in these meetings, there will be no remote learning during the day but learners will need to complete their home learning tasks.

On Thursday 29th April, you will be receiving a letter providing you with the time and login details of your meeting on the 6th of May. You will need to log into Zoom in order to access this meeting. The letter you will receive will contain a link to a video explaining how to log on using a remote device.

You will not need an email address to do this. We will also be sending out a text with a link to the instruction. Please can you make every effort to log onto Zoom for your meeting. If you need any support please will you email: support@marsden.lancs.sch.uk or please contact the Office.

Ramadan

I hope that those of you who are celebrating Ramadan are having a peaceful and blessed month. This year three Year 6 learners have decided that they want to show kindness in a different way but they need your support - please see the letter below:



Dear Parents and Children,

This year at Marsden we are holding a Ramadan Kindness Project. For this project we will be creating food hampers which will then be given to Food Banks who will then distribute them to homeless and needy families. As you may already know Ramadan is the month of giving which is why we ask that you take part in this act of kindness.

We are asking you and your children to donate food to the school such as canned food, packets of dry food like rice and pasta. We will also accept packets of sweets, crisps, juice boxes, cooking oil and bottles of water. We request that you avoid anything containing nuts and fizzy drinks.

Just think that one piece of food is seventy times the reward. We would like all the food to come in to school between the **4th and 5th of May**. Please ensure that all the food donated is halal.

Yours sincerely,

Aleena Shah

Eid

At this moment in time, we do not know if Eid will fall on the 13th or 14th of May. School will be open as normal on both days. We are authorising one of these days for your child to celebrate Eid at home with family.



We are here for you:

For many families, the pandemic may have put you in to a situation you would never have been in – this could be a bereavement, loss of a job, financial difficulty or just wanting to talk to someone. Please remember that we are here for you. Do not hesitate to get in touch with school via the support email(support@marsden.lancs.sch.uk) or phone to speak to a member of the Inclusion Team. If we cannot help you, we can always point you towards someone who can.



Congratulations:

45 children from across school were nominated by their teacher because of their 100% commitment to their online learning. They completed all set tasks and logged onto all live sessions – well done to all of you. All names were placed in a hat and Mr Oates had the pleasure of drawing out one name. The winner this time round is Menaal from Year One.

Coronavirus impact on SATs 2021:

In recognition of the challenges posed by the pandemic the Department of Education has cancelled the following statutory assessments:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening
- KS1 SATS for Year 2 and Year 6 pupils
- Year 4 multiplication tables check.

Primary Performance data will not be published again this year but teacher assessment in Reading, Writing and Maths at KS1 and KS2 will remain. Parents will be informed of these teacher assessed levels in their child's end of year report. KS1 and KS2 teacher assessments in Science will also be cancelled for 2021.

Finally

I would like to thank you once again for your incredible support during this year. We have all had to make changes to the way we once used to do things and I thank you for cooperating with the changes school has had to make. Please remember we are here for you and there will always be someone who will be able to help you.

On that note, some things in school have not changed and this includes our adherence to policy. In particular our Attendance Policy which can be found on the website. Please note that as previously stated, school attendance is mandatory and no leave of absence will be granted unless deemed as exceptional. Even in these cases, the school cannot grant more than four days of authorised leave.