



Live To Learn. Learn To Grow

Newsletter

July 2021

End of Year



This is our final Newsletter which comes at the end of an extremely challenging year. The restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 Pandemic have required us to work differently. However, with the relentless efforts of our dedicated staff team and the support of our parent community we have been able to re-establish our Core Curriculum and Science, as a result we have been able to provide our learners with a sense of normality this term. We still have much to do with regards to recovery of learning time missed yet with considered planning, intervention and careful monitoring, we look forward to starting the new Academic Term with renewed energy, commitment and hope for a positive year. Your children have been a credit to you and you can all be very proud of them.

Reports

As I stated above, your children have been incredible this year and have made us all so proud. The reports this year reflect the efforts made throughout Lockdowns and periods of isolation. They also highlight your child's favourite piece of learning. In addition to this all learners have been introduced to the Marsden Learning Powers and you will read about how they have used these to support their learning. These feature on the Class Transition PowerPoints and it would be wonderful if you could talk about them during the holidays.



September Start



You have received a letter telling you who your child's class teacher is next year and hopefully you have had a chance to watch the Transition PowerPoints highlighting the key factors linked to each year group. Here is a link to the video and I have attached the teacher list.

Some key points to note:

Start times

- Gates will open at 8.45am till 8.55am
- Year 3 and 4 will enter through the Percy Street Gate
- Year 5 and 6 will enter through the Sports Hall Gate
- EYFS, Year 1 and 2 will enter through Key Stage 1 yard

Finish time

- All learners will finish school at 3.20pm. Classes will stand in designated areas in the yard and the one-way system will still be followed.

Assemblies

- For the start of term assemblies will continue to be in class and the Learner of the Week assembly will take place via Zoom.

Lunch time

- Lunchtime will be from 12 o'clock until 1pm and learners will eat in the Dining Hall

Parents in School

- We request that if parents enter the school that they continue to sanitise their hands and we request that a face mask be worn.



Inclusion and Wellbeing

Please find attached to this Newsletter the Inclusion Newsletter.

We are pleased to inform you that, as part of a National initiative, we now have an Education Mental Health Practitioner working with the school every Monday. His name is James. His focus is on supporting learners experiencing early signs of anxiety or behavioural difficulties. He will also provide "guided self-help" for parents enabling them to understand and address the difficulties their child may be experiencing. If you are interested in receiving this support please speak to Mrs Christine Morris who is our Mental Health Champion.

Sports Day



Here are some lovely photos of the children taking part in their Sports Day.



Reminder

This year, please do not send gifts into school for teachers. If you do want to show appreciation please can you send in a note of thanks as this will be just as appreciated.

School Uniform Reminder

Please can all learners return to school in September wearing the correct school uniform. The uniform can now be purchased from all stockists of school uniform in Nelson. The tie will still need to be purchased from School and all learners, apart from Nursery, are expected to be wear a tie. Below is the uniform list.

All learners are now required to wear the full school uniform which consists of:

- The Marsden School jumper or cardigan with logo
- White shirt with rigid collar
- School tie (only available from school)
- Black skirt/trousers/pinafore
- White/black socks/tights or leggings
- Black school shoes – **no trainers/ no ballet pumps/boots**
- **Please note there will be no summer dress.**
- School bag with the new logo (only available from school – not compulsory)

PE Kit Reminder

During this academic year we allowed all learners to come to school in any tracksuit on PE days. This temporary measure was put in place so that learners did not need to change for PE. This has proved very successful and has avoided a collection of lost property due to learners having to change. In order for the PE kit to be worn on a permanent basis and to ensure that all learners still wear a uniform on PE days, the wearing of a uniformed PE Kit will be expected to be worn from September. The Marsden PE kit can be currently purchased from Jean Junction. All learners will be expected to wear the Marsden PE kit on days that they have PE. Black trainers will also need to be worn on days that the learners have PE. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.

Attendance Expectations

We would emphasise that attendance at school is compulsory and your child should continue to attend school every day. If they are absent due to illness then a daily call must be made to the School Office to inform us of this and provide a reason. Attendance continues to be monitored closely by our Attendance Officer with the National expectation of 97% attendance or above. We look forward to seeing them all return on the first day of term which is Thursday 2nd September.



Goodbye Year 6:

Year 6, your teachers and I wish you the very best of luck as you prepare to start Secondary School. You have worked hard and with enthusiasm during all the challenging times we have faced this year. I hope you all start Year 7 with positive attitudes to your learning and remember to take the Marsden Learning Powers with you and use them to support you – **Reflection, Motivation, Perseverance, Questioning, Imagination, Collaboration, Empathy, Curiosity and Imitation.**

I would also like to say farewell to the parents who have Year 6 children but no younger siblings at the school. Thank you for your cooperation and the excellent working relationships that you have developed with the school over the past years.



Goodbyes and Welcomes

We say goodbye to Mrs Laura Ridehalgh who has worked at Marsden as an LSA3 and as part of the Inclusion Team. We welcome Miss Abigail Wilson, who will be covering Miss Ormerod's maternity leave which will begin in the Autumn Term. We wish Miss Ormerod and Mrs Marsden all the best when their babies arrive and look forward to their return.

Finally

Have a restful Summer holiday, enjoy the weather and remember to stay socially distanced and safe. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the Autumn Term. For those families celebrating Eid may we wish you all Eid Mubarak.



MARSDEN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Children and families are at the heart of Marsden Community Primary School. The Inclusion Team extend a warm welcome to all our parents. We can provide confidential support and Early Help. To make an appointment ask at the school office or telephone the school on 01282 612769.

Many families are currently suffering financial hardship due to Covid 19. If you are in need of food or essential items please contact us at school on 01282 612769 or by emailing support@marsden.lancs.sch.uk



Moving to High School in September?
Lancashire SENDIAS have Transition Workshops for parents of children with additional needs, who will be transferring to high school in September. By joining their 3 online workshop it will enable parents to prepare their child for the changes they will experience and help children to be ready and confident.

To join contact trinitysnap17@gmail.com.
SEND Information, Advice and Support Team

Helpline—0300 123 6706



Summer Holiday Activities

The Fun Vibes, Active Lives scheme is Pendle's holiday activity and food programme. The programme aims to get children ages 5-16 out and about and keep active over the holidays. There will be free activities to help families learn about nutrition, food budget, and healthy eating. Free nutritious food will be available. The scheme is mainly aimed at children eligible for free school meals, however all families are welcome to register. For more information visit

www.pendle.gov.uk/info/20003/community/562/holiday_activities_and_food_programme