

Everyone Exceptional, Every Day



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Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Newsletter

Marsden Junior School

Only two weeks to go and we have another busy couple of weeks before half term. We are excited about our very own MJS Pumpkin Patch. Next Friday, children will be able to choose their own pumpkin to take home and carve. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1. Your child can then choose to keep their carved pumpkin at home, or bring it back into school to decorate the hall for the Halloween party (23rd and 24th October).

MJS Garden Day

Our MJS Garden Day is one of our favourite annual events and this one did not disappoint! It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents across the day working with their children in our garden. Thank you all for supporting us.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lynda Elmore, our incredibly hardworking gardener who volunteers throughout the year to ensure we make the most of our special garden area. She set the children a challenge of working to complete 24 key tasks across the day, and we're delighted to say that we managed to do every one! Seeds and bulbs were planted, weeds were pulled, vegetables were harvested, perennials were planted and much more too!

Another huge thank you to our kitchen staff who prepared a delicious lunch for our pupils and volunteers. Parents commented on the quality of the food and were very impressed with the variety, particularly on the pudding trolley!

Thank you to everyone involved. A really successful, happy, positive day for all of us.



Cross Country

A team of children took part in a cross country event last week. They ran with real determination and commitment. A very impressive performance by all. It was a very well organised event so a thank you to the CVHS sports prefects.



Wellbeing Champions

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) completed their first session of training with our new Wellbeing Ambassadors this week. These pupils' have been chosen to work together to help improve children's wellbeing across our school. Look out for further events and updates coming soon.

DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
Monday 16th to Tuesday 17th October	Parents Evening	All	Parents evening appointments available on Monday and Tuesday.
Monday 16th to Tuesday 17th October	Book Fair	All	Book Fair will be available for you to visit throughout parents evening.
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th Oct	Breakfast with Books	All	Yr 3/4 Thursday 19th at 9-9:30am Yr 5/6 Friday 20th at 9-9:30am
Monday 23rd October	Harvest Festival	All	10:30am at St Bartholomew's Church
Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October	Halloween Parties	All	Please see poster for more details.
Thursday 26th October	Last day of school	All	SCHOOL OPEN
Friday 27th October	INSET DAY	All	NO SCHOOL
Monday 6th November	INSET DAY	All	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 7th November	First day back in school	All	SCHOOL OPEN



Road Safety



At MJS the safety of our pupils and families is of vital importance to us. We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of cars bringing our pupils to school, causing congestion on both Carrs Road and Manchester Road. We also have a number of cars that idle with their engines running for long periods of time, which is polluting the environment. Please help us to keep our pupils safe. **We strongly urge our families to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible please!**

What are your children doing online?

Their childhoods may be very different from yours because of the digital playground that is available to them. While this digital playground affords them a whole new set of opportunities it also brings its own new set of risks.



On line Safety for Parents

We have been given access to an online safety briefing for parents, which we wanted to share with you. It is a PowerPoint presentation that looks at the best ways to help keep our children safe online. To access it please follow this link and use the password: Parents2023*

<http://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/parent-online-safety-presentations/>

Absences/Lateness

*Unplanned absence - please remember to inform the office by 9.15am on the day. We will call home to check your child's whereabouts after this time.

* Planned absence - please submit a letter/email to request the absence in advance.

*Doors open at 8.40am. Morning registration is at 8.40am. Afternoon registration is 1.00pm. Pupils arriving after these times will be marked as late. Arrival after 9am will be classed as unauthorised absence.

Medicines and illness

*Pupils must remain away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness/diarrhoea and be eating again.

*Inhalers **MUST** be named and kept in school at all times.

*If your child is prescribed medicine by a Doctor, which is to be taken four times a day, please bring it to the office and provide details. We **MUST** be shown the label from the chemist advising dosage.

Healthy Eating

*Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

*If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure they bring a healthy lunch including fruit and vegetables each day. Lunches should not contain fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars.

* Children can pay £1.75 before Monday to join Fruit Club for the week via ParentPay. They will be provided with fresh fruit or flapjack each day.

Road Safety

*For the safety of our children, please drive and park considerately around school (**NOT** in the staff car park).

Communication

*Are your contact details up to date on our system? Are you receiving texts/newsletter by email? Please inform us if not!

*Please check book bags regularly for homework and letters - some letters may have deadlines/require a response.

Belongings/Lost Property

*Please ensure all uniform items are labelled.

*Please check the lost property box in the porch at the back of school for any missing items - lost property is disposed of at the end of each half term.

***PE Kits should be kept in school all week.**



MARSDEN
JUNIOR SCHOOL

**You are warmly invited to
our HARVEST FESTIVAL
Monday 23rd October at 10:30am
at St Bartholomew's Church,**



Marsden



We would be really grateful for any donations of nonperishable items please. Your generous donations will be given to a charity which supports many of our families and our school community, the **Full Life Church** in Thongsbridge.

They are in particular need of the following items: soup, pasta sauce, sponge pudding (tinned), tinned tomatoes, tinned beans / spaghetti, tinned rice pudding, tinned meat / fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits, snack bars, crisps, UHT milk or tea bags, instant coffee. ALL donations gratefully received.



MJS INVITES ALL THE
KIDS TO THEIR VERY
OWN

HALLOWEEN PARTY

MON 23RD OCTOBER
YEAR 3/4 -4.15-5.15
YEAR 5 -5.30-6.30

TUES 24TH OCTOBER
YEAR 6 4.30-5.30PM

£3.50 A TICKET TO INCLUDE HOT
DOGS, DRINK, CAKES AND SWEET
BAG -
AVAILABLE TO BUY ON PARENT PAY

THE PREVIOUS WEEK, ALL THE
CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED INTO
THE SCHOOLS PUMPKIN PATCH
TO PICK AND TAKE HOME A
PUMPKIN- WE ASK FOR A
DONATION OF £1.00 IF ABLE
FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW