

Everyone Exceptional, Every Day



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Newsletter

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A warm welcome back to school and the first newsletter of this school year. We are delighted to see how well all the children have settled into their new classes and the new children in Year 3 have taken it all in their stride. As always, our door is always open to you and if you have any questions or just need a chat, please let me know.

You may be aware from news reports that the government has concerns about national school attendance following Covid-19. Here at Marsden Junior School our attendance is very good but we would like to remind you of our procedures. It is vital that children attend school; the attendance page on our website provides you with our attendance policy and shows you the impact of a few days of missed school on your child's education. Children should be in school by 8:40am each day. Doors open at 8:40am and the registers are closed by 8:50am. If your child is unwell, please phone the school number: 01484 843588 or email use at: office@themjs.org to inform us about their reasons for absence as early as possible.

Please can we remind all parent and carers of the importance of advising us of any changes to contact details, especially new mobile phone numbers for emergency contacts. At MJS, we always value the importance of good communication. We will endeavor to communicate with you about your child's learning, progress and wellbeing and we ask for your support in talking to us about any changes to your child's circumstances, or anything that you are concerned about. It's always good to talk.

Year 6 Robinwood Residential

What an adventure our Year 6 pupils and staff had at the start of this school year! Our year 6's began life as the eldest in the school, with a three day residential to Robinwood. They explored caves, swung on a giant swing, speedily climbed a giant rock wall, battled a piranha pool, conquered their fears on a humungous zip wire and much more. We are really proud of how well every pupil (and our fabulous staff) tackled the obstacles and challenges. It was a huge success, with weather we could only dream of! An excellent start to the year, with Year 6 having chance to properly bond with their new classes. In feedback from parents and carers, it is clear that the early September date for the residential has been successful.



Digital Literacy at MJS

The first two weeks of school are always an opportunity to embed the importance of digital safety and awareness. The children across our school have been learning about the importance of having strong passwords, not sharing those passwords with their friends and ensuring that we are safe online. The teachers have been really impressed with the pupils' prior learning and will be building on this knowledge as the year progresses. It is vital that we teach our pupils how to be safe, and communicate appropriately and respectfully online.

DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd September	Year 5 Bikeability	Yr5	Year 5 offered the chance to take part in Bikeability
Wednesday 20th September	Year 5 Go Ape Trip	Yr5	Year 5 trip to Go Ape activity centre
Monday 25th September	Photograph Day	All	Please ensure your child comes in full school uniform.
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

Free School Meals

If you are on a low income, and in receipt of certain benefits, your child is entitled to free school meals and help towards school trips, free milk and other support. We would urge all eligible parents to apply, as this application ensures that school receives the additional funding to be able to provide this.

You are entitled to support if you have a child in Kirklees, who is in full time education and you receive one or more of the following benefits: Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods); Income Support; Income Based Job Seekers Allowance; Income Related Employment and Support Allowance; Child Tax Credit; Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit; and Working Tax Credit run-on—paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

For any help, please contact free school meals on: freeschoolmeals@kirklees.gov.uk or on 01484 221000

Supporting our vulnerable pupils

We have a child in school who is immunocompromised so this puts her at serious risk if exposed to **measles, chicken pox or shingles**. If you think your child has any of the illnesses, please **contact the school office** for further information. I know that, as a strong supportive community, we can depend on your support and co-operation to keep our pupil as safe from infection exposure as possible.

<p style="text-align: center;">Absences/Lateness</p> <p>*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.</p> <p>* Planned absence - please submit a letter/email to request the absence in advance.</p> <p>*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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Medicines and illness</p> <p>*Pupils must remain away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness/diarrhoea and be eating again.</p> <p>*Inhalers MUST be named and kept in school at all times.</p> <p>*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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Healthy Eating</p> <p>*Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day.</p> <p>*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.</p> <p>* 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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Road Safety</p> <p>*For the safety of our children, please drive and park considerately around school (NOT in the staff car park).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Communication</p> <p>*Are your contact details up to date on our system? Are you receiving texts/newsletter by email? Please inform us if not!</p> <p>*Please check book bags regularly for homework and letters - some letters may have deadlines/require a response.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Belongings/Lost Property</p> <p>*Please ensure all uniform items are labelled.</p> <p>*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.</p> <p>*PE Kits should be kept in school all week.</p>

Good to be GREEN

As part of our whole school behaviour policy, every class has chosen a special treat. Every pupil who follows our school rules and makes positive choices throughout the term, will be able to take part in the Good to be Green afternoon treat!

3/4 ES
Teddy
bears and
PJS!

5RH
*Electronics
and Toys!*

3/4 EA
Sporty fun!

6AD
Non uniform
and treats

3/4 RH
Board
game fun!

5KG
A 'yes'
afternoon

6JK
Pizza and
games

Remember to show our RITA stars in your behaviour: Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Aspiration.