

*Everyone Exceptional, Every Day*



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# Newsletter

**Friday 22nd December 2023**



Newsletter

Marsden Junior School

What a lovely, Christmassy build up we have had in school over the last few weeks, with our children becoming more and more excited about the festive period ahead of them. Thank you to all the staff and pupils of MJS for making this autumn term a really successful one full of learning, positive experiences and fun!

Everyone at MJS would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year!

## Christingle

Our MJS Christingle are one of my favourite traditions. It once again gave us the chance to come together with parents, carers and members of our community to celebrate the message of Christmas. Everyone did themselves proud with poems, songs, music and reflections. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and a special well done to the children and staff for such high quality performances.

## Movie Night

A huge thank you to our PTA for arranging the movie nights this week. Each year group thoroughly enjoyed being in school after hours, to enjoy a Christmas film together, and share in more festive fun! Year 6 watched Nativity, Year 4 and 5 both voted for Home Alone and Year 3 enjoyed The Grinch. A really fun event for everyone. This raised £300 for our school.

## Year 6 Open Event

Everyone in Year 6 was delighted to see so many parents and carers at their open morning event this week. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It was great to see (and even help with) the Year 6 cam designs and to have an opportunity to see first hand the learning that is taking place for our eldest pupils.

## Year 3 and 4 Church Café

We all felt incredibly proud of our Year 3 and 4 pupils this week when they visited the Church Café. They all sang beautifully, behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed sharing a range of Christmas songs with the community who were visiting the café that morning. Several members of the public commented on how well the children sang, and their teachers were brimming with pride when they returned to school.

## Christmas Lunch

Once again our talented kitchen staff created a Christmas feast for us all to enjoy last week. Thank you to them all for a really delicious Christmas lunch!



### Christmas Parties and Gifts

The Christmas parties have been a huge success today, with everyone enjoying themselves. A special mention to our PTA for all their hard work over the last few weeks planning and arranging all the fabulous Christmas experiences for our pupils. They have also organised for every child to bring home a gift today. Thank you!!

## DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

| Date for your diary     | Event                       | Yr Group | Extra Information  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--|
| Friday 22nd December    | Last day of term            | All      |  |
| Monday 8th January      | First day back for Spring 1 | All      |  |
| Monday 22nd January     | Whole School Panto          | All      | Panto will be visiting us in school for everyone to enjoy.   |
| Tuesday 6th February    | Young Voices                | choir    | Miss Hemingway and Miss Sharp will be taking the choir to perform in Leeds for the Young Voices event. |
| Friday 9th February     | Last day of term            | All      |  |
| Monday 19th February    | First day back for Spring 2 | All      |  |
| Wednesday 28th February | Strictly Pennine            |          | Lawrence Batley theatre—more details to follow   |
| Tuesday 12th March      | Easter Show                 | 3 /4     | More details to follow   |
| 18th and 19th March     | Parents Evening             | All      | Parents evening will take place on Monday and Tuesday, times and details to follow.                    |
| Friday 22nd March       | Last day of Spring 2 term   | All      | <b><i>Mrs Mansell's last day at MJS.</i></b>   |

### Arbor App

Please remember that from January 2024, we are moving to the **Arbor App**! We will no longer use School Ping or ParentPay. The Arbor app replaces Ping, so all communication with you from MJS will happen through the app. ParentPay will no longer be for any payments, all payments will go through the app.

If you require any help setting up the new app, please contact our school office and they will happily help you be ready for January.

A huge thank you again to everyone who helped us at the Christmas Fair! We raised a fabulous **£1268**. Thank you to our wonderful PTA and all our school community for their generous donations.

#### 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.



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**£20 PER DAY**

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**WEDNESDAY 3RD  
JANUARY 2024**



**£20 PER DAY**

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HUDDERSFIELD HD8 0WA**

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# HUDDERSFIELD TOWN VS PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY – 3PM KICK-OFF

**A FAMILY DAY OUT WITH SOMETHING  
FOR ALL AGES BEFORE KICK-OFF!**

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