

Everyone Exceptional, Every Day



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Newsletter

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Newsletter

Marsden Junior School

What a successful half term we have had at MJS. The children settled back into school quickly and have focused on learning from day one. All our new starters have also shown a really positive approach to their new school and we are delighted to have them all as part of our MJS team. Just a reminder that we have a number of INSET days booked in for the next term, please check the dates for diary on the back of this newsletter to remind yourselves of the days we are closed before the Christmas holiday.

We wish you all a really safe and healthy half term holiday. We all hope that you enjoy the week and look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 7th November**.

Breakfast with Books

Thank you to everyone who came to join us last week for our Breakfast with Books event. It proved to be extremely popular! It was lovely to see so many parents and carers enjoying reading together. There was a nice atmosphere in our dining hall, with children and parents smiling broadly whilst sharing a book together. Thank you to the kitchen staff for preparing the food and drinks for the adults. Also thank you to everyone who kindly donated a book to our school library; we really appreciate it.

We are really sorry if you missed out on the event but keep an eye open for details about the next one which will take place next term.



Halloween Parties

The Halloween parties were brilliant fun for all involved! A gigantic £605.50 was raised, which included a generous donation from our last year's Year 6 parents. A huge thank you to the PTA who organised and co-ordinated the event. It was really well attended by our pupils and everyone had Spooktacular time!


Kirkwood Hospice Coffee morning update

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning which Miss Sharp arranged a couple of weeks ago. A huge £351 was raised through your kind donations which will go directly to Kirkwood Hospice. Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes, buns and biscuits and to everyone who supported this cause which is close to our hearts. Thank you to everyone involved.


DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
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
Friday 10th November	PTA sweet shop	All	Children can bring 50p to buy sweets from a stall run by the PTA on Fridays from this date.
Tuesday 5th December	School nurse in for Year 6 checks	Yr6	Information will follow
Friday 8th December	Christmas Fair	All	3:10—5pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 13th December	Christingle Service	All	1:30pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Marsden

Parent Questionnaire 2023 Thank you to everyone who completed one at parents' evening. Please find attached a summary of the feedback that you have given. We really appreciate your continued support.



Road Safety



Thank you to everyone who has made an effort to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Over the last few weeks we have seen several families making an effort to do so. We do appreciate that for some families, this is just not possible with work commitments etc.

A reminder, for those who do still need to drive to school, please ensure that you do not park on the zigzags. It hugely limits visibility for the children and adults crossing the road. Please find a safe space to park in whist you wait or drop off your child. Please ensure that the safe space is not on our school property; the carpark is for staff cars only.

<p>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>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>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>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>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>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>

Parent Questionnaire Autumn Term 2023

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire. We have collated the results in year groups and included a copy below. We are really thrilled with how positive the results are for how safe, happy and well looked after you and your child are feeling at our school.

Year 3				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child has settled into their new class well.	80%	20%		
My child feels safe at MJS.	87%	13%		
My child is enjoying their learning in their new class	87%	13%		
My child is well looked after at MJS	93%	7%		
There is a good variety of clubs and additional activities, such as garden day, for my child.	100%			
MJS makes sure that its pupils are well behaved	93%	7%		
MJS is well led and managed	87%	13%		
MJS responds well to any concerns I raise	87%	13%		

Year 4				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child has settled into their new class well.	85%	15%		
My child feels safe at MJS.	92%	8%		
My child is enjoying their learning in their new class	85%	7.5%	7.5%	
My child is well looked after at MJS	92%	8%		
There is a good variety of clubs and additional activities, such as garden day, for my child.	92%	8%		
MJS makes sure that its pupils are well behaved	85%	15%		
MJS is well led and managed	88%	12%		
MJS responds well to any concerns I raise	92%	8%		

Year 5				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child has settled into their new class well.	77%	23%		
My child feels safe at MJS.	80%	20%		
My child is enjoying their learning in their new class	63%	37%		
My child is well looked after at MJS	83%	17%		
There is a good variety of clubs and additional activities, such as garden day, for my child.	80%	16%	4%	
MJS makes sure that its pupils are well behaved	73%	27%		
MJS is well led and managed	93%	7%		
MJS responds well to any concerns I raise	97%	3%		

Year 6				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child has settled into their new class well.	77%	23%		
My child feels safe at MJS.	73%	27%		
My child is enjoying their learning in their new class	70%	30%		
My child is well looked after at MJS	87%	13%		
There is a good variety of clubs and additional activities, such as garden day, for my child.	73%	27%		
MJS makes sure that its pupils are well behaved	80%	20%		
MJS is well led and managed	83%	17%		
MJS responds well to any concerns I raise	80%	20%		

As part of the questionnaire, some of the strengths reported by parents were as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming parents into 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am happy as my child enjoys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for helping my child settle in so well at school. He's enjoyed his first term very much. • Good involving parents with school learning and involvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJS is a fantastic school with approachable and friendly staff. Conflicts are dealt with quickly and children's behaviour is excellent. Lessons seem to be exciting and engaging and I can see my child's confidence and intelligence and enjoyment of learning improving weekly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of rewards and praise and encouragement. • Lovely staff and school • My child loves school.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star shop is a fab idea and gives children something to aim for. • Nurture and care is a high priority at MJS • Thank you so much for being such an amazing school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good that lunchtime is an hour to give children time to form friendships. • School is well run and it balances lessons, behaviour and student well being very well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I chose to move my son from his previous school to MJS – both for his own learning, pastoral + SEN support and for his emotional well being. I have not been disappointed, and the warmth, extent of support and child-centred support has been un-wavering.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher has worked with me to support my child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good at helping families who are struggling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All kids can read and write. Is amazing. Is great all staff are friendly, helpful and competent.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brilliant school – never had a problem. Very happy in school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's a great school and well managed. • Feels like an 'open door'. • Looks very well led. All staff are approachable and helpful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for welcoming my daughter from the beginning of the year. She's super enjoying the school and friends. Thank you.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm very thankful for all support and help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazing school. Really enjoys attending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My child is happy and safe. All staff know him and help him if he becomes anxious or distressed, they fully understand his needs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My child thoroughly loves being at MJS. We are enjoying more opportunities to be a part of the school to share and celebrate her learning and education. We are looking forward to breakfast with books this week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have been helped straight away (to concerns raised) • Parents, children and the community are at the heart of MJS Values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He loves all his learning and new teacher

The parent questionnaires are really important to us. It allows us to get a sense of how you feel the school is performing for your child and it allows you to share the changes you would like us to consider.

You suggested...	We are doing...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More notice when cancelling clubs after school • More done for working parents in terms of participating in school learning. • More after school clubs that weren't sports based. • Universal recorder lessons • Maybe Badminton or volleyball could be offered. • I would like to see a couple ore clubs such as badminton/ volleyball for example but get that there may not be enough interest generally for this. • Maybe less frequent school ping messages. Sometimes feels overwhelming. • Better communication. To many notifications, sometimes multiple per day, with nothing to show what is more important or requires action. 	<p>⇒ We recognise that the cancelling of clubs last minute is inconvenient. Although this sometimes cannot be helped, we will endeavor to provide more time if this situation arises again.</p> <p>⇒ As a school we understand that timings for events are often in the school day. We will definitely consider the offer of events after school times, like we do for parents evenings.</p> <p>⇒ We have had a mixture of feedback about clubs and some really positive suggestions for new clubs that we will look into. We will be undertaking a pupil questionnaire after half term and will ask the children about their ideas for clubs. We will then investigate the viability of clubs such as recorders, badminton etc and let you know our findings.</p> <p>⇒ We have reflected on our communications since the last parent questionnaire and we know that the number of Pings can be large at times. We have now moved to the Arbor system, which allows you as parents and carers more freedom in updating your details, giving permissions and managing events. This should drastically reduce the number of communications needed to come from our school office.</p>

Once again thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our questionnaire. We really do care about your opinions and will continue to work in partnership with you to ensure your child is safe, happy and learning at Marsden Junior School.

Please keep talking to us!

PROVISION SPORTS

6-12

£60 For Full Week



10:00am-2:00pm

£15 Per Day

D.R.A.M Sports and Community Centre

Ridgeway, Huddersfield, HD5 9QJ

10:00am-2:00pm



Department for Education



HOLIDAY CAMP

30TH Oct

31ST Oct

1ST Nov

2ND Nov

3RD Nov

PLEASE CIRCLE DATES YOU ARE REQUESTING TO ATTEND

Our action packed holiday camps are back and they are running over the October/November school holidays. We do require children to bring indoor and outdoor clothing appropriate for sport as well as a packed lunch and a water bottle. Payments are to be made via our paypal –

jfd.provision@gmail.com

Childs Name & DOB:

Medical Issues:

Any additional support required:

Any Allergies:

Permission to be photographed at the event:

Does your child receive benefit related free school meals? YES / NO

Parents Name:

Contact Details:

Address:

D.B.S CHECKED
FIRST AID
TRAINED
EXPERIENCED
PREPARED
FUN
RELIABLE
PROFESSIONAL

Football
Dodgeball
Hockey
Netball
Rounders
Ball Games
MultiSports
Rugby
Basketball
Cricket
Social Skills
Boxing
Dance
Archery

Children must bring appropriate Indoor & Outdoor clothing as well as a packed lunch and a water bottle. Please return this slip to provisionsportsandcoaching@hotmail.co.uk



**Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND?
The Kirklees SEND Local Offer is coming to life with a FREE live event!**

Come along and chat face to face with providers of a range of activities and services who support children and young people with SEND.

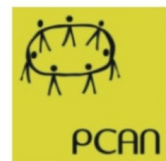
There will be three 45 minute workshops on the following:

- Working together to support successful transitions (between education stages and when leaving education)
- How mainstream schools support SEND and what families can expect from school.
- Exploring parenting approaches

Paid parking available in Dewsbury town centre. There is a cafe on site.

To find out more and book a place on the workshops, please visit the Kirklees Local Offer website or scan the QR code.

This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about SEND and see what support is available.



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We look forward to welcoming you on the day!



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