

Everyone Exceptional, Every Day



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Newsletter

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Marsden Junior School

It's been a really productive couple of weeks in school. Since our last newsletter, each class has settled into their routines and systems and has started to produce some really good learning. It has been wonderful to see how settled, focused and determined our pupils are as they explore their new topics. A really pleasing start to Autumn 1, which is great to see.

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MJS Football Super Stars

We have several MJS football teams, including two Year 3 / 4 teams, our girls football team and our Year 5 and 6 team. They have all been taking part in a range of matches and mini tournaments over the last few weeks and have been amazing! On Wednesday both our year 3 / 4 teams finished top of the groups so they have made it into the final in a few weeks time. All our teams have shown real strength in teamwork, with a culture of passing and supporting each other alongside a healthy dose of competitiveness. Mrs Mansell had comments from other Kirklees Headteachers about the skill levels from our football teams. We are all really proud of them!

Year 5 Go Ape Trip

Our lucky Year 5 children all visited Go Ape last week for a whirlwind adventure of high ropes, zip lines, climbing and team building. The pupils and staff all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Lots of our children pushed themselves out of their comfort zones; showing bravery, resilience and courage in the face of tasks they were initially uncertain about. The challenges and levels of fun had everyone involved buzzing with excitement by the end of the day!



Cuppa for Kirkwood

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cuppa for The Kirkwood today. It was arranged by Miss Sharp and she was delighted to see how many people donated cakes, buns and biscuits and then how many people supported on the day. Thank you to everyone involved.



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!**

DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
Wednesday 4th October	Garden Day	All	Please send your child into school wearing old clothes, and bringing a pair of wellies to change into.
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
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

Reminder about 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 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>