

*Everyone Exceptional, Every Day*



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# Newsletter

**Friday 8th December 2023**



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We are really looking forward to our Christmas Fair, which takes place at the end of school today.

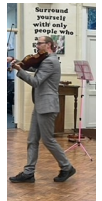
The PTA have worked tirelessly creating a fabulously Christmassy atmosphere in school and a magical Santa's grotto has been set up in the summer house. Thank you to them for their hard work. We are very excited about our forthcoming events. Please can I remind you to send your child into school with an orange for the Christingle service on Wednesday 13th December. Also a reminder about our Christmas shop, which is a huge hit each year offering a range of wrapped gifts for children to buy for their parents, carers and family for £3.50. The shop opens on Monday 11th December.

## Parliament Assembly

This week we have been learning more about British values in school and have had a special visit from the Educational Engagement Officer for Parliament, Rachel Dodgson. Rachel led an assembly for us all about what parliament is, how it works and the role of parliament in British society. We learnt lots! Our Year 5's also then had a debate workshop with Rachel, which they were very enthusiastic about; they were taught the skill and art of well constructed debating.

## Music Assembly

We had a real musical treat last week in assembly when Mr Simons, from Kirklees Musica, who wowed us with his incredible violin playing. Everyone was enthralled with his renditions of our favourite songs. A really lively and positive start to our day!



## Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly

One of our special MJS traditions took place last week. Our Christmas tree decorating assembly always signifies the start of the Christmas period. Every child in the school makes a special decoration, this year the theme was Christmas traditions. We then hold a special assembly where a story is shared, songs are sung and every child is given the opportunity to hang their decoration on the tree. It is one of our favourite traditions.



A huge thank you to Mr Pearson, who once again very kindly donated the tree to our school. We are incredibly grateful for his generosity.

## Christmas Tree Festival

Our fantastic choir represented our school at the Christmas Tree festival this weekend. The festival was held at St Bartholomew's church in Marsden and is a wonderful celebration of advent and Christmas. The choir sang twice during the event and we were really proud of them all. The church looked beautiful with trees representing the groups, societies and clubs from our Marsden community. A special thank you to Miss Hemingway who took the choir, and Mrs Deighton and Mrs Brian who supported them.



**R**espect **I**ntegrity **T**eamwork **A**spirations

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## DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
Monday 11th December	Christmas Shop	All	Gifts for £3.50 will be available for pupils to purchase from the school hall.
Tuesday 12th December	Year 5/ 6 Sports Hall Athletics	Year 5/6	
Wednesday 13th December	Christingle Service	All	1:30pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Marsden
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas lunch	All	Pupils are invited to join us in our Christmas lunch, payable through ParentPay.
Wednesday 20th December	Movie Night	All	£3 a child, from 3:30—5pm payable on ParentPay from 11th Dec onwards
Tuesday 19th December	Year 6 Open Event	Year 6	9am start—please sign in at the school office.
Friday 22nd December	Last day of term	All	
Monday 8th January	First day back for Spring 1	All	
Friday 9th February	Last day of term	All	
Monday 19th February	First day back for Spring 2	All	



### 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 whilst 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.

#### 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.