

Tuesday 5th September 2023,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting year at MJS, and a warm welcome to all our new pupils and families starting at MJS. We all hope that you had a lovely summer break.

A warm welcome to Mrs A Deighton, who is joining us from Bowling Green Academy. Mrs Deighton will be working with us as Deputy Principal and Year 6 teacher, whilst Mrs Wood is away. We are really looking forward to working with her throughout this academic year.

I wanted to write to share some information about the term ahead, a reminder about uniform expectations and some dates for your diary. Our fortnightly newsletters will start again on Friday 15th September to celebrate our successes and keep you updated on forthcoming events. We communicate with you using School Ping. We try not to send too many but it is our main form of communication with you.

As you already know, we pride ourselves on the smartness of our pupils. Uniform is a really important aspect of school; it provides a sense of belonging and enables children to come to school ready to learn. It also eliminates any worries about what brand or make they are wearing and creates a level playing field.

MJS uniform is: grey trousers, knee-length skirt or pinafore dress
White polo shirt (optional MJS logo)
MJS burgundy jumper or cardigan

We ask all parents to buy black school shoes, and for children to only wear trainers on PE days. On PE days, please send your child into school wearing their PE kit. Black shorts or leggings, burgundy t-shirt (optional logo) and trainers. Dark coloured tracksuits can be worn in winter but please no branding.

PE days – for children to come to school in their full PE kit.		
<i>Year 3 /4</i>	<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
Thursdays (swimming takes place on Mondays)	Wednesdays	Tuesdays

Meet and Greet sessions are taking place on **Monday 11th September, 5-5:30 or 5:30-6pm**. This is a great opportunity for you to come into school and meet the class teacher. It gives you a chance to ask any questions you may have and for the teacher to talk you through the highlights and expectations for the year ahead.

A reminder that we have a Breakfast club, which is available for all children, including children from the Marsden Infant School, from now. If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, please



complete the breakfast club attendance form through Ping. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

Student update forms were handed out last term, and were included in the new Year 3 packs. If you haven't yet returned them, please can you send them in with your child. Please remember to let us know about any changes to your address, phone numbers or child's medical details as the year progresses. Thank you.

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
Wednesday 6th—Friday 8th September	Year 6 Robinwood	Yr6	Year 6 residential to Robinwood
Monday 11th September	Meet and Greet the teacher	All	All parents and carers to come in to meet their child's new class teacher.
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd September	Year 5 Bikeability	Yr5	Year 5 offered the chance to take part in Bikeability
Monday 25 th September	Individual photos	All	Photos for all pupils.
Wednesday 20th September	Year 5 Go Ape Trip	Yr5	Year 5 trip to Go Ape activity centre
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

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please remember that we are always here for you. If you need anything, have any concerns or worries please reach out to myself, your child's class teacher or the school office. We are here to help and know the most successful times are when we are communicating well together.

Kind regards

Sarah Mansell

Mrs Sarah Mansell
(Principal)

