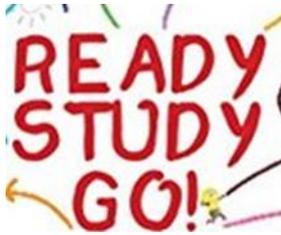




Marshside Primary School



Newsletter 3 Monday 3rd February 2020



Mrs McKenna's turn again this week, and the focus is on being ready for school in the same way that sportsmen and women need to be focussed and ready. Just as all great sportsmen and women need a good support network children achieve best at school when their family and friends take an interest in their school and schoolwork. Getting involved in your child's education, even in the simplest way, shows that you care about their school life.

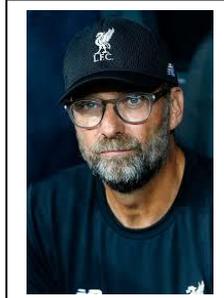


Usain Bolt may have been the fastest man on earth but he would not have won any medals if he turned up late for a race. The school doors open at 8:45am and learning begins straight away. We know that sometimes being late is unavoidable but missing just 10 mins a day is the same as missing a week of school every year.



I am sure that even Cristiano Ronaldo would struggle to score goals for Juventus if he arrived at the Allianz Stadium without his boots and kit. Our children not only look smart but are able to perform comfortably when they come to school in their uniforms. (Also worth noting that all football players have their names clearly written on their kit in case of mix ups in the changing room. Our lost property box is once again filling up with nameless uniform.) P.E. kits need to be in school every day. They will be sent home for washing at least each half term but more frequently if sessions have been strenuous and/or muddy.

All great sportspeople need coaching. Liverpool would not be 22 points clear at the top of the premiership without the hours of practising basic skills that Jurgen Klopp helps them with. We can all be "Reading Coaches." Sharing books regularly with your child is a really effective way to help them make progress across all areas of the curriculum. Remember to fill in your child's reading record and make sure that both reading books and reading records are in school every day.



Having amazing places to perform like the Olympic stadium in London really helps to inspire and develop young athletes. We are hoping that having amazing class library spaces will inspire and develop our young readers. Please check the letter sent out on 24th January from the PFA for information on our exciting plans and how you can help. (Additional copies of the letter are available from the school office.) From Monday 10th February, you can

bring in any donations for these areas and drop these off at the office. Don't forget that you can also volunteer your time on Saturday 29th February to help put together the reading spaces. All the staff and children are really excited about this project and thank you so much for all your support.

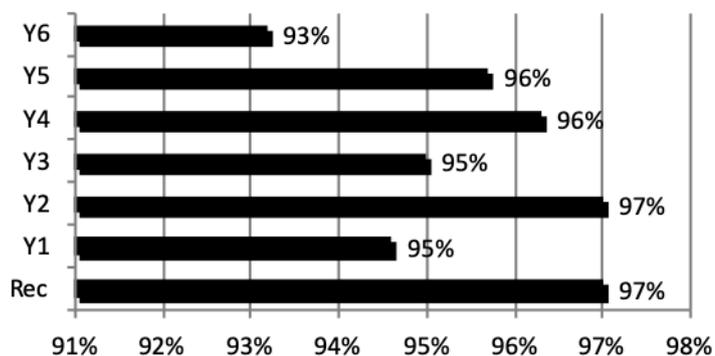
Remember homework and curriculum information is available for each class on the website.

When one member of a team is struck down with illness it is important that they stay away from training to prevent the spread of infection. If your child is unwell we ask that you let us know as soon as you can. If they have been suffering from sickness and diarrhoea then the school rule is they must stay off for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Please support the school and your child by adhering to this rule and informing us what is wrong with your child.



ATTENDANCE FROM 20 January 2020 to 31 January 2020

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Huge well done to the children in Rec and Y2 with the highest percentage of 97%. The whole school average was 95.5% and a total of 41 days of school was lost during this time.

We monitor attendance on a regular basis with Parents information available on the website. Parents; Attendance Information: <https://www.marshsideprimary.org.uk/attendance-information/>

Head Lice



Head lice is a problem in all primary schools. Lots of work that the children do here is in groups and we cannot prevent hair to hair contact during 'team huddles'. To reduce the risk please ensure that if your child has long hair it is tied back at all times. It is never an easy conversation to have with parents but there are times when we have to inform you about head lice. If a member of staff sees a live, moving louse in a pupil's hair, we will inform parents by phone, or in person and ask that you treat their hair as soon as possible. Please note you are able to bring your child back to school as soon as they have been treated, there is no need to keep them off school. If a pupil is repeatedly suffering from head lice, we may ask for parental consent to inform the school's nursing service for advice.

Taking Time Out During Term Time

We understand that from time to time it is necessary to take a child out of school for a social event. All we ask is that you tell us in advance that this is going to happen. There are forms that need to be completed to ensure that the correct reason why your child is absent is recorded. Please note there are strict guidelines that we have to follow. If your child has a medical appointment then please bring a copy of the appointment letter.

Football Training

There will be **NO** Football training on Thursday 6th February, as the team will be in action playing against Churchtown and BDS at Stanley High School. Those chosen to represent the school will receive additional letters from Mrs Hilbert.

Headteacher Recruitment

Further to my letter dated 23rd January 2020, I can confirm that the recruitment process is underway. So far we have received far more enquiries about the post than we were expecting. We see this as a positive, demonstrating that the many strengths of our school are being recognised in the wider community.
Mr A Brown – Chair of Governors

Golden Value this half-term
ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE.

Aspiration and achievement is when your ATTITUDE determines your ALTITUDE. (How high you fly)

- Trusting in your own abilities;
- Setting yourself challenging goals;
- Being confident in yourself;
- Working hard - ATTITUDE = 100%



You have brains in your head
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself
in any direction you choose.
- Dr. Seuss



"The power is in your hands
to be anything you want to
become."
- Malcom Gladwell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY	
Mon 3 rd	Reception Class Health Checks
Tues 4 th	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
Fri 7 th	Y2 Trip to Knowlsey Safari Park – Mrs Yarwood
Mon 10 th	School Nurse Katie Dalton in School 3:00pm
Tues 11 th	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st	Half Term Holiday
Tues 25 th	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
Thurs 27 th	Class Photographs
Fri 28 th	Non-uniform Day – British Sign Language Society
Sat 29 th	PFA and School Class Library Development Day
MARCH	
Tues 3 rd	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
Wed 4 th	9:15am Y4 Class Assembly – Miss White
Mon 9 th	School Nurse Katie Dalton in School 3:00pm
Tues 10 th	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
Tues 17 th	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
Wed 18 th	9:15am Y1 Class Assembly – Miss Mawdsley
Tues 24 th	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
Fri 27 th	Non-uniform Day - PFA
Tues 31 st	Y5 Swimming - Mrs Hall
APRIL	
Wed 1 st	9:15am Reception Class Assembly – Miss Flynn
Fri 3 rd	School Closes 2:15pm for Spring Break Out of Hours Club Closes 4:15pm
Mon 20 th	School Reopens Normal Time
Fri 24 th	Non-uniform Day – School Council Charity

You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards, and when you reach your limits, that is real joy. - Tennis legend Arthur Ashe

