

Diary Dates



January

Monday 6th—Return to school
Monday 13th—Parent in Partnership 9am -All welcome
Tuesday 14th—Governor Meeting
Friday 17th—Flu immunisation catch up
Monday 27th—Pantomime Sleeping Beauty M&M Theatre company

February

Monday 3rd—MHST Mental Health Assembly
Friday 7th—NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10th—Rec and Y6 heights and weights -school nurse
Parent in Partnership 9am—All welcome
Friday 14th—finish for half term

*** Monday 17th—Friday 21st half Term ***



Marsh Green Newsletter

Achieve, Believe and Celebrate

Thursday 20th December 2024

Thank You

As we come to the end of the year I would like to reflect on many successes in 2024. We continue to be very proud of our school community and all its achievements.

Our children are mostly eager to come to school on time and keen to learn

A great number of you came in to discuss your children with the class teacher during our Parent's evenings and show that together we can help pupils reach their potential with support from home with reading and homework.

You kindly sent in donations for our Harvest Festival, which went on to support the community. Our sponsored walk raised and amazing £3102.09 for school funds to support our children to have enriching experiences additional to the curriculum. We dressed up for Children in need Day and sent out contributions to the Pudsey Appeal.

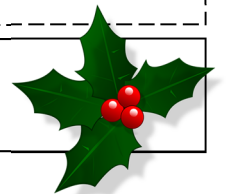
We held our Santa Dash for 'Once upon a Smile', a charity that has supported a number of our children and raised £574.57

The Christmas Fayre was a great success, and many thanks for all of your donations to those that were able to attend. We raised the grand total of £873.72

We have had a number of visitors into school including M&M Theatre company, Stone Age workshops, Viking workshops, music workshops and a real author to support our writing.

Most of all, thank you for sending your children to us ready to learn and ready for the day ahead. As you know, we are always here to work alongside you to resolve any issues.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas with very best wishes for the new year.



Reading

We continue to emphasise reading in school as this opens the doorway to all other areas of learning. We love how many of our parents come into school on reading mornings. If you are stuck for Christmas gift ideas, please consider giving books. Books are wonderful for any age and really helps to fire the imagination. Reading to your child regularly has an enormous impact and research shows that children who listen to stories will develop a wider range of language skills. We have seen the number of children reading at home improve but it still needs constant effort and dedication. Many thanks for all your support with this.—long may it continue!

Tree Planting

We have recently been gifted an oak tree to celebrate 50 years of Wigan Council. This has been planted in our school grounds with a plaque. Many thanks to Mr Thomas and Year 4 for digging, planting and watering this new addition. We hope this will be a legacy long into the future. Oak trees support the widest range of wildlife of all our native trees and provide a habitat for minibeasts, birds and small mammals. We hope to see such visitors in our school grounds to support our Science and Creative writing work. If you would like to see our new tree, it is in our forest area between the two car parks. Thank you Wigan Council!

Phonics Scheme

In the new year we will be changing our phonics scheme to Little Wandle. Children will still have a daily phonics lesson to learn sounds for reading and spelling but they will have some brand new and exciting books to read. You will also see a number of posters within our classrooms. Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Heaton for more information.

Parking

Please be very mindful when parking in the local area to drop off or collect children. Our car parks are usually very full and do not give much room for manoeuvre and we also share the top one with the MS society from the Community Centre. We have had a number of phone calls from upset residents who have been blocked into their driveways or have been unable to fully access the pavements. Please park carefully and make use of the surrounding streets, rather than just those in the immediate vicinity of school. We always encourage children to walk, bike or scooter to school to ease congestion.. Helmets are always advisable. Please also avoid parking on grass verges.

School Values

As you are probably aware, we have 3 Values in school that form the basis of our school rules.

- * **Show good manners at all times**
- * **Follow instructions with thought and care**
- * **Care for everyone and everything**

Please remind your children of these over the holidays and feel free to use them yourself at home. The children do know them very well and they help keep our whole school community safe.

School Site

Please remember school is a no go site for dogs and other pets, even if carried. It is also a no –smoking zone and this includes vaping.