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The start of the week

In our assembly to start the week, we reminded ourselves of democracy and discussed who leads the different parties we have for our government. We are going to put together a display in the hall to show our understanding of this aspect of the fundamental British values we are writing to instill in our children. In our celebration assembly, we applauded:-



Name	Class
Romie	Mrs Aston - FS2
Bella	Miss Farrar - Y1
Shane	Mrs Latham - Y2
Ava	Miss Clegg - Y3
Evie-Louise	Mrs Marshall - Y4
Leon	Mrs Stables - Y5
Oliver	Miss Dawson - Y6

- Well done to the children who were rewarded with our 'Star of the Week' certificates and gold star badges.
- Congratulations to Jayden (Y3), Lyla (Y2) Dayll (Y4) and Carte-Jai (F2) who were given a Headteacher's Award and a special badge.
- Happy Birthday to Jace, Romie, Archie, Mason who have had a birthday this week.

Attendance

Our attendance for the first three weeks of the Autumn term is 97.8% which is fantastic, but it is slowly declining so we need to make sure we think very hard before we keep children off school. However, if your child has Covid symptoms then it is important that you do get a lateral flow test. Covid related absences can be recorded separately and do not contribute to our attendance figure. I know these are difficult times, but we have to try and find a balance. Thank you for your support!

Class	Attendance	R <90%, A 90-96%, G >96%
F1—Ms Robinson/ Mrs Jowitt	88%	
F2—Mrs Aston	96.7%	
Y1—Miss Farrar	100%	*!! WINNERS !!*
Y2—Miss Clegg	94.9%	
Y3—Miss Clegg	95.7%	
Y4—Mrs Marshall	95%	
Y5—Mrs Stables	100%	*!! WINNERS !!*
Y6—Miss Dawson	96.3%	

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We are starting to see an increase in positive cases of Covid at Marshland, especially with staff, and this is obviously something that will have an impact. It is really important that if your child(ren) does test positive with a lateral flow test that you a) contact the school and b) confirm this result with a PCR test. We have to report data to the Department for Education for both staff and pupils.

FareShare Shop

Please remember that every Thursday afternoon we have a shop at Marshland, run by Mrs Taylor. We have been receiving some excellent produce.

Keeping Children Safe Online

There is always a new craze, whether it be a game a TV program or a gadget. Yesterday, it came to my attention that children are using the language and games from a new Netflix program which seems to be the latest conversation hotspot. If any of our children are watching this program then this is totally unacceptable and appropriate action would need to be taken. I am aware that our children have all sorts of access to devices nowadays, so I urge you to check your settings and put appropriate filters in place. I also ask that you keep that watchful eye on what your child is watching, playing and streaming [Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](#) is a very useful resource.

Mini Police

On Monday 4th October, some of our Y5 children were initiated as Mini Police with the South Yorkshire Police Force. The children loved it! Their first job was on Friday and they stood on Marshland Road with their speed guns ... and they caught a few people travelling at speeds well-above 30mph.

Road Safety

Road safety is something that each and everyone of us needs to think about, whether we are on foot, on a bike or in a car. Just this week, I have spoken to our crossing patrol officer on Marshland Road and she has had three recent near misses from cars driving out onto the main road. She has also reported some people driving at speeds that can only be described as ridiculously dangerous. If you would like to help in a small way, please pop into the Post Office. There is currently a petition in there with the intention of getting some support from the local council to make this road safer. I know your signature would help and our children would definitely appreciate it. In addition to this, please be reminded that wearing a seat belt and using a car seat is a legal requirement. Please click on this link for further information [Child car seats: the law - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Dates to Remember

19th October - School Photographer

25th - 29th October - Holiday Club—First Come, First Served!

10th November—Foundation Stage One Teddy Bears' Picnic (invitations to follow)

19th November - Children in Need (more information to follow)

29th November - Flu Vaccinations (FS2 to Y6)

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Sarah Hall

'At the heart of it all is the child'