

1st December

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

### The start of the week

In our assembly at the start the week, we looked at the British value of 'rule of law' and the children got the opportunity to talk about what would happen if we break the law. We also reinforced the rules we follow at school; At Marshland we are safe and sensible, kind and respectful, ready for learning.



Name	Class
Tia-May	F2—Mrs Aston
Kaleb	Year One—Miss Farrar
Violet	Year Two—Mrs Latham
Ameara-Jenny	Year Four—Mrs Marshall
Everyone!	Year Five—Mrs Stables
(At Eden Camp)	Year Six—Miss Dawson

- Well done to the children who were rewarded with our 'Star of the Week' certificates and gold star badges.
- Congratulations to Zoe (Y4), Ava (Y3) and River (F2) who were given a Headteacher's Award and a special badge.
- We had no birthdays during last week ... some of the teachers got to have the Freddo frogs instead!

### Attendance

Our attendance has seen a small decline and is now at 95.5%. We are often asked about COVID and the general advice is that there is no expectation that families self-isolate if there is a positive case in the household. However, Public Health England for Doncaster have given the advice that all family members do self-isolate as the cases within the area are still concerning high. We also need to consider the new variant that we are beginning to hear about on the news. We will, of course, keep you up-dated.

Class	Attendance	R <90%, A 90-96%, G >96%
F1—Ms Robinson/ Mrs Jowitt	89.7%	
F2—Mrs Aston	97.5%	*!! WINNERS !!*
Y1—Miss Farrar	86.2%	
Y2—Mrs Latham	93.5%	
Y3—Miss Clegg	94.8%	
Y4—Mrs Marshall	93.5%	
Y5—Mrs Stables	95.8%	
Y6—Miss Dawson	91.5%	
TOTAL	93.3%	

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### A BIG Thank You!

I wanted to say a big thank you to you all. We received a postcard from the Royal British Legion saying that from selling the poppies and resources at Marshland we have raised over £170—this is a fantastic amount! In addition to this, with the spotty day last month, we also raised over £100 for Children in Need. Once again—Marshland community should feel very proud of these achievements. Your generosity is really appreciated.

### Year Four's Meeting

The children in Year Four have been reading 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. Linked to this, one of the writing tasks the children had to do was write a biography on the author and for this, they had to find information out about him. Who better to answer their questions, but the author himself! The children had a Zoom meeting with Tony Bradman and they got to find out how he writes his books and they listened to him read the next chapter of 'Anglo-Saxon Boy'. They even found out what his favourite popcorn is!

### Be Kind

Our children in Year One have been looking at Christianity in their RE lessons and what people believe. They have been thinking about how people are kind and are creating an advent kindness calendar. Day One—Smile! They definitely smiled when they saw the classroom had had a visit from the Naught Elf from the Shelf!

### Christmas

With the current news around COVID, we have put tentative plans in place for a carol concert but this is subject to change. Our plan is to sing carols outside on **Friday 17th December from 1:30**. We will start with Key Stage Two children and then our younger children will join towards the end. It would be great if the children could bring in Christmas hats/ headbands, etc as they will have their uniform and coats on.

It is still very important to us that usual Christmas events are planned at Marshland.

- Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner - for all children
- Tuesday 14th December - Year One and Year Two - Christmas Party
- Wednesday 15th December (morning) - Foundation Stage One - Christmas Party
- Wednesday 15th December (afternoon) - Foundation Stage Two - Christmas Party
- Wednesday 15th December (afternoon) - Year Three and Year Four - Christmas Party
- Thursday 16th December (morning) - Year Five and Year Six - Christmas Party

*If your child's party is in the afternoon, then please send their party clothes in a named carrier bag so they can change if they want to.*

On **Friday 10th December**, we are asking that the children bring in a donation of chocolate so that we can put some hampers/ prizes together for a raffle to raise funds for additional resources. If you have anything you would like to donate, then this would be really appreciated.

### Dates to Remember

Wednesday 5th January—Children return to school for the spring term

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