

# Marshland Primary School Newsletter



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28th January

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

## **The Start of Term**

We have had a very successful start to the term and it has been great to visit classrooms and see what the children have been learning about. We have had discussions ranging from baby kangaroos to what is a humanist. We have also had the Year One children exploring real fish—they were rather smelly!

You will have all received a copy of your child's plan for this spring term. This will give you an overall idea of their learning theme, but also details the different National Curriculum subjects that are taught. It's a useful document to have at hand when you ask your child about what they have done at school today and their answer is 'nothing'!

## **Attendance**

Class	Attendance 10.1.22	R <90%, A 90-96%, G >96%	Attendance 17.1.22	R <90%, A 90-96%, G >96%
F1—Mrs Jowitt/ Mrs Robinson	84%		65.4%	
F2—Mrs Aston	82.5%		92%	
Y1—Miss Farrar	100%		91.9%	
Y2—Mrs Latham	86%		77.4%	
Y3—Miss Swan	93.8%		97.4%	
Y4—Mrs Gardiner	84.1%		77.1%	
Y5—Mrs Stables	97.9%		98.8%	
Y6—Mrs Marshall	76.5%		84.7%	
TOTAL	87.7%		85.4%	

The table above shows the percentage attendance figures for the first two weeks of this term. It is clear, from the number of classes that are identified as 'red' that our attendance has declined since we have come back after Christmas. Children need to be in school. I have shared the link from Doncaster's website about attendance <a href="Promoting Good Attendance - Doncaster Council">Promoting Good Attendance - Doncaster Council</a>

## Keeping Hydrated throughout the day

Throughout the day, it is important that we keep hydrated and this is why we encourage children to bring water bottles into school. The healthiest drink for anyone, including children, is water and we have this available for drinking with our water coolers. As a last resort, children can bring cordial that is a 'no sugar added' drink. Children are not allowed any fizzy drinks in their water bottles. Nor are we permitted to let children drink any energy drinks, whether they are fizzy or still. School food standards practical guide - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) This is the link for the set of standards we have to follow in a school if you wish to find out any further information.



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## Star of the Week



Well done to these children for receiving the Star of the Week certificate and badge from their class teacher. In our assemblies we have been thinking about what makes us proud and some of the children are very confident at letting us know whet they are proud of. We have also been looking at 'kindness' and used the book 'The Proudest Blue' Ibtihaj Muhammad to explore this value further.

### **Football**

Some of our children really enjoy a game of football at lunchtime, but it can cause some arguments! It is also difficult to manage if it is taking place on the playground as the footballs can travel with some force when kicked. On a Thursday and Friday, the coaches from Club Doncaster will host a game of football on the school field for children in Y3—Y6 if it is not too wet and muddy. **The children will need to have a change of trousers and shoes** just until we get the drier, warmer weather. Only children who show excellent behaviour for learning throughout the day, will be allowed to participate in this provision.

### **Curriculum Enrichment**

Do you know any children who will turn three between 01.04.22 and 31.08.22? If so, then they could start in our Rising Threes class when we return after the Easter break. We have a dedicated area of resources in our nursery class to ensure this group of children get off to the best start. If you would like more information, then please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Sarah Hall