

# Marshland Primary Academy Newsletter



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September 2023

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

## **The Start of Term**

It has been a great start back for the staff and children at Marshland Primary Academy. We have welcomed some new staff and also some new children and families, and everyone has settled in very well.

We have made a couple of small changes to our curriculum offer and once these are put into our plans, we will make sure these are shared with you as it is important you know what your children are learning. When you ask the question 'what have you done at school today?' and they say 'nothing', you'll have something to talk to them about!



### Stars of the Week for September



Class	8.9.23	15.9.23	22.9.23
Mrs Edginton - FS2			
Miss Stewart - Y1			
Mrs Latham - Y2			
Mrs Speakman - Y3			
Miss Gardiner - Y4			
Mrs Stables - Y5			
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6			

Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week at the beginning of term. The ice lollies for children's efforts in home reading are going down really well, although it will soon be time to bring back the hot chocolate and marshmallows. We continue to use Club Doncaster, and they issue PE Star Medals for the week. Celebration Assembly continues to be a highlight for the children—as always, we are very proud of what they achieve.



## **Musician of the Month**

Something new for this term, is a focus on a different musician each month. We know our children enjoy singing and performing but we would also like to develop their appreciation of a range of music. We are encouraging them to listen with concentration to a range of recorded music and at the same time, also developing their understanding of the history of music.

Our first musician focus for September is David Bowie and we started with the music 'Heroes'. We learnt that he was born in London and was a trendsetter in music, fashion and the use of the internet to showcase his music. Each month, we will share an information sheet with you.

## Home Information Sheet



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## **Reading at Home**

Reading is a priority for Marshland again this year. It is such an essential life skill and in this digital world, we still try hard to develop the children's love of books.

From the very first week, your child will have brought at least one book home. This could be a book to practise phonics skills, a colour-banded book or a free reading book from the library. They will also have a reading record. We ask you to support our priority and get your child reading. Listen to them, read to them, ask the questions about the stories they have read ..... and record it in their reading record. We continue to give



Dojos for bringing books in to school every day and for reading at home.

#### <u>Attendance</u>

We have started to monitor attendance from the very first week. We have already given out sausage sandwiches and extra breaktime. Mrs Marshall is leading on attendance this year and we are hoping to secure the improvements we started to make last year. We are particularly keen to reduce the number of children who have an attendance rate if less than 90%. Mrs Marshall has already met with some parents—thank you for working with us. **We really do appreciate your support.** 

Class	w.e. 8.923	w.e. 15.9.23	w.e. 22.9.23
Mrs Edginton - FS2	All of FS2	Ranya	
Miss Stewart - Y1	Lincoln	Grace	
Mrs Latham - Y2	Carter—Jai	Romy	
Mrs Speakman - Y3	Harry	Emmie—Leigh	
Miss Gardiner - Y4	All of Year 4	Blanca	
Mrs Stables - Y5	Bethany	Tia—Mae	
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	Lilianne	Leon	
Whole School			

#### <u>Jewellery</u>

We would really appreciate your co-operation in keeping children's jewellery to a minimum. There is no need for them to be wearing necklaces and bracelets. We risk these items getting snapped as children play outside, and they can also be a safety risk. This is the same with earrings which is why we ask **that children only wear a single pair of studs in their ears.** Hoop earrings are not allowed in the academy.



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### **Your Place**

#### YOUR FAMILY TRIAGE - POSTER (All Areas) (1).pdf

Please find a link to a poster advertising Your Place. This is a service based at the Vermuyden Centre in Thorne that offers help for a wide range of issues you might be having as a family. We are hoping that this service will be coming to Marshland! They are looking for venues to hold drop-in sessions and I am hoping that they will choose Marshland, extending our links with the community on a Thursday afternoon. We will keep you up-dated on how this partnership progresses.

#### **Harvest**

It is the time of year when we celebrate 'Harvest'. When we first came back to school, we looked at the Jewish New Year celebrations of 'Rosh Hashanah' which was last weekend; a celebration linked to the autumn months and harvest.

You know we are keen to work with the community, trying to instil a sense of pride in our children and encouraging them to give back. This year, we are collecting food—tins, packets, cartons—anything that isn't fresh. We are working with the volunteers at Moorends Miners Welfare @MinersCdc and collecting the food to support people in Moorends. If you are willing to contribute anything, we would appreciate your donations by Monday 9th October.







#### **Your Opinion Matters**

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Thank you as always for your continued support.

The Marshland Team