



Marshlands Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Spring 1, 2025

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We wish all our families the very best in 2025!

Staffing

Mrs Rawdon has now left us for a role outside of education. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck. Mrs Cambridge, our parent support worker, has also now retired. Both will be greatly missed. Miss Coles rejoins us this term, following the birth of her son.

Diary Dates

A list of events planned for this term are attached. However, as we progress through the term, we may add other things.

Fundraising

Our school disco raised £133.40 and our Christmas Market raised £1303. This helps greatly with the many things we provide in school. For example, the pantomime we book for all pupils' costs almost £2000!

Staff worked extremely hard to provide our first ever Christmas Market in this format and we have had lots of positive comments from parents and pupils. We are hopeful we can continue this and staff are already working on things! Alongside raising money for school, we also raised £155 for the Royal British Legion. Christmas jumper donations raised £90 which is being split between our local hospital and The Children's Society.

Thank you to all that have supported the fundraising in school.

School Uniform

I would like to remind parents of our uniform offer of pre loved clothing. We do expect pupils to attend in school uniform. If parents can also label clothing, this helps when trying to find any lost items. As we are now in the second term, names may need to be added again to pupils clothing.

School Hours

A polite reminder that school gates open at 8.35 and close at 8.45. Lessons start at 8.45 and pupils arriving after this time, therefore not only receive a late mark but also miss part of their lessons.

If school can support with school attendance, then please do let us know.

After School Clubs

Our clubs will continue this half term and a letter will be sent home shortly.

Mental health Team due in school Thursday 9th January – all parents are welcome!

We are taking part in the local authority pilot mental health scheme. This will offer staff some training, parents a variety of workshops and we will also have an allocated worker who will work with pupils in school. This is in its early days but we have already had year 4 have whole class work on resilience and we also have a parent workshop planned for Thursday 9th January, 9am – 11am. The mental health team will run this and will offer guidance and support on pupil behaviour. This is free to parents and all parents are welcome. We are very lucky to have the team working with us and this workshop will allow parents to ask questions and seek guidance from mental health professionals. If you would like to attend, please just ring school or call to the office and add your name. This will allow us to ensure the team know numbers and we have sufficient chairs!

Social Media

We have seen an increase in comments regarding school and school staff being posted on social media. If parents have a concern or complaint, it is important that these are firstly raised with school and the complaints process followed. It is increasingly difficult to address issues that have already been posted on social media, which become hard to interpret in black and white with no context. Without a full understanding, comments can be seen as abusive or targeted and generally upsetting for everyone involved. As all work places have, staff in school have the right to work without threat, abuse and violence. This includes online and unfortunately once things are on social media, the original intent of the person posting can get lost and become something much bigger than intended.

We have a fantastic staff and community, the families we serve are amazing and what makes Old Goole, Old Goole! As you will know from the vast media coverage, budgets are at their worst with nationally a shortage of money in education, a real lack of SEN provision and support alongside the services that usually support schools either no longer existing or have no capacity to help. That does not mean we have given up or do not care, staff more than ever are working harder and longer with less resources and people to provide everything possible in our power. Despite this, sometimes, we honestly cannot do everything or do it quickly. During these times, please speak to us. Ask for a quick update or just check in.

Superstar Lunch

Due to the many things planned in our last few weeks of the autumn term, we moved our autumn 2 superstar lunch to this term.

NSPCC

All classes will be having an NSPCC assembly on personal space and the Speak Out, Stay Safe rule. This is part of our PSHE curriculum and also basic safeguarding. Year 2 and Year 5 will also have NSPCC workshops. A letter regarding this will be sent to parents.

School communication

We are now starting to send letters and newsletters via email, as part of our sustainability plan. Should email addresses change, please ensure the office are updated.

Wrap Around Care

A survey regarding this will be sent out shortly. The results will then be fed back to the local authority to feed into their wrap around care plan.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support.

If you have any concerns you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs S Tang
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 6 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens to pupils
Thursday 9 th January	Behaviour workshop for parents
Thursday 16 th January	Marshlands Marvellous Meal Day
Friday 24 th January	Autumn 2 Superstar Lunch
Thursday 30 th January	Y2 and Y5 NSPCC Workshop
Tuesday 11 th February	Book Fayre
Wednesday 12 th February	Superstar Lunch
Friday 14 th February	Break Up
Monday 24 th February	Back to School
Tuesday 25 th February	Y5 Creative Arete
Wednesday 26 th February	Y6 Creative Arete
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 11 th March	Y5 English Arete
Wednesday 12 th March	Y6 Croda Visit
Tuesday 18 th March	Y5 STEM Arete
Wednesday 19 th March	Y6 STEM Arete
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day
Tuesday 25 th March	Y5 Sport Arete
Wednesday 26 th March	Y6 Sport Arete
Wednesday 2 nd April	Superstar Lunch
Friday 4 th April	Break Up
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to School