



2nd July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Marshland News Update

This has been an incredibly busy year! On behalf of all our staff I would like to express our appreciation for the support and assistance parents have afforded our school during this very difficult academic year. COVID has brought all manner of new challenges for schools, students, parents and families across our nation. We have faced unprecedented restrictions on our individual liberties and freedoms, often fundamentally changing how we live and work together. The year has been filled with ups and downs. It is more important than ever at these times that we come together as a community to show kindness to each other. Once again, thank you for all you have done to support your child and our school.

There are a number of important messages the school needs to share with parents and students as we approach the end of term.

Wearing PE kit to school

In order to prepare for the next academic year, we will no longer be requesting that students attend school in PE kit on the days they have PE. From next week, all students will be required to wear their school uniform every day, bring their PE kit in with them, and change in our changing rooms prior to their lesson. This has been working well for the extra-curricular sports clubs that take place after school. The only exceptions to this are shown below:

Monday 5th July – Sports Day (all students to wear PE Kit)

Friday 9th July – Fun Walk (all students to wear PE Kit)

Friday 16th July – Alton Towers (non-uniform)

Other than the above days, all students must wear full uniform to school.

Sports Day – Monday 5th July

Weather permitting, our annual Sports Day takes place on Monday and all students are to wear their PE Kit to school whether they are participating or not, as everyone will be watching and cheering teams on. This event has now been running for 86 years (with the exception of last year). Points will be awarded towards the coveted House Sports Trophy. Newton (the current champions) are looking to fight off challenges from Churchill, Gainsborough and Shakespeare.

West Norfolk Academies Trust Fun Run/Walk for Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn - 9th July

Plans are in place for the whole school to support the Trust Fun Run/Walk to raise funds for our local hospital to recognise their staff after they have supported so many of us over the past 17 months. Again, all students should wear PE kit on this day. We would like each participant to raise at least £1 and this link can be used to raise additional funds:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/WNAT-Fun-Run>

Alton Towers – 16th July

Preparations for the upcoming Alton Towers trip are in full swing and we are looking forward to taking over 650 members of our school community to this spectacular event. It will be an early start, but it will be well worth it as the students will have a magical day and a good amount of time to enjoy the park and its attractions. Mr Nicholls will be in touch in the coming days regarding final arrangements; we would be grateful if families could assist traffic congestion on the day through lift-sharing and being considerate of our neighbours during drop off and pick up. It should be a fantastic day. The school is buzzing with anticipation and excitement! Anyone not attending the trip will be in school on that day, and we have a range of interesting and engaging activities for them to take part in. This day will be a well-deserved event for everyone at the end of the school year.

Learning Awards – 19th & 20th July

Our Summer Learning Awards are a celebration of student achievement in their lessons, as well as attendance, Tutor Form challenges and Core Value winners. We would normally welcome parents to join in with the celebrations, however this year we are not in a position to do this with ongoing restrictions. Students will be bringing their certificates and awards home for you to recognise and celebrate their achievements.

Last Day of Term

The finish time on the last day of term – Wednesday 21st July will be **12:40pm**. All buses will be collecting children at this time, apart from Bus Number 1 and 60. For Bus 1, please arrange to collect your child at 12:40pm. If this is not possible, students will be supervised until 3pm. For Bus 60, we will make space on Bus 46 if you are unable to collect your child.

Return to School in September 2021

Government advice this week may impact our plans for September. Early indications are that schools will be requested to carry out initial Lateral Flow Testing on site as part of a phased re-opening. This means that different year groups will be returning to school on different days. Government details have not been finalised and we aim to update you on the programme for return of students before the end of this term.

Important – we will use the permission that you provided earlier in the year for your child to participate in Lateral Flow Testing in schools. If you want to change your permission, please email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk. It is important that your child continues twice weekly testing at home for the rest of this term. In the autumn, students will carry out their own tests in school in the same way, just using the nasal swab.

I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and restful summer.

Yours faithfully

Craig Jansen
Headteacher