

Newsletter: Spring Term, W/C 4th February
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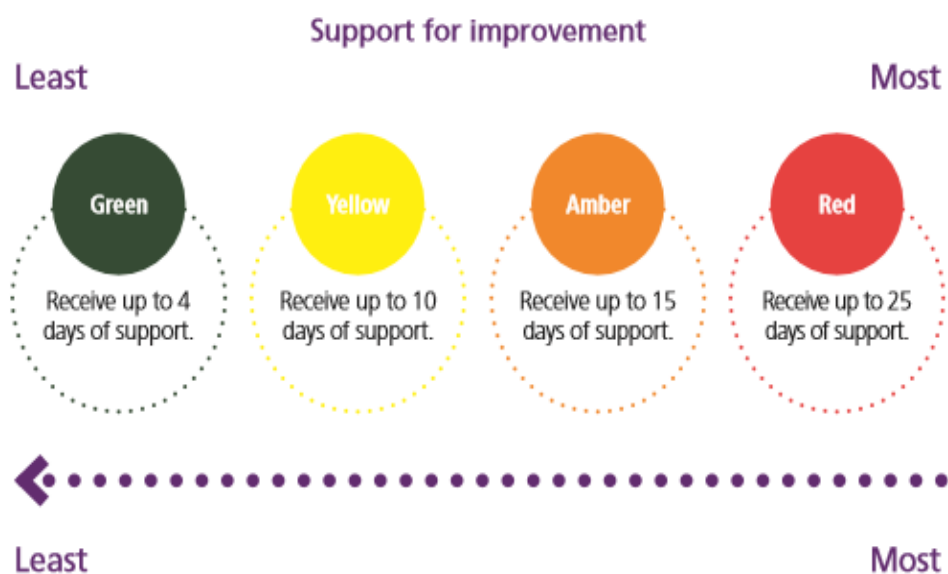


Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank all our families for their patience during the period of inclement weather. We would like to reassure parents that decisions to close the school are only taken after great consideration. We are pleased that the spell of cold weather and snow only lasted for a short period.

Categorisation

The Welsh Government has released details of the school categorisation. Marshfield has a **green** categorisation level.



Details of the system can be found on the following website:-

<https://beta.gov.wales/national-school-categorisation-system-support-categories>

A pamphlet for parents can also be viewed at:-

<https://beta.gov.wales/national-school-categorisation-system-guidance-parents-and-carers>

Progress of School Development Plan

The school is making good progress in relation to its targets. Detailed progress is reported to all staff and governors on a regular basis.

Below is a short summary:-

Progress of School Development Plan 2018-2019	
Target 1:	1. To improve standards in Literacy and Welsh second language. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Cymraeg Campus accreditation✓ Improved use of Welsh throughout the school✓ A well-established PALs group to steer Welsh language development✓ Improved standards of work in pupils' books in both Literacy and Welsh✓ Improved use of literacy interventions to increase progress.
Target 2:	2. To ensure all pupils become effective independent learners. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Increased opportunities for pupils to develop independent learning skills✓ Effective and targeted research by teachers has enriched teaching and learning.✓ Improved use of self-help strategies by pupils✓ Successful impact of mentoring roles throughout the school
Target 3:	To support and enhance pupil wellbeing through policy, practice and collaboration. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Embedded pupil councils- PALs system to ensure that all pupils have a voice.✓ A new leader specifically to manage and embed good practice in equity and wellbeing.✓ Enhanced break time and lunchtime systems, guided greatly by pupil suggestions and ideas.✓ Clear cluster agreed system in place to improve pupil wellbeing
Target 4:	3. To update and enhance professional practices and in line with the new curriculum reform programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ All staff and governors have an improved knowledge of the implications of the new curriculum.✓ Planning reflects the implementation of the four purposes✓ All teachers use the new Professional Standards to effectively monitor the effectiveness.

Future Newsletters

Every week, the school copies over 400 newsletters for pupils. This uses a lot of paper and is both costly and time-consuming. Very soon, we are hoping to take steps towards becoming a paperless school. With this in mind, could we remind you that all newsletters are available on the school's new website.

<https://www.marshfieldprimary.co.uk/>



To further improve the school's communication, we are currently exploring an emailing system to compliment the current text messaging service we operate. Our hope is that future newsletters will be forwarded to each of your emails. We will give all parents notice of when this system rolls out.

St. David's Day

In preparation for St. David's Day, the pupils will be asked to complete a simple homework challenge. Details will be sent on Friday and children will have two weeks to complete the challenge. We know that many of you have busy half terms so we have taken the decision for children to complete the task beforehand.

Sharing Celebrations

Congratulations to Ava C (Yr5 EM) who, last weekend, won third place in the Welsh Girls' Chess Championship, playing in the Under 11 category.

Also, congratulations to James C (Yr1 JAD/JC) who, yesterday, won third place in the Cardiff and Vale Junior Chess Championships, playing in the Under 8 category.

Message from Dawn Pearce, SENCO

The local Speech and Language Therapy team in Gwent/ Aneurin Bevan have recently set up social media accounts to share tips and ideas to support children and young people's speech, language and communication skills.

Like on Facebook: ABUHB Children's Speech and Language Therapy

Follow on Twitter: ABUHB_Speech

Together: caring, aspiring and achieving....

Pupil's property

Could you please ensure that all property is labelled, including lunchboxes and coats. In addition, if your child accidentally brings home the wrong coat, could you please contact the office.

Nuts in School

It has been brought to our attention that pupils have been bringing in nut based food such as nutella sandwiches. This is a reminder that Marshfield Primary School is a nut free school and we urgently request that, due to the presence of severe nut allergies, no nuts are provided.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Mrs. L. J. Lewis

Headteacher