



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

## Diwali



This week our Hindu and Sikh families have been celebrating Diwali. Diwali is celebrated to mark the return of Lord Rama after 14 years of exile and his victory over the Demon Ravana. Families light up their homes and shops to welcome the Goddess Lakshmi and to give them good luck for the year ahead. May this Diwali fill your life with a glow of happiness and sparkle of joy. Happy Diwali 2021.

All classes will have a Diwali party on the afternoon of Friday 12th November. Children will be having their lunch as normal and it will be a non-school uniform day for this celebration for all children. We are requesting donations of pre-packed nut free food so that children can enjoy party food, fun and games with their friends—drinks will be provided.

## Poppy Appeal



The remembrance poppy is worn to commemorate military personnel who died in war. Veterans' associations exchange poppies for charitable donations used to give financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the armed forces. In order to support the Royal British Legion's fundraising efforts this year we will be selling poppies every breaktime until Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Poppies will be sold for a minimum donation of 20p. In addition to poppies there will be a number of other commemorative items for sale: snap bands (£1.50), wristbands (£1), reflectors (50p) and zip pulls (50p). I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Brewer for organising the sale of these items.

## Harvest Festival and the Bethany Foodbank

I would like to thank all parents and carers who contributed tins of food to our Harvest Festival. We have now passed that food on to the Bethany Food Bank. Kevin Warrington, who runs the Foodbank, came into school on Monday for a special assembly and to tell us about the important work that he and his colleagues do. Bethany Foodbank currently feeds more than over 1000 people per month who are struggling to buy food and we are proud that our school community have been able to support them in their very worthwhile endeavours.



**Mrs. Sarjant**

This week we said goodbye to Mrs. Sarjant who has been a loyal and hardworking member of our school community since 2008, firstly as a Lunchtime Supervisor and in more recent years as one of our fabulous Catering Team. While we will all miss Mrs. Sarjant very much (as was evidenced by the fabulous reception she received from pupils and staff alike at her special leaving assembly) we wish her all the very best in her new career.

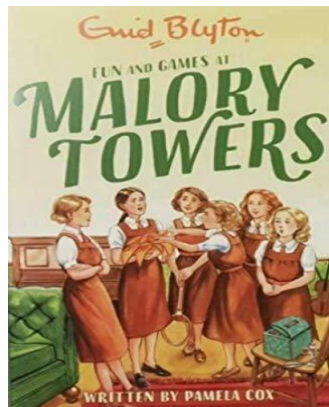
<b>Dates For Your Diary</b>	
<b>November</b>	
Week/commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Assessment week in school. Pupils from Year1 – 6 will be tested on their learning this year so far in reading and maths.
<b>December</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and Year 2 Carol Concert at 9.00 am and 2.15 pm.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert at 9.00 am and 2.15 pm.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity 9.00 am and 1.45 pm. Cinderella Pantomime at Sutton Town Hall for Years 1 – 5 (this event has now sold out). Christmas Disco (after school – times to be confirmed following today's meeting of the Marsh Hill Heroes.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at 9.00 am and 2.15 pm.
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.00 pm.
<b>January</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day. School is closed to all pupils.
5 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for all pupils from 8.40 am.

Dates for your diary will be updated once new dates are known and confirmed.

## Reading Inspirations

This week's recommendation comes from Cathy Lomas who is the Pastoral Manager at Marsh Hill.

***As a child I loved reading - it was a great way to escape from my own life which was dominated by my three brothers and the seventeen other boys who lived in the same village! Malory Towers was a series of books written by Enid Blyton and was all about a girls boarding school so you can probably see why I was absolutely fascinated by the story-line. The girls had lots of friendship issues, they argued, fought, laughed, played tricks on each other and got up to all sorts of shenanigans but despite all their issues with each other they learnt to accept each other's weaknesses, admire each other's strengths and support each other throughout their lives. By the end of the series the girls had all achieved their own success but each one recognised that it was a consequence of the friendships they had created which had helped them and made the real difference!***



## Photographs

Please be aware that the last day that school can accept money for photographs is Friday 12th November. We are unable to accept money for photographs or order them after this date.

Mr. J Cusack

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Head Teacher