



Marsh Hill Newsletter

January 28th 2022

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by thanking you all for the understanding you have shown school regarding the measures we have had to take due to the ongoing effects of Covid-19.

I was particularly grateful for the support from parents and carers last week when the decision was taken to close school on Friday for an enhanced clean due to the spike in reported cases. I spoke with many parents and carers and was overwhelmed with the encouragement and co-operation I received for the decision.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking our tremendous staff team for going above and beyond during this challenging period. It is thanks to them that we have been able to ensure that all classes have been covered, even in the circumstances where class teachers have had to self-isolate. We have also had members of the Catering Team and Lunchtime Supervising Team absent from school due to the effects of Covid-19, and where this has been the case, we have still been able to feed all our pupils and oversee their welfare at Lunchtime through members of The Senior Leadership Team and Pastoral Team taking on additional duties.

Year 2 Chinese New Year Assemblies

Like you all, I am hoping that we will be able to return to our pre-Covid ways of life very soon; and I look forward to the day when Covid-19 updates are not a regular feature of the weekly newsletter. Alas, that is not yet the case and so we will take opportunities to ensure that, where we can, we have a degree of normalcy. To this end, the Year 2 Assemblies will be performed in front of parents from the children in these classes. Parents should enter through the doors to breakfast club and we will space the seats out so that parents are not next to one another. The only pupils in the hall will be the Year 2 class that is performing on the day. This will be 2C on Wednesday 2nd February and 2S on Friday 4th February.

Chinese New Year Lunch

We are celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday 10th February 2022 with a Chinese Lunch. This year is the Year of the Tiger. If your child normally brings sandwiches and would like a meal on this day, then please pay via School Money. Payment needs to be made by Sunday 30th January, this does not apply to KS1 children or any children on free school meals.

TTRockstars

Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 16,000 schools - both primary and secondary - worldwide. All children from Year 2 to Year 6 has their own login details and I would ask you to encourage your child to become engaged with this programme. I would like to thank Mr. Jellyman for leading on this initiative across school.

Tracking your Child's Progress at Home

You will receive a heat map like the one below. It shows how successful your child is at each of the multiplication facts on TT Rockstars. Please use this information to support your child at home.

The colours reflect how quickly your child is responding to each question – red (is slower and needs more work), orange, yellow, green (is the quicker response times).

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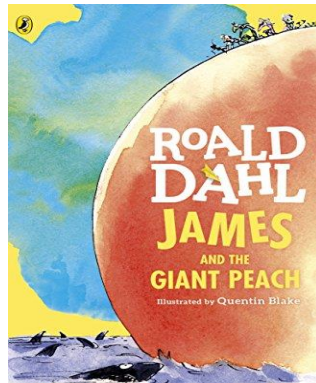
If you need further support, please contact your class teacher.

Reading Inspirations

This week's recommendation comes from Mrs Pollard who is a member of the Lunchtime Supervisor Team.

My reading inspiration is James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. I love reading this book with my children. James takes you on a great adventure. First a giant peach grows and then there are life sized bugs. Then they end up in the ocean and almost get eaten by sharks but James gets some birds to help them fly away.

I think the moral of the story is that friendship can come from anyone and everyone.



I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Cusack'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a white background with faint horizontal lines.

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher