



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

## Internet Safety

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February was safer internet day when, all across the world, awareness was raised to promote the positive use of digital technology. At Marsh Hill, as you would expect, we take online safety seriously and instil in our children the importance of using technology responsibly and respectfully. Year 6 pupils have certainly shown their sensible approach to technology and their understanding of how it can be misused:

"From my perspective safer internet use is making your accounts safe, not meeting strangers online and being careful with the games that you play."

"You should never meet strangers from online in real life because they could impersonate one of your friends."

"Make sure the games you are playing online are age appropriate"

"Remember that your device has a digital footprint. Your digital footprint is your log-in details, your search history and anything you purchase online."

"If you talk to someone online don't share your personal information because they might find out where you live."

## Marsh Hill Heroes

I am sure that you will join me in extending a very big thank you to our PTA – The Marsh Hill Heroes - who have raised £1432 for school funds over the course of the summer term of the last academic year and the autumn term of this academic year. The next meeting of The Marsh Hill Heroes will be next Friday (18.02.22) and new members are not only welcome but encouraged to attend. All monies raised will benefit your children.

## Chinese New Year

Last week, Year 2 performed a wonderful assembly on the theme of Chinese New Year. It was lovely to welcome parents to this event and very many congratulations to our fantastic Year 2 children, we are all very proud of them. This year is the Year of the Tiger. Tigers' positive qualities include being kind, adventurous and enthusiastic.



Yesterday the children were also served a scrumptious Chinese New Year lunch consisting of a choice of chicken or vegetable curry with rice; spring rolls, spare ribs, and stir fry vegetables. I would like to thank Ms. Davis and her Catering Team for serving up such a marvellous feast.

## Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall

Year 4 visited Aston Hall as part of their topic about 'The Stuarts'. They found out lots of information about the Holte family and saw the bedroom that Charles I stayed in when he visited!

“We learned that only rich people would be able to eat oranges at that time.”

“They had lots of civil wars.”

“Rich people had really high ceilings but the servants had really low ones.”

“The rich could afford things that they didn't really need but the servants only had things that they really needed”

“Up to forty servants would sleep in one room on straw on the floor. They didn't have beds.”



### PE Kit

Thank you to all those parents and carers who are sending their children to school on PE day in the correct kit, which is: a white t-shirt and black or red shorts (and dark tracksuit bottoms in the winter months or for outdoor lessons), black pumps or thin soled trainers. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and also that they **wear their red school jumper on these days too.**

### Dates for Your Diary

School will be closed to children and staff on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** as it is being used as a Polling Station for the Parliamentary by Election being held following the sad passing away of Erdington's MP Mr. Jack Dromey.

#### **The Local Elections is Thursday 5th May**

I apologise for this closure but unfortunately this is not within school's control.

Parents' Evening will be held on the **March 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.**

We break up for Easter on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Remaining INSET Days for this academic year:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

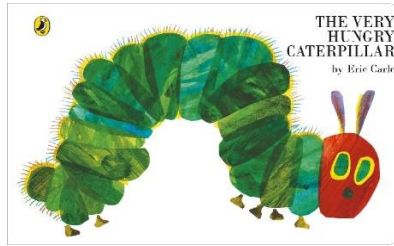
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

School will close for the summer holidays on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** at 1.00 pm.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** will be a day off in lieu of the Queen' Jubilee celebrations (which are a bank holiday but coincide with half term).

## Reading Inspirations

This week's recommendation comes from Mrs. Mynett who is part of the Administration Team.




***My favourite book of all time is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. My first memory of this book was when I visited my local library where they had a story afternoon, I loved how colourful the pages were and turning each page with excitement to see what the caterpillar ate next! I also read this book to my daughters when they were small and they loved it as much as I did and still do.***

***Did you know that over 55 million copies of this book have been sold worldwide and I own three of them!***

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

Yours sincerely,



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