



Marsh Hill Newsletter

April 1st 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. I hope that your meeting was productive. If you were unable to attend Parents' Evening, then please speak with your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. A strong relationship between home and school is important for a child's development and can have a positive and far-reaching impact on children's learning, progress, attainment and outcomes.

Easter Events

We are delighted that this year we are able to resume our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade for pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1. Children can begin bringing their homemade bonnets in to school from Monday 4th April.

Key Stage 2 children will be invited to decorate an egg for show on Friday 8th April. There will be Easter eggs for the winning entries for both the Easter bonnet and egg decorating competitions.

Year 5 Easter Assembly

The Year 5 Easter assembly performances will take place next week. If you are the Parent or Carer of a child in Year 5 then please be aware that 5B will perform their assembly on Wednesday 6th April at 9.00 a.m. and 5M will perform their assembly on Friday 8th April at 9.00 a.m. Entry to the assemblies will be through the doors that lead into the minor hall.

Bring it on Brum

A reminder that Bring it on Brum are running Free activity clubs in Birmingham for children aged 5 - 16 who are entitled to free school meals. Clubs will run on average for four hours a day and each day your child will enjoy a fun-packed programme filled with a wide range of sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a delicious nutritious meal served up for free! Parents and Carers of children entitled to free school meals will have received a letter with a HAF code that you will need in order to register your child.

Values

A value is something we believe in that guides our thinking and behaviour. We think about and celebrate one of our 22 values each month. We look at the value in assembly and in class and we aim to 'live' that value in the way we work with others in school.

Our value of the month for March has been **thoughtfulness**. This week Year 4 pupils have been telling me what thoughtfulness means to them.

'It's thinking about other people and how they're feeling and being nice to people.'

'It's not just thinking about yourself, it's also not just thinking about other people, it's about thinking of the environment.'

'To be thoughtful is to think about what you are doing before you do it.'

'You need to be thoughtful to save the environment and not kill it by throwing rubbish and littering.'

'Thoughtfulness is when somebody does something and you show thoughtfulness by showing respect, appreciating what you have and being grateful.'

'Appreciate what you have and think of other people's feelings.'

Ramadan

This weekend sees the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan. We understand that some children may wish to join their friends and family in fasting and so today, we will be sending out letters explaining the procedures that will be followed in school.

School Money Reminder

Parents must pre-book all lunches for children as from 4th April (you will be able to book your child's lunch from 2nd April). We recommend that you download the Teachers2Parents App from either the app store or google play as you only have to log in once. A letter was sent out on the 17th March giving full details and instructions on how to do this, a copy of which can be obtained from the school office. Parents can book lunches up to two weeks in advance.

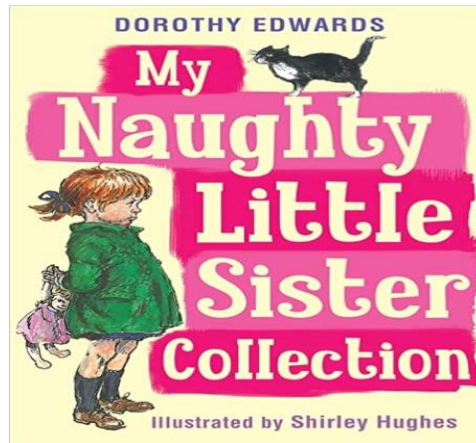
We would also like to remind you that a new menu would be introduced from the 4th April. The link to the menus is www.marshall.bham.sch.uk/parents/lunchmenu

If your child is eligible for either Free School meals or Universal Free School Meals then you still need to book as normal, however you will not be charged for the meals.

Please note that School dinners **CANNOT** be ordered on the day, the system will not allow you to book on the same day, and they must be booked by midnight the day before. If you are having any difficulties with logging on, then please contact the school office.

Reading Inspirations

This week's recommendation comes from Mrs. Burns, who is a Teacher in Year 5.



When I was in primary school, one of my favourite books to read was My Naughty Little Sister by Dorothy Edwards. It is about a very young girl who is very greedy and full of mischief. She tries to cut off the cat's tail and eat all the trifle at her big brother Harry's party! She really was very naughty. As I was the eldest child, with two younger brothers, I never knew what it would be like to have a younger sister. After I read this book, I was quite pleased I didn't! I did not want the book to end, as I could not wait to find out what she would do next.

I wish you a happy, safe and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J Cusack

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Cusack'.

Head Teacher