

# Marsh Hill Newsletter

## September 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

### Timeline

During the summer holidays, we had our KS2 corridor decorated with a timeline. This has proven very popular with the children and is not only a fabulous piece of artwork but also an informative guide through history. The timeline begins with the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, and takes us through to the middle Ages. From there we are taken on a journey through the eras of the Tudors and Stuarts; the Georgians and Victorians bringing us up to the Modern Age. The Modern Age segment encapsulates key events, such as World Wars I and World War II, Voting Rights for Women, the founding of the NHS, Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation and Platinum Jubilee, England's 1966 World Cup victory and the 2012 London Olympics and the Moon Landings. We also recognise important and significant 20<sup>th</sup> Century people, such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and Birmingham's own Nobel Peace Prize winning Malala Yousafzai and of course, Queen Elizabeth II who is represented through her Coronation in 1953 (having ascended the throne in 1952) and her Platinum Jubilee in 2022.







## **Nut Allergy**

People who suffer from nut allergies may develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction; just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

Due to the potential danger that this causes to the children and adults in our school community, we do have to insist that we are a nut free school: we cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please can we ask that you do not put any nut products in your child/children's lunch boxes or send any nut products into school as treats (for example, on birthdays or school party days).

Examples of foods that children may bring into school that contain nuts include:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

This list is not an exhaustive list, so please check the packaging of products closely. I appreciate that this is an additional thing to check, but I also know that you recognise the importance of taking this necessary and potentially life-saving action.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

## **School Uniform**

We have some bags of school uniform that we have sent to the launderette for washing and will be putting it out on the KS1 playground on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September (as we did yesterday on the KS2 playground). Please feel free to take what you need. It is free of charge and in good condition. Additionally, I had some parents approach me yesterday who said that they were happy to donate uniform that their children had grown out of. This was very generous and we would, of course, be happy to receive any items of uniform that is in good condition that we can redistribute. School will ensure that they are washed and cleaned before recycling them.



## Y6 Tie Assembly

Last Friday we held a special assembly, where we handed out ties to our Year 6 pupils. This is to mark them out as being the oldest year group and to symbolise that they are ambassadors both for our school and role models for the younger pupils. Year 6 are aware that their status within school means that they have an additional responsibility to conduct themselves well at all times and to ensure that they put their very best effort into all that they do in school, whether that be in lessons, in the playground, in the dinner hall or during extra-curricular activities. They have already shown that they are rising to this challenge and their behaviour and attitude at the beginning of this academic year has been exemplary.







### **Marsh Hill Heroes**

Our wonderful Parents, Teachers and Friends Association – The Marsh Hill Heroes, held their first meeting of the school year today. I cannot thank them enough for their commitment to the school and the free time that they willingly give up for the benefit of our children. The Marsh Hill Heroes are encouraging and welcoming of new members and are grateful for any support and whatever time you can give. Please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff, who can guide you to a member of The Marsh Hill Heroes for further information.

### **The State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II**

I wrote to you on Monday to inform you that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September has been declared a Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. I am sure you will agree that having this time together as families is the appropriate way to commemorate this extraordinarily significant moment in our nation's history.

As part of our reflection on the passing of the Queen, Marsh Hill have created our own Book of Condolence. We will keep one copy in school for parents, carers and visitors to view, and will send a copy to the Royal Family as a mark of our school community's respect.

School will re-open to all pupils and staff at the usual time on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### Dates For Your Diary – Autumn Term

September	
12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Baseline starts (baselining will take place over the two weeks commencing 12/09/22 and 19/12/22)
16 <sup>th</sup> *	A request for children to start bringing in non-perishable goods for our annual Harvest Festival (Harvest Festival Assembly to take place on Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October).  *This date has been brought forward from the 19 <sup>th</sup> due to the school closure to mark the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Pupils will bring a letter home with them today.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to the Black Country Living Museum
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Virtually Reality Experience - ancient Maya workshop in school
October	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Festival Assembly (all food collected will be donated to our local food bank)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1G trip to Back to Back Houses
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1W trip to Back to Back Houses
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Freshwater Theatre Workshop - in school
13 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Halloween Disco EYFS/Ks1 - 3.45 -5.00 pm PTA Halloween Disco Ks2 5.30 - 7.00 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Sarehole Mill (3M) all day
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 trip to Sarehole Mill (3A) all day
November	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent' Consultation Evening 3.30 – 4.30
9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent' Consultation Evening 3.30 – 6.00
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent' Consultation Evening 3.30 – 4.30
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Workshop – Merry-Go-Round Junior STEM - in school
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 (Prime VR day) - in school
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2C Whole Class Assembly – Diwali
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2S Whole Class Assembly – Diwali
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ks1 and Ks2 Assessment Week
December	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime trip – Years 1 to 6
8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Disco EYFS/Ks1 - 3.45 - 5.00 pm PTA Christmas Disco Ks2 - 5.30 – 7.00 pm

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

Yours sincerely,

*J. Cusack*

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