

# **Marsh Hill Newsletter**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

## **Children Being Collected Early From School**

Please do not request that you collect your children early from school, unless they have a scheduled appointment, in which case we will need confirmation and prior notification. Additionally, we have parents coming to school asking to collect their children because they themselves have an appointment: I respectfully request that parents and carers make alternative arrangements in the event of this being the case. Every minute that your child is in school is important.

## **Teacher Training Day**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November is a Teacher Training Day. School will be closed to all pupils on this day. School will reopen to all pupils at the usual time on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Halloween Party**

Earlier this week, your child brought home a letter with details of our Halloween Discos taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall. For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, the disco will run from 3.45 pm – 5.00 pm. For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the disco will run from 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. The entrance fee is £1 per child and there will be refreshments on sale. There will also be prizes for the best costumes on the night (though dressing up in costume is optional). Please drop your children off and pick them up via the Breakfast Club entrance.

## **Year 1 Trip**

This week the children in Year 1 excitedly walked out of school as they were going on their long awaited trip to the Back to Back Houses at the corner of Inge Street and Hurst Street in the centre of Birmingham.

Once they arrived, they became Victorian children as the girls were beautifully dressed up in white pinafores and hats, and the boys looked dapper in their aprons and neckerchiefs. As

they looked around Court 15 they found out what it would have been like to live in the early years of the Victorian Age. The children will forever remember the potty and the newspaper!





### **Photographs**

We will be having the school photographers in school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. They will be taking individual photographs of pupils and also of siblings. (Please note, that only siblings who attend school will be photographed together.)

### **Affordable Book Fair**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having an affordable book fair in school. Children will be able to buy books at a reduced rate. The fair will be held in the Phase 3 classroom at school and children will be given opportunities to visit the fair during the day. Your child will bring a letter home today with further details. I would like to thank Ms. Deans for arranging this opportunity.

### **Year 7 Places for September 2023**

Parents of pupils in Year 6 must apply to their preferred choice of secondary school by **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. If you apply after this date it will be considered a late application which makes the chances of getting your preferred school less likely. This is because late applications will not be processed until after the offer of places on **March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**.

## Forest School Assembly

We celebrated the achievements of our summer term Forest School participants. The assembly featured a certificate presentation by our Forest School leader Rachel who told us about how the children had learnt about safely using tools, creatively making dens and shelters and other woodland structures and appreciating our natural environment and how we can work together to protect and preserve for future generations.





The celebration this morning was an opportunity to hear the voice of the children and discover what they enjoyed during their time at Forest School. Here is a selection of their thoughts.

"I liked digging because I dug a big hole" Y2 child

"I liked making a stick house and a log dog" Y2 child

"I enjoyed being creative and being outside in nature" Y6 child

"I enjoyed hunting bugs and looking at their houses" Y3 child

"It was exciting to learn more about nature" Y4 child

The feedback from parents has also been very positive, as the following comments reflect:

"My son really enjoyed Forest School. It was a fantastic opportunity for him. Thank you for this opportunity. He is thriving in the Marsh Hill environment and continues to make us proud."

"I'm so glad to hear that you will be able to open it up to more children. It's such an important part of children's learning journeys."

"Thank you for the support for my son, and also for giving him the opportunity to participate. Much appreciated. He really enjoyed Forest School."

“Thank you for giving the children the opportunity. They have really enjoyed it and it has been lovely to watch them grow through this programme.”

“My son loved Forest School. It was his favourite lesson of each week. He didn’t want it to finish.”

“My daughter has grown whilst attending Forest School, being kind to nature and the world around her. It is a great experience for the children.”

I would like to thank Rachel from Forest School and Mr. Hamblett for all the work and effort that they have put into this provision for our children.

Another group of 12 children are currently benefitting from learning in the outdoor environment.

### **Special Lunches**

We have two special lunches coming up for your children. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having a special Caribbean Lunch and on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we will be having a Bonfire Night themed lunch.

#### **Caribbean Menu**

Mutton Curry  
Fried Chicken  
Rice and Peas  
Sweet Potatoes  
Rice Festivals  
Steamed Mixed Vegetables  
Vanilla Cheesecake

#### **Bonfire Lunch**

Hot Dogs  
Beef Burgers  
Quorn Burgers  
Chips  
Baked Beans  
Jam Doughnut  
Yoghurt and Fruit

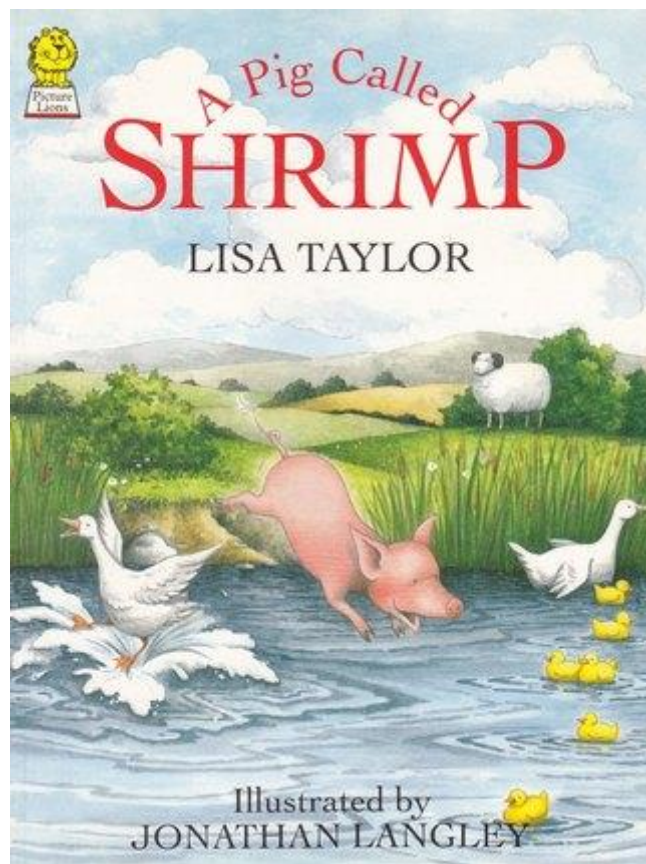
These two special lunches are now available for you to order. Ordering for the Caribbean Lunch will close on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**; and ordering for the Bonfire Lunch will close on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. These dates have been brought forward by one day since last week's newsletter. This is as a result of the advance notice required for ordering the food to be delivered to school. I am sure you appreciate that we will be unable to accept requests for either of these lunches after the closing dates.

### Book Review

This week's reading recommendations come from Zaima and Jordi in Year 3. Jordi chose, **A Pig Called Shrimp** by **Lisa Taylor** and Zaima chose **Cabin Fever** by **Jeff Kinney** (this is the sixth book in The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series).

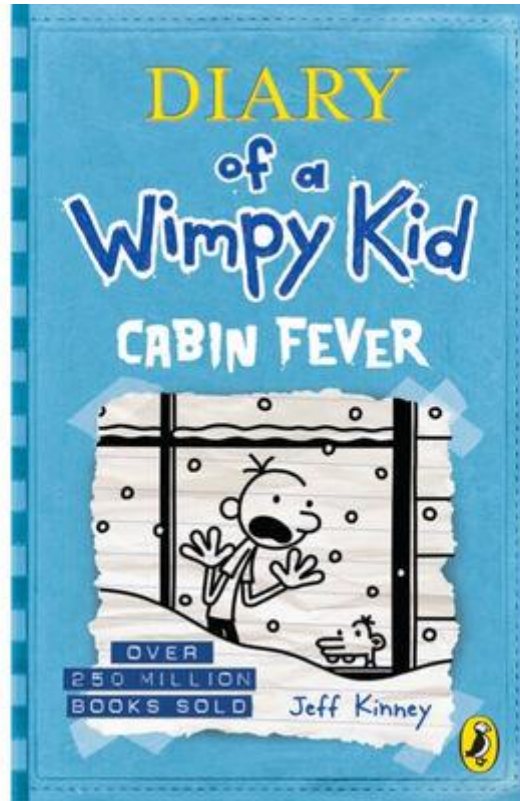
***"A Pig Called Shrimp is about a friendship between a pig and a ram. The main characters are Gabriel the Ram and Shrimp the Pig. The story is set on a farm. It was good and funny and I give it 5 out of 5."***

- **Jordi**



*Cabin Fever is about the boy's lifespan and how he grew up. The main characters are Greg, Rodrick, Rowley, Mom, Manny and Dad.. This book is fun but it is also scary, so it is a little bit fine."*

- Zaima



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

Yours sincerely,

*J. Cusack*

Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher