

Marsh Hill Newsletter

May 5th 2023

My very warmest congratulations to the 74 children who achieved 100% attendance for the spring term. It was lovely to see them rewarded for their achievement in a special school assembly yesterday. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents and carers of these pupils for ensuring that they get their children to school on time every day.

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Research suggests that pupils who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime. It also makes it easier to build and maintain friendships with their peers. Below is a table showing how children's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed.



Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	54 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	114 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	174 Lessons
80%	38 Days	78 Sessions	8 Weeks	228 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	288 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	342 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	402 Lessons

Online Safety

Earlier this week, your child will have brought home a letter about two online safety workshops we will be holding for parents in school on Thursday 25th May. You may attend at either 9.00 a.m. or 2.30 p.m. The internet is an amazing resource, but one that is always changing. The workshop will help you to support your children stay safe and protected online. I would like as many parents to turn up for one of these sessions as possible, so please complete the reply slip attached to the letter. If you have misplaced or did not receive a copy of the original letter, then you can get one at the school office.

The Coronation

Today in school we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. The children will be having a special 'street party' style lunch and this afternoon we have set up a fayre for them to enjoy. Please follow the fun via our twitter account.

Book Review

The children are currently in the process of voting for the next author of the month. The choice is between **Jeff Kinney** who is the author of the **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** series and **Andy Griffiths** who is the author of the **Treehouse** series. This week Ibrahim, Aminah, Sameeha, Amaya, Aleema and Owais from Year 5 have been telling me why they like the books of both of these authors.

Jeff Kinney:

"The books are written in the first person and they are a monthly diary"

"The books are about the life of a kid who is lonely and doesn't have many friends."

"The storyline is about his life."

"The Wimpy Kid likes to stay in doors and play video games but his family like to go on vacation and they always ruin it."

"The illustrations and jokes are very funny."

"The Diary of a Wimpy Kid books are hilarious."

Andy Griffiths:

"The books are about two kids who build a 13 story treehouse, then a 26 story one then 52 stories and then a 104 story treehouse"

"He describes the machines that they build really well. Like the remembering machine."

"Andy and Terry also made an ice rink with penguins on it, and they trained snails to be ninjas."

"I would recommend these books to other children because they have good storylines and plots."

This weekend, why not ask your child/children which of these two authors books they like to read and why. Reading for pleasure is one of the most important past times that we can pass on to our children and it is also inexpensive. If you join your local library, you can take out books for free.

Dates for your Diary	
Friday 5 th May	King's Coronation Celebration
Monday 8 th May	School closed (King's Coronation Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 16 th May	Year 5 trip to Steelhouse Lane Reception Maths Workshop: 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
Friday 19 th May	Year 2 trip to Blakesley Hall
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 4 trip to Aston Hall
Thursday 25 th May	Online Safety Workshop for Parents AT 9.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.
Friday 26 th May	Teacher Training Day - School closed to all pupils
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June	School re-opens for all pupils after the half term break
Friday 30 th June – Saturday 1 st July	Year 2 Sleepover in the woods
Friday 21 st July	Term ends – children return in September

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

Yours sincerely,



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