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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

September 8th 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to offer all of our families a warm welcome back after the summer break. I hope that you have all had wonderful and enjoyable times with relatives and friends.

It has been fantastic to see the children return looking so smart in their uniforms and hearing about their holiday experiences.

I would like to offer a special welcome to all our new families in our Reception classes; and to those new families in other year groups. I wish them all a very happy and successful time with us here at Marsh Hill.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff. I would like to reassure you that we do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas.

Reminders

All children are welcome to come to our **Breakfast Club**. Breakfast Club is open from 8.10 a.m. each morning and costs £1.30 per child or free of charge for children who are entitled to free school meals.

If you have changed your **contact details** over the summer, then please let the school office know asap. Contact details include, home address, phone numbers and email address. It is vitally important that we have accurate details for you in the event that we have to contact you at short notice.

Please ensure that all **items of clothing (including shoes)** have your child's name in them. This makes it significantly easier to return misplaced items.

For the safety of all concerned, please do not let your child play on the **play equipment** before or after the school day.

Please take care when **parking** – **DO NOT** park on the zigzag lines, on corners, on the pavement or across neighbours drives.

Safeguarding

If a child ever feels unsafe, it is important that they let an adult know so that, where necessary, appropriate help and support can be provided. Should their worry come out at home, then we can only help if you inform us about it at school. Equally, we will do everything we can to help should a child share a concern or make a disclosure in school.

Every school is required to have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL); a Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) and a safeguarding governor. The DSL and the deputies have all been specifically trained to carry out their roles. At Marsh Hill these people are:

Cathy Lomas (DSL), Mrs. Leavey, Mrs. Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Cusack (DDSL); Mrs. MacNulty and Ms. Lewis (Safeguarding Governors).

If you ever have a concern about a child's wellbeing, then please report this to Cathy Lomas – or in the event of her being unavailable – please ask to speak with another DSL in school. Alternatively, you may ring The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888.

Medication in School

Please ensure that you follow the correct procedures regarding medication in school:

- School can only administer prescribed medication
- Parents/Carers must fill in the appropriate forms – these are available from the school office
- The delivery and collection of medication is the responsibility of parents/carers
- Medication – including inhalers and epipens – must be in date and of sufficient quantity

Hometime Arrangements

All children must be collected on time at the end of the school day, by the designated Parent/Carer. You must contact the school office if there is a change to your hometime arrangements (e.g. another adult will be collecting your child or you are running late for some reason). In instances such as these, we will not let your child go home unless we are notified.

New Staff Members

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new members of staff who have joined us this academic year. Miss Mostofa and Mr. Glover join our teaching team. Miss Mostofa is a Year 4 teacher and Mr. Glover will teach in EYFS.

In addition, Mrs. Cluely has joined us in the office as Administration Assistant.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming these excellent new colleagues into the Marsh Hill family.

Class Teachers for 2023 – 24

Rainbows – Mrs Hunt
Sunnies – Mr. Glover
1G – Mrs. Grant
1W – Miss Wright
2D – Miss Deans/Mr. Moheen
2S – Ms. Coppock
3C – Ms. Cureton
3M – Mrs. Mirza
4H – Ms. Hodge
4M – Miss Mostofa
5C – Mrs. Clover/Mrs. Aujla
5J Mr. Jellyman
6C –Mr. Chikandwa
6M – Ms. Morrison

Attendance

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to thank all parents and carers who make sure that their children attend school regularly. Your efforts working in partnership with the school ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and will enable your child to:

- Access the lessons needed to achieve their expected grades
- Maintain friendships and develop new ones

- Have access to social and sporting events offered by the school
- Develop the work habits such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the world of employment

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

Upcoming Events	
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 8 th	Year 6 Tie Assembly
Monday 18 th	After School Clubs begin (for 10 weeks)
Thursday 28 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning: 9.00 a.m.
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 3 rd	EYFS Phonics Workshop: 9.00 a.m. Year 6 Ancient Maya Workshop
Tuesday 10 th	World Mental Health Awareness Day
Thursday 12 th	Year 6 Virtual Reality Workshop
Monday 16 th	Whole School Photographs
Wednesday 18 th	Year 2 Trip to the Black Country Living Museum
Monday 23 rd	Harvest Festival Assembly
Tuesday 24 th	Year 5 Workshop: Portals to the Past
Wednesday 25 th	Year 2D Whole Class Assembly – Diwali: 9.15 a.m.
Thursday 26 th	PTA Halloween Discos (times TBC)
Friday 27 th	Year 2C Whole Class Assembly – Diwali: 9.15 a.m.
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 7 th	Year 1G Trip: Back-to-Back Houses
Wednesday 8 th	Year 1W Trip: Back-to-Back Houses
Thursday 9 th	Bonfire Night themed lunch
Monday 13 th	Year 3 Trip to Edgmont Hall
Tuesday 14 th	Parents’ Evening (3.30 – 6.00)
Thursday 16 th	Parents’ Evening (3.30 – 6.00)
Tuesday 21 st	Year 3 Virtually Reality Workshop: The Amazon Year 4 Virtual Reality Workshop: Volcanoes
DECEMBER	

Thursday 7 th	PTA Christmas Discos (times TBC)
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Thursday 14 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Friday 15 th	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Tuesday 19 th	Reception Nativity: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Wednesday 20 th	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Autumn Term – School closes at 1.00 p.m.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher

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