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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

January 12th 2024

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all from everyone in school. We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Many thanks from all the staff to parents, relatives and friends for the abundance of chocolates, cakes, biscuits, Christmas wishes and cards that made their way into school at the end of last term – they were all really appreciated.

Staff

At the end of term we said goodbye to Mr. Jellyman who is looking for a position in a school closer to his home. I am sure that you will join me in thanking him for his years of service at Marsh Hill and wish him all the very best for the future. I am delighted to announce that Ms. Woodley, who covered for Mr. Jellyman during his period of absence, will be the class teacher for 5J for the remainder of the academic year.

Today, temporarily, we also say goodbye to Mrs. Marini who is going on maternity leave. We wish her and her family our best wishes at this time.

We also welcome four new members of staff:

Miss Dunkley, who has been working with the school in a consultancy and advisory role since September 2022, has become a permanent member of the Marsh Hill team as School Business Manager. This is excellent news for the school as Miss Dunkley brings with her great knowledge and a wealth of experience.

Miss Parveen, who has been with us since the first half of the autumn term, has also now become a full time member of the teaching staff.

We have also employed two new Teaching Assistants; Miss Ho and Miss Rashid who will be working in Year 3 and Year 4 respectively.

I am confident that all of these appointments will strengthen the school further enhance the provision that we offer.

Important Measles Update

There is an increasing number of people in Birmingham with measles, with many measles cases linked to Birmingham schools. Measles is a **very infectious** disease that can spread rapidly - outbreaks can happen when not enough people have been vaccinated. While most people recover completely within a couple of weeks, measles can cause serious illness and in rare cases it can be fatal. Measles can cause disruption to

schools, as any child or adult who has not had **at least one dose of MMR** and comes into contact with a person with measles will have to be **excluded from nursery, school or work for 21 days and stay at home**. On Tuesday of this week (09.01.24), your child brought home a letter for you, with more information on the importance of getting children who have not yet had their MMR (measles) vaccine, vaccinated.

Data Checking Forms

Data checking forms will be sent home to parents of all children who are in Year 1 - 6 next week. Please can you check that all the details on the form are still valid and make any amendments as necessary and then sign and date the form and return the form to your child's class teacher.

It is imperative that school hold the most up to date emergency contact details for your child.

Reception Intake for September 2024

Applications open on October 1st 2023 for primary school applications for entry in September 2024. The closing date is 15 January 2024 at 11:59pm.

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after the 15 January 2024 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 16 April 2024.

Remember to list three different primary schools.

Local Elections

We have been advised by Birmingham City Council that Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Combined Authority Mayoral Elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2024. School has been chosen as an electoral venue and, as such, we will be closed to all pupils on that date.

Value of the Month - DETERMINATION

Marsh Hill Primary School is a Values-based school. The Value of the month for January is Determination which is a fitting value to start a new year with – particularly for those in our school community who have made new year resolutions. Determination is never giving up, no matter what! A determined person decides to do something, and then does it!

At school we encourage children to participate in and persist with activities that may be difficult for them. Teaching children to attempt new things provides them the opportunity to demonstrate that they are capable of anything. Please talk to your child about the Value of Determination at home.

National School Travel Awards Scheme

Last term we commenced working with Birmingham City Council to address the parking on surrounding roads near school which included support from our PCSO and our Junior PCSO did a parking duty to raise awareness.

We completed staff & pupils surveys about how we travel to school and produced a Travel Plan, this was submitted at the end of term to Modeshift STARS. <https://modeshiftstars.org/>

I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded an accreditation - we are now officially part of the National School Travel Awards scheme!!


This term we will have more exciting updates for our community to support and participate in this initiative to 'Travel Safely - Together'



JANUARY	
Thursday 11 th	Forest School Assembly: 9.00 a.m
Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th	IEP Reviews
Wednesday 24 th	Year 4 Egyptian Workshop
Thursday 25 th	Year 1 Phonics Workshop for parents and carers: 9.00 a.m. Year 6 SATs meeting for parents: 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.
Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Hobgoblin Theatre Workshop
FEBRUARY	
Friday 2 nd	Maths Number Day
Monday 5 th	Year 1 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3C)
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9:15am
Friday 9 th	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3M) Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford
Tuesday 20 th	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Workshop for parents and carers 9:15am
Thursday 22 nd	Year 3 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Monday 26 th	Years 5 & 6 Residential at Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 29 th	Year 1 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
MARCH	
Tuesday 5 th	Mother's Day Tea: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (there will be a restricted number of tickets available for this event)
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1W)
Thursday 14 th	Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Friday 15 th	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1G) Marsh Hill's Got Talent Competition
Monday 18 th	Key stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade Key stage 2 Decorate and Egg Competition
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 21 st	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 22 nd	School Closes for the Easter Break

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Cusack". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a set of horizontal lines, suggesting it was written on a piece of lined paper.

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher

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