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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

February 9th, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy last week of the half term that has included Year 3 performing their **Chinese New Year Assembly** to parents and carers. The children were excellent and sang and acted brilliantly. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon and I wish all members of our school community who may be celebrating Chinese New Year (which falls on Saturday 10th February this year) a wonderful time.

I was delighted to see the turnout of parents and carers for the **Year 4 Maths Workshop**. The feedback was both encouraging and very positive and I would like to share a small sample of it with you:

"The workshop was really good. Now I know what to focus on to help my child."

"Really enjoyed the workshop. It's a chance to see how you can work with your child to help support at home."

"Brilliant workshop, really informative. Lovely to see how far my child has come along."

"It was great to have an insight into all the interesting ways the children learn their times tables. Fantastic!"

"Very interactive and insightful. It was really nice working with the children and seeing how excited they get during mathematics."

On Tuesday, across school the children focused on keeping safe online during this year's **Safer Internet Day**. This work was followed up by PCSO Long delivering internet safety workshops in all year groups. I am grateful for the support of the staff and PCSO Long for ensuring that our children know how to stay safe online. I would like to thank Mrs. Cureton for organising the day. Please ensure that you monitor your child's online activity at home and discuss this issue with them regularly.

Number Day

On Friday 2nd February, Marsh Hill participated in the NSPCC's Number Day! The day consisted of a variety of fun and engaging maths activities. The children loved taking part in the Times Tables Rocks Stars competition and some of them even reached the National Leader Board for the most multiplication questions answered in an hour! The Domino Hunt was also great fun, where the children had to scour across school to count all the domino dots that were attached to the staff! A massive congratulations to Eva and Shawaiz for counting the correct number, a huge 256! Well done also to our other Competition Winners who explained how Number Day had inspired them:

Alizay (EYFS) not only decorated her own Number Day outfit, but she independently completed all Number Day activities that were set.

Mikail (Y1) came up with a unique job that uses maths - a chef! He thought of this independently and could confidently explain that a chef needs to: have good money skills to see if they can afford new food to cook, count how many items of food he has and measure foods to make cakes e.g. flour and sugar.

Chelsea (Y2) worked really hard and thrived on Number Day. She worked well in a team and could thoroughly explain why vets use maths in their jobs. Chelsea said that "Vets use maths because they need to count the heartbeats of an animal and measure the correct amount of medicine to give to an injured pet."

Esme (Y5) said "It inspired me to become a doctor or a teacher". Esme now has a great appreciation for just how integral maths is to our everyday lives. She had great fun and would even like to replicate 'Number Day' at home with Family.

Number Day was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children across school. A big thank you to Miss Wright, Ms. Morrison and Mrs Hunt for organising Number Day. And thank you to parents and carers for all for the donations: together we raised £182.40 for the NSPCC.



PE Kit

On PE day children should wear a plain white t-shirt under their red jumper or school cardigan and black (or dark) track suit bottoms. Please do not send children in wearing football shirts or brightly coloured tops with logos/slogans on.

Supermarket vouchers

Under the nationally funded Household Support Fund, every pupil in school will receive a £20 supermarket voucher. Vouchers are to cover February half term and they will expire after 5 weeks so please ensure you redeem the voucher. The vouchers can be used in Aldi, Morrisons, ASDA, Sainsbury's, Farmfoods, Tesco, Iceland, Waitrose and M&S. Every parent will receive a text message on Saturday between 6pm and 7pm with details of the voucher.

Teacher Training Date for your Diary

Friday 22nd March will be a Teacher Training Day and school will be closed to all pupils.

Storytime

Please click on to the QR code for this week's stories to share at home. These stories come with a suggested age range, but of course, can be enjoyed by all.

3 – 5 year olds

	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3fuJoMI	Stick Man <i>Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler</i> Storytime Read by Axel Scheffler
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5 – 7 year olds

	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3bdjZDO	Once Upon a Wild Wood <i>Chris Riddell</i> Storytime (longer story) Read by Chris Riddell
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7 – 9 year olds

	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/2WcNnWQ	The Apprentice Witch <i>James Nicol</i> Storytime (extract) Read by James Nicol
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9 – 11 year olds

	 <p>https://bit.ly/2SOxXWq</p>	<p>Charlie Changes Into a Chicken <i>Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)</p> <p>Read by Sam Copeland</p>
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FEBRUARY	
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	Teacher Training Day – School will be closed to all pupils

I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful half term break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
 Head Teacher