



Website: [www.marshhill.bham.sch.uk](http://www.marshhill.bham.sch.uk) Tel: 0121 464 2920 Email: [enquiry@marshhill.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@marshhill.bham.sch.uk)

## Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

### February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a pleasant half term break.

It has been good to see so many parents in school this week to attend our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Workshop, our Year 3 Maths Workshop and our Key Stage Merit Assemblies. Later this half term there will be the opportunity for Parents and Carers to come in to school to discuss their child/ren'(s) progress when we hold our Spring Term Parents' Evening. I encourage you all to attend.

I wrote to you recently to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent governor. As we have more candidates than vacancies, we must now hold a ballot. Today, the oldest child from your family in school will bring home a letter and ballot paper so that you can vote for your chosen candidate. The letter explains more about the candidates and what they can bring to the role. Please return your ballot paper to the school office by midday on Thursday 29th February and place it in the box provided. This is to ensure that your vote remains confidential.

#### **Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop**

On Tuesday our school Anti-Bullying Ambassadors delivered a Parent Workshop around the issue of Bullying and were promoting a better understanding between the difference between poor behaviour and being bullied. The Ambassadors reaffirmed our use of the definition provided by the National Anti-bullying Alliance - ***The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.*** They also talked about the recent Ofsted Inspection where it was noted that our pupils "show high levels of respect to staff and each other" The children received a lot of positive praise from the Parents who attended and we would like to thank all of these Parents / Carers for their support. We would also like to add our congratulations to theirs - the children were confident and delivered the workshop with a level of professionalism well beyond their ages whilst demonstrating their dedication to their roles as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.



### **Year 3 Maths Workshop**

On Thursday, Year 3 had their maths workshop. The aim of the workshop was to inform parents about how we teach calculations at Marsh Hill, to share the expectations of the Year 3 maths curriculum and to provide ideas and activities to support children at home. Thank you to the amazing number of parents who were able to attend. The children and parents enjoyed working alongside each other. Please look out for upcoming Maths Workshops in other year groups.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parent's Evening will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. Parent's evening provides a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and an insight to see how they are doing in class and school generally. You will also be able to discuss with your child's class teacher how school and home can work together to support your child's achievement. On Monday, your child will bring home a letter with instructions on how to book an appointment with their teacher; and on Monday evening you will receive an link, via text or email to enable you to book an appointment. Appointments will be available to book online up to and including Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't booked an appointment by this date, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Mothers' Day Tea - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 4.30pm.**

There are still some places available for the Mothers' Day Tea. If you wish to attend then the cost is £2 per family and this payment has been linked to your child's account. Places are available on a first come first served basis.

### **Mobile Phones**

I would like to politely remind all parents/carers and visitors when coming into the main office/foyer that mobile phones are not to be used at any time. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Class Photos**

Class photos will be taken on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, please ensure your child comes in correct school uniform on this day. If your child's year group has PE on this day, please wear normal school uniform and send their PE kit in with them to get changed into.

### **Sickness and Diarrhoea**

If your child has got sickness or diarrhoea then they will need to be off school for 48 hours from the last time they have been sick/had diarrhoea. Please let the school office know that your child will not be attending school by 9:15am on the day.

### Important Measles Update

- Measles is very infectious and can spread from person to person quickly, especially in education and childcare settings. Little can be done to prevent measles spreading if people are unvaccinated. Vaccination is the most effective way to control the spread of measles.
- Measles is spread by airborne transmission (for example by droplets which are expelled when someone with the infection sneezes or coughs) and direct contact (for example contact with nose or throat secretions).
- Measles can make people very ill, particularly people who have a weakened immune system (immunosuppressed), young infants (under 12 months), and those who are both pregnant and unvaccinated. Those with special educational needs (SEN) are not more vulnerable to measles unless they have a weakened immune system. Most people with SEN, additional special needs (ASN) or disabilities will not require any additional health protection measures.
- Children who get measles can be very unwell and some will suffer life changing complications.
- The time it takes for symptoms to develop after someone has been in contact with someone who has measles (incubation period) is around 10 to 12 days from the date of contact with the infected person, but this can vary from 7 to 21 days.
- Someone who has measles is considered to be infectious from 4 days before they develop a rash to 4 full days after they develop the rash (onset of rash is day 0). They should therefore not attend the setting on public health grounds until at least 4 days after their rash developed.
- Measles is usually a clinically diagnosed infection. If a GP or healthcare professional diagnoses measles, then this public health exclusion period should be followed. Cases should only return to the setting when they have fully recovered; this is because they may be more likely to get other illnesses when they have measles.

Measles Infection Timeline								
Day 4	Day 3	Day 2	Day 1	Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Days before rash				Rash Starts	Days after rash			
<b>YOU CAN INFECT OTHER PEOPLE DURING ALL OF THESE DAYS</b>								

### STARS of the Week



Very well done to all our Merit Award Winners for this week. We are all proud of you:

Reception – Aliza, Nariah, Jahleel, Ahil

Year 1 – Edward, Amira, Ayan, Olivia, Desmond

Year 2 – Lishan, Ashley, Lawi, Mikayla

Year 3 – Alaa, Shanzay, Sophie, Chamis

Year 4 – Mobin, Elsa, Aaila, Aishah

Year 5 – Caseylee, Dawood, Shawaiz, Noah

Year 6 – Elaina-Mae, Mia, Harry, Imani, Aminah, Abdulmalik

### Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is 6C, who achieved 100%. Very well done and congratulations to 6C.

### Teacher Training Date for your Diary

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

### Safeguarding

If you are concerned for a child's wellbeing, then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Cathy Lomas through the school office. In the event of Cathy 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.

FEBRUARY	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 Residential at Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
MARCH	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Science Day  Mother's Day Tea: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (there will be a restricted number of tickets available for this event)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1W)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1G)  Marsh Hill's Got Talent Competition
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Key stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade  Key stage 2 Decorate and Egg Competition
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Teacher Training Day – School will be closed to all pupils

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher