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## **MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. As we start this new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents and carers. I would like to send out a particular greeting to all the children and families of our new Reception classes and new starters in other year groups.

All parents want their children to be safe, happy and well-educated and we share these ambitions with you. At Marsh Hill we value our strong relationship with parents and carers. These relationships help us achieve the very best for the children in a mutually supportive partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. We have created a friendly, warm atmosphere that makes our school such an enjoyable and creative place to learn, whilst ensuring that standards continue to rise, and we look forward to another successful and fulfilling year ahead.

### **New Staff Members**

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new members of staff who have joined us this academic year. Miss Dhopatkar, Mrs. Ul-Haq and Mrs. Renar join our teaching team. Miss Dhopatkar and Mrs. Ul-Haq are class teachers in Years 3 and 5 respectively; and Mrs. Renar is a Teaching Assistant in Year 3.

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

### **Road Closure**

Before the summer break, you may recall that we had planned to close Woolmore Road at the start of the day and at home time, starting from September. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances within the supporting department at Birmingham City Council, the planned road closure has been delayed and will now begin in April 2025. We will provide you with further information closer to the time.

### **Year 6 Secondary School Information**

If you have a child in the current Year 6, applications for Secondary School Preference opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September and close on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024. Find out more information about the application process on the council's website at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

For those of you needing support with creating the online application, Mrs Clover will be holding a session on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.25pm - 4.00pm. During the session, she will outline how to create/complete the application and help you to navigate any issues. You are allowed to attend the session with a mobile phone - this will allow you to complete the application online, at that time.

However, you will need to ensure that you have enough data to access the internet. We are unable to connect your device to our Wi-Fi network.

## **Key Information for the new school year**

### **School Timings and Attendance:**

School Start Time: 8.45 a.m.

School End Time: 3.15 p.m. (3.10 p.m. for EYFS)

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day.

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously at Marsh Hill Primary School. If we have concerns about your children's attendance, we will be in touch with you to discuss our worries.

### **Requesting time off during the school term**

The DfE (Department for Education) has made clear that Headteacher's may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Parents and carers who want school to consider granting leave of absence must apply in writing to the Headteacher at the following email address: [attendance@marshill.bham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@marshill.bham.sch.uk). Requests should be submitted two weeks in advance of the desired period of absence. Each case will be considered individually and on its own merits. Parents and carers are strongly advised not to finalise any booking arrangements before receiving the school's decision regarding their request. Headteacher's cannot authorise any leave of absence unless the request is received before the period of absence begins.

### **Contact Details**

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.

### **School Uniform**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the Marsh Hill School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and is named clearly.

- White shirts or white/red polo shirts
- Red sweatshirt/cardigan
- Black or grey trousers/skirt
- In Year 6, pupils also wear a tie that is provided by the school

In terms of footwear, we believe that it can be dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, or stiletto heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we believe that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisure wear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes.

## **PE**

Pupils must wear their PE kit to school on the day they have PE, it must be a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms, black trainers and their school jumper/cardigan. All jewellery should be removed for their PE day.

EYFS - Friday  
Year 1 - Tuesday  
Year 2 - Tuesday  
Year 3 - Monday  
Year 4 - Wednesday  
Year 5 - Thursday  
Year 6 - Friday

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds, the only items of jewellery we allow children to wear in our school are small stud earrings and watches (excluding smart watches). If children arrive in school wearing unacceptable items of jewellery they will have to remove them.

No makeup, nail varnish on fingers or toes or temporary tattoos should be worn.

## **Extreme Haircuts**

Extreme haircuts are not permitted in school ('extreme' being any haircut that is considered by the school to be significantly different so as to cause distraction to others, and therefore their learning. No colours or styles which would be considered as extreme are allowed.

## **Pupils' Belongings**

Please ensure that all clothing (including shoes) and belongings (bags, lunchboxes etc.) have your child's name labelled in them. This helps us to return misplaced items to the rightful owner.

## **Breakfast Club**

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.

## **Parking**

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

## **Safeguarding**

It is the responsibility of everyone at Marsh Hill to ensure that all of our pupils are safe from harm. Should you ever have a concern about a child's well-being then please contact school's Designated Lead for Safeguarding - Cathy Lomas. We are fortunate to have eight trained DSLs in school, so if Cathy is unavailable then please do not hesitate to ask to be put through to one of our other trained DSLs: Mrs. Leavey, Mrs. Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Pritchard or Mr. Cusack.

We understand that it can be difficult to keep a step ahead of our children when it comes to social

media and technology in general. All staff at Marsh Hill recognise that online safety is a crucial aspect in safeguarding our children and we strive to ensure that pupils are aware of the risks that the digital world can bring. As parents and carers, you may find the following websites useful to help you in keeping your children safe during online activity:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)


### **Diary Dates**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<u>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Year 3 Trip to Edgmond Hall</u>
<u>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 6 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10</u>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<u>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>EYFS Phonics Workshop: 9.00 – 10.00</u>
	<u>Class 1G Trip: Back-to-Back Houses</u>
<u>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Class 1H Trip: Back-to-Back Houses</u>
<u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Y2 Trip: Black Country Living Museum</u>
<u>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 5 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10</u>
<u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 4 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10</u>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<u>13<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 5 Trip: Santorini Greek Restaurant p.m.</u>
<u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 4 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10</u>
<u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00</u>
<u>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00</u>
<u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Conservatoire Music Performance in the school hall for Years 1 – 6: 1.45 – 2.45</u>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15</u>
<u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Pantomime Trip for Years 1 – 6: a.m.</u>
<u>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 3 &amp; Year 4 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15</u>
<u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Year 5 &amp; Year 6 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15</u>
<u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Reception Nativity: 9.15 and 2.00</u>
<u>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Children's Christmas Lunch</u>
<u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Christmas Parties p.m.</u>
<u>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>School Closes at 1.00 for the Christmas Holidays</u>

**This section will be updated once new dates are known and confirmed**

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Cusack". The signature is written on a set of horizontal lines, with the top line being the most prominent. The letters are cursive and connected.

Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher

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