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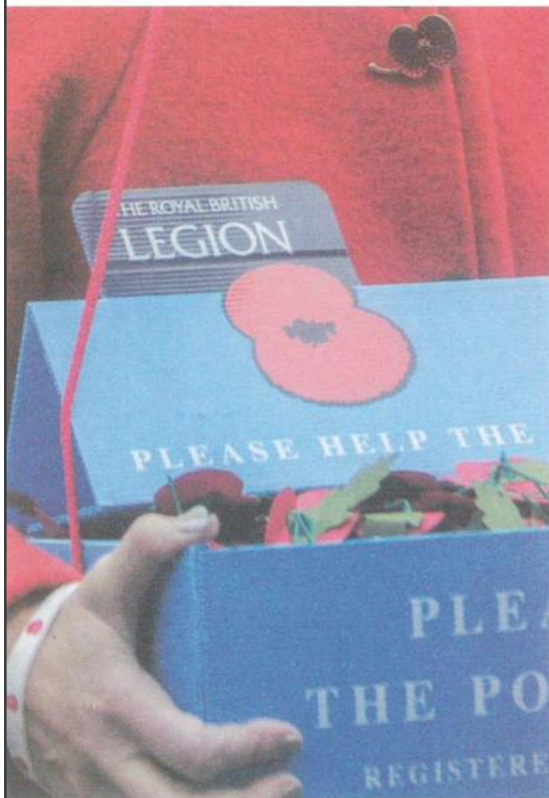
## MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 22nd 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

The Royal British Legion have been in touch with us this week in order to thank all of you who supported our Poppy Appeal this year by purchasing poppies or other associated merchandise. Together we managed to raise £270.70 to pass on to them, as a contribution to the ongoing work they do with our armed forces.



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## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping  
with our Appeal.

£ 270.70  
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to  
continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely

*PP Cole*  
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ .....

Registered Charity No. 219279

### The School Website

We are currently in the process of updating our school's website. As part of the design upgrade, we would like to invite you into school for a meeting to look at some possible design choices. We would like to collect your thoughts about how our website should look and about the features that are

available. Your opinions are invaluable as we seek to make our website as informative and as useful as possible.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm in the main hall. A survey will be sent out shortly to collect your response regarding your interest in attending the meeting. Thank you in advance for your support with this project.

### Children In Need



Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this year's Children in Need event – 'Making Life Lighter.' The children had a wonderful time while raising money. I hope to be able to share the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.

### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Last Friday (November 15<sup>th</sup>), the potential candidates to be this year's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors completed an in-tray exercise (refer to photograph below) and an interview with school staff and a representative from the Compass Mental Health Support Team. The successful candidates from this part of the process have spent this week canvassing their peers ahead of the whole school vote which took place today. The winners will be revealed in assembly on Monday and I will inform you of the result in next week's newsletter.



### **Asda/ Parentkind**

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who will be making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, up until 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to Marsh Hill. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

### **Christmas Fayre**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a Christmas Fayre in the school hall. The fayre will be open to parents, carers and relatives from 3.30 pm until 4.15 pm. Children will be able to visit the fayre between 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. - this will be organised within year groups. Children may bring money into school to spend at the fayre when they visit during their timeslot.

In order to help us prepare for our Christmas fayre, we would be very grateful for donations of the following items:

Friday 29th November - preloved toys that can be resold

Friday 6th December - preloved books that can be resold

Friday 13th December - food/drink items that can be purchased

### **School Dinners**

I would like to remind parents to book their child's school meals. Bookings can be made on the Teachers2Parents app up to midnight on the day before the meal is required. There are always at least two weeks of meal bookings available for parents to pre-book. We ask parents to book their main meal choice so we can give our excellent catering staff accurate numbers. As you can appreciate, if bookings are not made then this has implications in the correct number of meals being cooked. Text message reminders are sent out on a Thursday and Sunday. If you are having problems accessing the app, please contact one of the administration team who will help you.

Please note – that menu in the case of special occasions or circumstances outside of our control - the lunch time menu for any given day may occasionally differ from the lunch menu.

### **Emergency Contact details**

It is imperative that school hold the most up to date emergency contact details (including email addresses) for your child. If your details have changed, please contact the administration team who will give you a change of details form to complete.

The annual data checking sheets will be sent out after Christmas.

### **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. Medicines should be handed in and collected from the main school office.
- Medication – including inhalers and epipens – must be in date and of sufficient quantity

### **Bring it on Brum!**

Bring it on Brum! is once again running FREE holiday clubs in Birmingham throughout the Christmas school holidays for young people aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activity packs and food boxes are also available as part of the Bring it on Brum! enrichment offer.

- Holiday clubs will run from Monday, 23rd December to Friday, 3rd January (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays).
- Bookings will open from Monday, 2nd December at [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk).

To book holiday activities through the Bring it on Brum! website or directly with the holiday club, parents/carers will need a Bring it on Brum! Code. This code will be sent out via text message to all parents whose children are entitled to free school meals on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **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.

### **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 of absence.

### **Parent Consultations**

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. The turn out was 81.38%. If you were unable to attend, then please make an appointment with your child's class teacher. We will be contacting all parents/carers

### **Attendance**

The class with the best attendance this week was 5C with 98.85%. Congratulations and very well done to 5C.

The whole school attendance figure was 97.99%.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Percentage</b>
Rainbows	94.29
Sunshines	89.66
1G	91.32
1H	92.67
2D	96.11
2P	92.11
3C	96.75
3D	95.97
4H	95.36
4M	96.36

<b>5C</b>	<b>97.99</b>
5U	95.06
6C	96.29
6M	95.2
6W	95.9
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.53</b>

### 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.

### Diary Dates

<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime Trip for Years 1 – 6: a.m.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Visit to the Theatre to see 'Finding Santa'
	Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre in the school hall (after school)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity: 9.15 and 2.00
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties p.m.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes at 1.00 for the Christmas Holidays

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher