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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 10th 2025

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 very much appreciated.

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.

Dinners

In November a letter was sent out to all children who are entitled to free school meals and those children in Reception and Key Stage 1 regarding booking meals. If you haven't already, can you please return this letter with your child's meal choices on it. Duplicate letters will be sent out with the data checking sheets to those parents who haven't returned it. A copy of the menu choices from the letter are below:

	Monday	Choice	Tuesday	Choice	Wednesday	Choice	Thursday	Choice	Friday	Choice
Week 1	Sausage		Chicken Curry		Chicken Fillet		Chicken Drumsticks		Cheese & Tomato Pizza	
	Cheese & Potato Pie		Quorn Curry		Quorn Roast		Macaroni & Cheese		Fish Fingers	
	Quorn Sausage		Fish Fingers		Fish Fingers		Fish Fingers			
			Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection			
Week 2	Sausage Roll		Chicken Curry		Chicken Fillets		Chicken Drumsticks		Cheese & Tomato Pizza	
	Cheese & Pepper Roll		Quorn Curry		Quorn Roast		Macaroni & Cheese		Fish Fingers	
	Vegetable Samosa		Fish Fingers		Cheese Flan		Fish Fingers			
			Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection			
Week 3	Sausage		Chicken Curry		Chicken Fillets		Chicken Drumsticks		Cheese & Tomato Pizza	
	Quorn Sausage		Quorn Curry		Quorn Roast		Tomato Pasta Bake		Fish Fingers	
	Cheese & Potato Pie		Fish Fingers		Cheese & Onion Pasty		Fish Fingers			
			Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection			
Week 4	Fish Fingers		Chicken Curry		Chicken Fillet		Chicken Drumsticks		Cheese & Tomato Pizza	
	Cheese & Potato Pie		Quorn Curry		Quorn Roast		Cheese & Tomato Pasta		Fish Fingers	
	Vegetable Samosa		Fish Fingers		Fish Fingers		Fish Fingers			
			Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection		Baguette Selection			

Data Checking Sheets

Over the next couple of weeks, the administration staff will be sending out our annual data checking sheets to all children in Years 1 - 6. Please can you check your contact details are correct and sign the form and return it to school. It is vital that school holds the correct emergency contact details for your child.

Reception Places

If you have a child due to start Reception class in September 2025, the closing date for applications is 11.59pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

To apply for the school place please go to www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Places will be announced on Primary National Offer day, Wednesday 16th April 2025.

New School Gates

I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience when accessing the school site while the electronic gates were being installed. The gates are now in use and I am sure that you agree that they offer greater security in keeping children, parents, staff and visitors safe.

Value of the Month – DETERMINATION

The value of the month for January is Determination. Determination is overcoming obstacles in order to achieve goals.

Determination is like climbing a mountain. You have to know what you want to achieve, then put one foot in front of the other until you reach the top.

Climbing a mountain takes a lot of effort. It is tempting to give up and turn back when you feel tired or discouraged. But determination means pressing on, pushing forward, and not giving up. Determination makes you a winner!

You can “win” at school by concentrating in class, working hard and doing your best in every subject. You can “win” at home by helping your family, doing your chores, and making good choices. It takes determination to win—but you can do it!

We encourage our children to keep trying, face challenges and not be discouraged if they do not get things right the first time

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to our Save the Children fundraising event. Together, our school community raised **£273.41**. Save the Children provides care for children in 115 countries across the world based on their specific needs. Here in the UK they work in homes, nurseries, schools and communities to narrow the gap between children living in poverty and their better off classmates.

Spelling Bee

In the week before Christmas we held our first ever Spelling Bee. A Spelling Bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words with a varying degree of difficulty. The final round took place in the main hall as the earlier rounds had taken place in the classrooms. Each contestant spelled their given word aloud to the enthusiastic audience, using the microphone, spelling words with precision and confidence. The children cheered for every correct answer. The competition was fierce, but the atmosphere remained supportive and encouraging. Congratulations to the winners in each year group:

Year 1 - Hussein

Year 2 - Liyana

Year 3 - Anderson

Year 4 - Eesa

Year 5 - Aminah

Year 6 – Ryan

Art Work



We were all very impressed to see the paintings that Faith did over the Christmas Holidays. The paintings were done using acrylic paints on canvas, and they are all her own work. We currently have copies of the paintings on display in the foyer at school. This is just one example of the range of talents that our brilliant children have. Very well done Faith and I am sure we will one day see your working hanging in the great Art Galleries of the world.

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; or the Police on 999, if the child is in immediate danger.

Attendance

The classes with the highest attendance this week were 3C and 5U with 98.87%. Congratulations and very well done to both classes.

The whole school attendance figure was 92.87%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	94.17
Sunshines	88.75
1G	90.0
1H	90.83
2D	93.33
2P	89.58
3C	97.92
3D	94.17
4H	92.5
4M	93.75
5C	93.97
5U	97.92
6C	97.5
6M	85.71
6W	92.11
Whole School	92.87

Diary Dates

JANUARY	
Tuesday 14 th	SATs meeting for Year 6 parents and carers at 2.30 pm in the school hall
Thursday 16 th	Year 1 Maths workshop for parents and carers
Thursday 30 th	Year 6 Writing workshop for parents and carers
FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 4 th	Florence Nightingale workshop in school for Year 1 pupils
Wednesday 5 th	Chinese New Year Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 3C
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 museum trip Year 5 writing workshop
Friday 7 th	Chinese New Year Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 3D NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10 th	Marsh Hill marketplace event; 9.00 a.m. in the school hall
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th	Year 6 trip to Cosford
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Writing workshop for parents and carers

Friday 14 th	Marsh Hill's Got Talent School breaks up for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 24 th	Swimming Pool onsite (for seven weeks)
MARCH	
Monday 3 rd – Wednesday 5 th	Years 5 and 6 residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 6 th	Year 1 Writing workshop for parents and carers
Friday 14 th	Year 6 water safety workshop p.m.
Tuesday 18 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 21 st	House Competition TT Rock Stars
Wednesday 26 th	EYFS Writing workshop for parents and carers Mother's Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1G
Thursday 27 th	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in the school hall: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.
Friday 28 th	Mother's Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1H: 9.00 a.m.
APRIL	
Wednesday 9 th	Easter Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 5C: 9.00 a.m. EYFS/Ks1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 11 th	Easter Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 5U: 9.00 a.m. Ks2 Decorate an Easter Egg showcase School breaks up for the Easter Holiday: 3.15 p.m.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack

Head Teacher