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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 24th 2025

The Value for the month of January is DETERMINATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week.

New Electronic Gates

On Friday 17th January, we were delighted to welcome our local MP, Paulette Hamilton to officially open our new electronic gates. Paulette joined with pupils, parents, staff and governors to mark this occasion. As Paulette herself noted, "These gates will help keep the school community safe and secure."



SMART watches

Please be aware that children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school (as outlined on page 16 of the school's positive behaviour policy and page 13 of the online safety policy – both of which are available on the school website). We have had a rise in the number of children wearing SMART watches since Christmas and it is beginning to cause issues and distract children. When staff have to deal with these issues and distractions during lesson time, it reduces the amount of teaching your child is receiving.

Many smart watches now offer internet and email access, alongside standard functions of messaging, camera, video and sound recording – and staff are unable to ensure these facilities are not being used in school/on the school grounds. We take no responsibility for loss or damage to watches that are brought into school. Should children be wearing a smart watch in school it will be confiscated and an adult will be asked to collect it from the school office.

Collecting Children at the End of the School Day

If you arrange for another adult to collect your child, you must let us know by contacting the school office on 0121 464 2920. Your child will not be allowed to leave with anyone else if we have not been notified.

Breakfast Club

We request that children do not bring breakfast/cereal bars or snacks with them to eat at breakfast club. Our excellent catering staff serve a variety of items including cereal, toast, juice and milk.

We have several children who have serious nut allergies that can develop into a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction and very many breakfast/cereal bars contain nuts.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Data Checking Sheets

We are still awaiting the return of annual data checking sheets from a number of parents and carers (which were sent out earlier this term 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.

Amelia

All of the Marsh Hill staff were taken aback with admiration for Amelia in Year 2, who decided to cut her long hair short in order to donate it to charity. Hair loss can be a distressing side effect of some illnesses and wigs can provide a sense of normalcy and boost the self-esteem of patients. Very well done Amelia, we are all very proud of you.

STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Kaiden, Zayaan, Nia, Duha

Year 1 – Gaya, Mariam, Layla, Fatima

Year 2 – Lyana, Kadija, Inara, Lena

Year 3 – Meher, Amelia, Renae, Ishaq

Year 4 – Riaz, Marwah, Ivy, Arsham

Year 5 – Ameena, Mobin, Jannat

Year 6 – Isabelle, Aminta, Urwa, Hafsa, Rimsha

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 was Rainbows. Congratulations and very well done to Rainbows.

The whole school attendance figure was 92.76%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	99.0
Sunshines	86.33
1G	95.0
1H	93.0
2D	86.87
2P	90.33
3C	95.0
3D	96.0

4H	96.33
4M	96.67
5C	97.42
5U	89.0
6C	90.5
6M	94.29
6W	96.32
Whole School	92.76

Diary Dates

JANUARY	
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 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.

I wish all our families a good weekend.



Mr. J. Cusack

Head Teacher