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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

May 3rd 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by reminding you that school will not be open to children or staff on Monday 6th May due to the Bank Holiday. I hope that the longer weekend allows you all to spend quality time with your families and friends.

This week started with a whole school assembly from Bonanza Creative who shared important information about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide:

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an incredibly poisonous gas that poses a serious threat to health if exposure occurs. It's known as the 'silent killer' because we can't see, hear, smell, taste or touch it. We are on a mission to raise awareness about Carbon Monoxide safety in primary schools to help keep children and their families safe.

Assembly was followed up by workshops for each year group across the week. By participating in the workshops, the children will receive free activity packs, including pens, keyrings, booklets, and a free CO alarm for Years 2 and 3.

As we have found out, this is a very important issue. Please take the time to speak with you children to share their learning about carbon monoxide with you.

Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited Aston Hall to enhance their history topic 'The Tudors and Stuarts'. Children were given a guided tour of the house and grounds. They saw the bedroom that King Charles I slept in when he visited and lasting damage caused by a cannon ball during the civil war. They got to use real quills and ink to write their names. It was a fantastic day and the children learned a lot.

STARS of the Week



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

Year 1 – Myron, Riley, Lena, Scarlet

Year 2 – Ivy, Abu-Bakr, Cairo, Hooria, Sameer

Year 3 – Vanessa, Harmony, Claudia, Lily

Year 4 – Joshua, Amelia, Maryam, Daisy

Year 5 – Cian, AbdulAziz, Idrees, Isabelle

Year 6 – Khadija, Mahrosh, Mansoor, Zoya

Reading at Home

As I stated in last week’s newsletter, we have been delighted to see the high number of children achieving their silver reading award this term and I would like to thank all parents and carers who have supported this initiative – it has really increased the number of children reading at home.

Reading at home for pleasure is a key indicator of a child’s future success. Children who read regularly have a greater general knowledge, a wider range of vocabulary, are able to read more fluently and have improved attention spans.

I encourage all parents and carers to inspire your children to read more by:

- Setting aside a few minutes each day to read. This will help to create a reading habit.
- Let your children catch you reading to show them that reading for pleasure is not just for children.
- Read to each other. If your child really doesn’t want to read on their own, then read together.

Safeguarding

If you ever have a concern about a child’s wellbeing, then please report this to Cathy Lomas – or 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.

Dates For Your Diary

MAY	
Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday – school is closed to all staff and pupils
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th	Ks2 SATs Week
Tuesday 21 st	Year 3 trip to Statfold Museum
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 6 trip to the Roundhouse (Birmingham Canals)
JUNE	
w/c Monday 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 18 th	EYFS Induction meeting for Parents and Carers of children starting school in September (Rainbows): 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 19 th	EYFS Induction meeting for Parents and Carers of children starting school in September (Sunshines): 9.00 a.m.
Monday 24 th	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 28 th	Year 2 Sleepover
JULY	
w/c Monday 1 st	EYFS Home Visits for children starting school in September (all week)
Tuesday 2 nd	Ks1 Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
Thursday 4 th	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
Friday 5 th	Whole School Big Top Circus Event (all day)

w/c Monday 8 th	EYFS Home Visits for children starting school in September (all week)
Monday 15 th	EYFS Graduation Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Parents' Evening (3.30 p.m.- 6.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 17 th	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 19 th	Last day for children – school closes at 1.00 p.m.

This section will be updated if/when new dates are added; or if there is any change of date to any events.

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

Yours sincerely,



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