



# Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. It's been lovely welcoming the children back to school for the start of the Autumn Term and hearing all about their adventures during the holidays. All the children have settled superbly into their new classes and year groups. The atmosphere in school has been so positive. The conduct and behaviour of each and every child in assembly and throughout the school day has demonstrated what a warm, safe and positive ethos has been embedded at Marsh Hill. We would like to welcome our new Foundation Stage children who have been settling in to Rainbows and Sunshines. We wish them all a very happy and successful time with us here at Marsh Hill.

## Weekly Newsletter

A newsletter is sent out to parents on a weekly basis giving you the information you need about events and activities. Please take the time to read the newsletter so that you are informed about what is going to happen and what exciting things have happened during the week. You should receive **Parent Curriculum Planners** today giving detailed information about what your child will be learning—lots planned and as busy as ever!

## Website App

The school's new website is finally up and running – we are adding information and important events/dates on a daily basis. Along with the website, we now have an app that is linked to the website content. So if you download the new app, you will automatically receive instant messages and reminders relating to any whole school events and to your child's year group.

Open either the App Store for Apple devices or Google Play for Android devices.

Search for 'The Parent App' – look for the image as shown on the right. 'Phenix Education' are the app creators.

Download the app and then open it.

Search for 'Marsh Hill Primary School'.

Choose the year groups that you wish to receive information from – ideally the year groups that your children are in.

Save the settings.

You may have to turn on 'banner notifications' within your phone's display settings to receive instant notifications. Otherwise, check the app frequently to see what's taking place relating to Marsh Hill.



## Dairy Dates

Next week you will receive the key dates for the Autumn term. These dates may be subject to change and we will let you know as soon as possible if they do.

## Uniform

The children look really smart in their uniform including their shiny shoes! Please can we remind you to check that all items are named including shoes. If children want to wear trainers at playtimes and lunchtimes then they are welcome to bring them in and change from their black shoes.

## PE Kit

All children will be expected to have their full PE kit in school from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The PE kit will be sent home to be washed at half term.

## Reminders

Jewellery– Children are only allowed to wear a small stud and /or a watch.

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

Nail varnish and makeup is also not permitted. If in doubt, please visit the school website for the full list.

## Values Education at Marsh Hill

We agree on one value to work on per month during the academic year. We think about the value in assembly and during our class lesson. We talk about the value at home. Each week we will try to prove to our teachers, parents, and each other that we can show the value 'in action'.

Value for September is: **Humility**



## New Teachers

Introducing.... Miss Palmer, Year 6 and Miss Hodge, Year 4.

Hello, my name is Miss Palmer. I am delighted to have joined the Marsh Hill family. I am thrilled to have received such a warm welcome already!

I am teaching Year 6 this year, which I am very excited about. I look forward to meeting all the parents now I have met all your lovely children. I would describe myself as fun, friendly and hard-working and cannot wait to help shape your children's bright minds.



Hello, my name is Miss Hodge and I have the privilege of being your new teacher.

I have been so excited about meeting you all. I am really looking forward to being apart of the wonderful team of

teachers at Marsh Hill.

My aim is to challenge and encourage you to reach higher than you think you can reach.

## Classes for 2019-2020

Rainbows	Mrs Holmes
Sunshines	Mrs Nehar
1C	Ms Coppock
1G	Ms Grant
2A	Mr. Ahmed
2C	Mrs Cureton
3A	Mrs. Aujla
3W	Miss Williamson
4H	Ms Hodge
4M	Mrs. Miirza
5J	Mr Jellyman
5M	Miss Morrison
6C	Mr. Chikandwa
6P	Miss Palmer

## Safeguarding

If a child ever feels unsafe it is important that they let an adult know so that, where necessary, appropriate help can be provided. Should their worry come out at home then we can only help if you tell us about it at school.

Equally, we will do everything we can to help if a child chooses to share their concern in school. Every school is required to have a member of staff known as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), a deputy DSL and a Safeguarding Governor. In our school the persons concerned are: Mrs Lomas (DSL), Mr Cusack, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Clover, Mr Kinson, Mrs Leavey and Mrs Douglas (Deputy DSL's Safeguarding). Ms Kayani - (Safeguarding Governor). All school staff have a responsibility to identify children who may be in need of extra help or who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm. All staff then have a responsibility to take appropriate action, working with other services as needed.

If you ever have a concern about a child's well-being, please report this to our Designated Lead for Safeguarding, Mrs Lomas. Alternatively, you may ring Social Health and Care directly on 303 1888.

### Medication in school

May we remind parents of the procedures for medication in school.

- We can only administer prescribed medication
- Parents must fill in the appropriate form available from the school office
- The delivery and collection of medication is the parents' responsibility
- Medication, especially inhalers and epipens, must be in-date and of sufficient quantity.

Thank You

Mrs Holmes—Inclusion Leader

### Extra – Curricular Activities

These activities have always enhanced the curriculum at Marsh Hill and After School Clubs will begin week commencing **23rd September**.

Letters will be sent home next week and must be returned by **17th September**. Please remember to put your child's name at the top as the office regularly have unnamed forms returned.

### Collecting your children

If you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day and you have arranged for someone else to collect them, you must inform the school office before 3pm. We will not dismiss the children to anyone that is not on the contacts list without a phone call.

### Bikes and Scooters in the Playground

While it is very good and encouraging to see children riding their bikes and scooters to school, please ensure that they are not ridden in the playground at pick up time as there are a lot of people about (including very young children), and we need to be mindful of everybody's health and safety.

### Baby News

**Miss Deans had a baby girl named Meadow on 13th August. Both are doing well.**

### Job Vacancy

Job Title: General Assistant – Grade 1

Hours per week: 10, term time only

Contract Type: Permanent

Job start date: 30th September 2019

Salary: £17,364 - £18,065 per year (Pro rata)

We are looking for a General Assistant to join our team.

You will assist in the basic preparation of food and refreshments, which may include some cooking and cleaning of the kitchen/dining rooms and kitchen equipment. Your duties will include the preparation of dining rooms including the erection and dismantling of dining room furniture where necessary. The post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent and spoken English is an essential requirement for this role. Application packs can be obtained from the school office.

Closing Date : 20th September 2019.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to necessary pre-employment checks including an enhanced DBS, medical fitness, identity and right to work. All applicants will be required to provide two suitable references.

### Parking around the school site

The local police have been in contact with us this week and have informed us that they will be carrying out checks that monitor parking around the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please remember that dangerous parking puts children at risk and that the police can take action against parents who park illegally.

*Finally...* If there is anything you want to discuss, contact myself or Mr Cusack via the school office, or alternatively catch either of us on the school playground before or at the end of the school day.

Kind regards,

*Marlene Douglas*

Head Teacher