



Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

All the children have settled superbly into their new classes and year groups. We are all very proud of how good they have been and how they have started the academic year! Parents' Evening will take place during the week of 25th November. This is an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing in school and for you to tell us any information that might be helpful. If you have any concerns during the term, please see your child's class teacher, preferably after school. You can also email school at: enquiry@marshall.bham.sch.uk. If you think that there is something that either myself or my Deputy Head Mr Cusack can help you with, you are welcome to make an appointment via the school office.

Attendance

Earlier this week every family in school received a letter on the importance of attendance. The letter outlines the impact that poor attendance has on children's futures and the schools legal obligations to deal with poor attendance. If you have not received this letter, then you can get a copy from the office. A copy is also available on the school website. We work in partnership with both Parents and the Local Authority and where necessary, despite all the support we offer, the Local Authority will take Parents to court for persistent unauthorised absence. As a school we take the issue of attendance very seriously. Last academic year a family from our school was fined for persistent absenteeism. We would urge you to contact us if you are experiencing issues relating to attendance so that we can work together to resolve these. Again, we would like to thank those parents who make sure their child is attending school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.

Diary Dates

A list of key dates for this term have been sent home with your child this week. These dates are correct at the time of writing. We will, of course, inform you if we are forced to reschedule any of the events listed as soon as we are made aware of them.

Website App



The school's new website is now 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 left. '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.

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**



Celebrating Diversity—Black History Month

We will be exploring the value of Freedom as part of Black History Month, The children will be carrying out activities in each year group on the contributions made to society by the African and Caribbean communities and we have arranged for a special Caribbean lunch on Thursday 24th October to celebrate this. If you would like your child to have a meal the please pay £2.30 via School money by Thursday 10th October.

Menu

- Mutton Curry
- Fried Chicken
- Rice & Peas
- Sweet Potatoes
- Steamed Mixed Vegetables
- Vanilla Cheesecake

The price quoted is not applicable to children who are entitled to free school meals or those children in Reception and KS1 eligible to Universal Free School Meals.



Attendance and Punctuality This weeks attendance is 95.9%

Rainbows	88.97%	Sunshines	– 95.17%
1C	94.83%	1G	92.14%
2A	97.14%	2C	94.00%
3A	98.67%	3W	99.66%
4H	98.33%	4G	99.62%
5J	95.33%	5M	97.67%
6C	96.67%	6P	95.00%

Punctuality

Well done also to **3W** who were the most punctual class this week.

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.

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.

Extra – Curricular Activities

These activities have always enhanced the curriculum at Marsh Hill and After School Clubs will begin week commencing **23rd September**. Letters have been sent home with the children and must **not** be returned until **Tuesday 17th September**. Please remember to put your child's name at the top as the office regularly have unnamed forms returned.

MARVELLOUS ME

At Marsh Hill we communicate with our parents about your child's learning and behaviour using the light touch app called '**Marvellous Me**'. We are delighted that we have just over **300** parents already gaining more information about their child's day. If you haven't already signed up ... please do!

We don't want you to miss out on any of the exciting information we are sharing with you about your child's learning!

A big thank you to all the parents who are already sending us 'Hi5's!' your children are absolutely loving seeing the responses!

Out of School Achievements

A Big well done to Liam in Year 4 who came 7th in the Male 8 BMX Midland Regional Series.



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

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.

Reading Raffle

At Marsh Hill, we recognise the significant impact which reading at home can have on your child's development. Children who read regularly can experience over one and a half million more words a year than children who only read occasionally. Studies have shown that children who read regularly at primary school, gain higher results in assessments in secondary school and beyond. Reading for 10 minutes a night, regularly throughout the week can have a huge impact on your child's reading confidence and is more effective than reading for one hour once a week. To support your child's reading, each time your child reads at home, please sign in their reading journal. Each signature will earn your child one raffle ticket. At the end of this half term, raffle tickets will be drawn in assembly and the winners will receive a prize!



Please remember that: School is closed for pupils on

Monday 16th September 2019

Pupils are to return to school on Tuesday 17th September 2019.