



Dear Parents and Carers,

The value for November was introduced and discussed with the children on Monday. We talked about the meaning of courage and how it can be linked to bravery. We will spend the month of November thinking about people from history, people from the present day and people all around us who show courage. We may be inspired to be braver ourselves!

Please could you discuss 'Courage' with children at home, and explore ways to reinforce it.

Each week we will give special certificates to those children who demonstrate good values.

Open Day for Reception 2020

On Wednesday we held an open evening for prospective reception parents. It was very well attended. Parents listened to a talk about the school and this was followed by a tour of the school. If you have a child who will be four on the 1st September 2020 then you should apply online by 15th January 2020. If you know anybody who has a child due to start school in September 2020 and they were not able to attend our Open Day please encourage them to contact us to arrange a guided tour.

Our Value for October is: **Courage**



- Courage is being brave
- Courage is facing your fears
- Courage is keeping going no matter what

What is Remembrance Day and why do we wear poppies?



During our assemblies we have been talking to the children about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we buy poppies. Remembrance Day, and sometimes known as Armistice Day and is celebrated on November 11th each year, as this was the day when the agreement was signed to stop the fighting in 1918.

We will be holding a two-minute silence at 11am on Monday 11th November to remember the people who have died in wars.

Parents, staff and children have been buying poppies and other merchandise to mark Remembrance Day and to remember the courageous servicemen and women who died in not only the World Wars but other wars.

There is also Remembrance Sunday every year, which falls this year on 10th November. On this day, there are usually ceremonies at war memorials, cenotaphs and churches throughout the country, as well as abroad.

Democracy

Democracy is embedded at Marsh Hill. As part of this process the children in Key Stage 2 have been busy nominating either themselves or others to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for the school. This process reflects our British electoral system and demonstrates democracy in action. The prospective candidates will be concluding their Election campaign with a speech to the whole school during Mondays assembly. Elections will take place on Monday afternoon.

School Site Safety

We are delighted that so many pupils arrive at school on bikes and scooters. For the safety of all however, once in the playground please encourage your children to alight from their bike or scooter and walk their vehicle to the designated bike sheds for safekeeping.

On a similar note in terms of safety, **ball games are not permitted** in the playground at the beginning, or end of the school day and please do not let your children use the climbing frames / apparatus at the beginning or end of school.

Reminder—Dogs are not allowed on the school site and mobile phones should be switched off whilst you are in the school building. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is essential to your child's academic success. We aim for an overall attendance rate of at least 97%, attendance levels below 90% give us serious cause for concern. I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your son or daughter only misses school where it is absolutely unavoidable.

This Week's Attendance is 95.1%

Rainbows 99.00%		Sunshines – 96.33%	
1C	90.00%	1G	92.14%
2A	94.48%	2C	98.67%
3A	90.67%	3W	94.00%
4H	97.67%	4M	97.17%
5J	94.67%	5M	98.00%
6C	98.00%	6P	90.67%

Punctuality

Well done also to **5J** who were the most punctual class this week.

Advanced Notice

School will be closed on
Thursday 12th December
to be used as a polling station for the
General Election



Tip of the Week

Keep your privacy settings as high as Possible.

Forthcoming Events



Children In Need takes place this year on Friday 15th November. Marsh Hill's theme for this year is 'Show us you are a superhero.' For a £1 donation on Friday 15th November children can dress up as their favourite superhero or wear their Pudsey gear. They could even wear ordinary clothes because not all heroes wear capes!



During playtimes next week there will be merchandise sold. This will include headbands, wristbands and badges. For £1 children and adults can even purchase a raffle ticket to win a fantastic Pudsey bear. Merchandise available and prices are below:
Pin badges and Wristbands are £1.
Yellow Pudsey ears are £2.50.

Diwali

What is it and why is it celebrated? Diwali is one of the most significant festivals in Indian culture and was celebrated last week by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival, which coincides with the Hindu New Year, celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. During Diwali, gifts are exchanged, homes are decorated and oil lamps are lit. Fireworks are also a big part of the festival.



Diwali Assembly

Year 2 are performing their Diwali class assemblies as a group on **13th and 15th November**.

Parents can attend either date and are advised to be in the foyer for 9am.



Diwali Celebrations at Marsh Hill

All classes will have a Diwali party on the afternoon of **Friday 15th November**. Children will be having their lunch as normal and it will be a **non-school uniform day** for this celebration for all children.

We are requesting donations of pre-packed nut free food so that children can enjoy party food, fun and games with their friends—drinks will be provided.

PTA NEWS

Friends of Marsh Hill Christmas Hampers.

Many thanks for your kind donations of food and/or drink items for the Christmas hampers. We would be grateful for the following donations.

Week beginning 11.11.19 - sweets/chocolate items.

Week beginning 18.11.19 - Christmas items.

We will also be having a name the Teddy raffle, the winner keeps the teddy!

More information will be sent out closer to the time. Thank you for your support.



Reading Raffle

Since the beginning of September, children in Years 1-6 have been collecting raffle tickets each time they have read at home. On Monday, there was a raffle draw in assembly and the gift card prizes were won by Isaiah (1G) and Freyja (6C). Reading is a vital skill both for school and later in life. Short, regular practise is the most effective way to support your child with developing their skills. All children in school can now begin to collect their raffle tickets ready for the next prize draw in December.



Christmas Dinner

We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 11th December. If your child would like this lunch, then please pay via School Money no later than Thursday 21st November. The price for this lunch is £2.30. There is no charge to children entitled to free school meals and those children in Reception and KS1 eligible for Universal Free School Meals.

Please see our Christmas menu below:

Roast Turkey,
Roast Lamb,
Quorn Roast,
Cheese Flan
Roast Potatoes
Creamed Potatoes
Stuffing Balls
Seasonal Vegetables
Chocolate Cracknell, Mince Pies, Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt



Finally...

I hope you are pleased with your child's photograph.

Please return to school by 14th November.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Marlene Douglas

Head Teacher