



Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy half term is flying by and we have had lots of events and visitors in school. As we finish the month on Courage, we have been reflecting on how the world would be a lot different if people did not have the courage to stand up for things that they think is right. Next month we will explore the value of Generosity.

Police Community Support Officers

Today, Duncan our local PCSO was in school training our Junior PCSOs. This week they were trained on Peer Mentoring to support their fellow pupils. All of them listened well and are looking forward to next week's training.

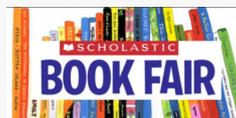


Parent Consultation

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent consultation this week. I hope that you found the meeting informative and that you now have a clear idea on your child's capabilities and the progress being made. If you were unable to attend your child's parent consultation this week, then please arrange an appointment with their class teacher.

Book Fayre

Thank you to the parents who supported the book fayre this week; and to our pupils who helped every day and contributed to the smooth running of the book fayre. Thank you for your support and we hope it helped with your Christmas shopping lists.



Our Value for November is: **Courage**



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

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 92.2%

Rainbows 90.00%	Sunshines – 89.67%
1C 94.67%	1G 91.43%
2A 90.00%	2C 92.67%
3A 95.33%	3W 88.67%
4H 89.33%	4M 96.43%
5J 93.67%	5M 92.67%
6C 92.00%	6P 95.33%

Punctuality

Well done also to **6P** who were the most punctual class this week.

Key Stage 1 Competition Winners



Well done to following winners of the **KS1 Nativity Program** competition:

1st—Amelia (Year2)

2nd—Minnie (Reception)

3rd—Ryan (Year1)

Many thanks to everyone who made the effort to enter and take part—the response has been amazing!

We look forward to announcing KS2 winners next week.

Safeguarding

If you ever have a concern about a child's well-being, please report this to our Designated Lead for Safeguarding, Ms Cathy Lomas.

Alternatively you may contact Social Health and Care directly on 303 1888.

Reminder

School will be closed on

Thursday 12th December

to be used as a polling station for the General Election.



Sports Report



It has been a busy month for the Marsh Hill sports teams.

The Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics team won their qualifying event, moving on to the finals on Wednesday, where they came up against the strongest teams in the partnership. They all competed very well but, unfortunately, didn't manage to take home a medal.

We also took a group of Years 5/6 children to the Gifted & Talented event at the Nechells Health Centre. The children really enjoyed the day and all the new games they were introduced to.

Last week saw the annual Years 3/4 Dodgeball competition. We entered two teams to the event and, although both teams played really well, our B team narrowly missed out on a place in the final. This was a real shame as they played really well and only lost one game. Our A team have progressed and we wish them the best of luck for next week's finals competition.

Our football team are in action again tonight at Villa Park, good luck in securing more league points.



Forthcoming Events

Friday 13th December:

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day for a donation of £1.

Santa's Grotto— Reception -Year 3. Payment to be made by Monday 2nd December via school money

Thursday 19th December: Christmas Party- NSU



Parking

Please be mindful when parking outside school, **Do not park over or in the school drive**, over the zig zag lines or over residents drives. Please respect our Neighbours. Thank you.



Advanced Notice

School will close at **1pm** on **Friday 20th December**.

Children to return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**

Finally, In the event of school closure, please listen to the local radio stations and check our website.

We will text everyone as early as possible if we have to close in an emergency or adverse weather.

Kind regards,

Marlene Douglas

Head Teacher



Christmas Post box:

The post box will be available from **Monday 2nd December 2019**.

Please make sure that all cards are clearly marked with the child's/teachers full name and class.



Vomiting and Diarrhoea

If your child has a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea, school policy is your child must be off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

Medical Appointments

Reminder: All medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible.

Absence Phone Calls

If your child is unwell please ensure you phone school before 9.20am.

Healthy Lunch Box

Parents please do not include any type of unhealthy food such as burgers and chips in your child's lunch box. We are a healthy school and strongly promote healthy eating.



The importance of packing a healthy lunchbox is immeasurable. Children are more alert and focused when they are fuelled with healthy food. ... What is in a lunchbox can make up to a third of their daily nutrients and provides all of the energy they need to get through an action packed day.



PTA NEWS

Mrs Leavey will be selling Hamper raffle tickets to the children Monday-Wednesday in her office at playtime and lunchtime. Mrs Mynett will be selling them at the office on Thursday and Friday.

Hamper raffle tickets: £1 a strip 50p for a Lucky dip

Winners will be announced on Monday 9th December. Good Luck!

Thank you for your continued support.

