Dear Parents and Carers,
At last the festive season is upon us! It is always a jolly and fun-filled time during December at Marsh Hill Primary School, so please keep up to date with all of our events by checking our school calendar on our website. Please can we remind all parents to arrive in good time for the Christmas performances as we cannot let you in after they start as it would disturb our fabulous performers!

**Merit Assemblies**
This week we have been celebrating children’s achievement. It was lovely to see so many parents who were happy when their child either performed or collected an achievement certificate. Well done to everyone.

**Christmas Lunch**
We had a fantastic lunch on Wednesday! We give our thanks and praises to Donna and the rest of the catering staff for putting on such a wonderful feast.

**Reception & Key Stage 1 Christmas Assembly** will be performed on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December. A letter has been sent home with your child this week inviting you to watch their Christmas performance:
- Tuesday 17th December at 9.15am for **EYFS parents**.
- Tuesday 17th December at 2pm for **Year 5&6 parents**.
- Wednesday 18th at 9.15am for **Year 1 parents**.
- Wednesday 18th at 2pm for **Year 2 parents**.

For health and safety reasons, tickets are limited to 2 tickets per family and there will not be room in the hall for family members without tickets.

All classes will be having a **Party Day** after lunch on **Thursday 19th December**. This day is also non-school uniform day. **Children will be having their lunch as normal.**

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.

Friday 20th December is also non-school uniform day.

**Parent’s Evening**
We were delighted to see that so many of you were able to attend Parent’s Evening earlier this half term in order to discuss your child’s/children’s progress (78% of parents met with class teachers). Parents who were unable to attend were written to last week and we would encourage you to schedule a meeting with your class teacher before the end of term as we believe it is important that school and home work together to ensure that every pupil achieves to their true potential.

**Christmas Jumper Day/Save the Children**
Today we were really impressed with the number of children who either wore a Christmas themed jumper or something woolly in return for a £1 donation. This money will be sent to the Save the Children Charity so that they can help children less fortunate than ourselves.
Junior PCSO’s

The day is finally here when our trainee Junior PCSO’s will be officially appointed as Marsh Hill Primary School Junior PCSO’s. They have worked hard in training over the last 4 weeks. After the Introduction to their Role, the following workshops covered: Road Safety – learning about the different road signs and what they mean; Peer Mentor – learning about how to help and support their fellow pupils who may be having a difficult time; First Aid – this workshop gave the pupils the chance to try out different bandages on each other and how to respond to a medical emergency. The final workshop took place this week where the pupils had to use their handwriting and maths skills during an exercise taking down number plates. Duncan was very impressed with the neatness and accuracy of the information the Junior PCSO’s recorded. Their Graduation Ceremony took place this afternoon conducted by Inspector Glynis Tomlinson from our local police station. We will be sharing pictures of the Graduation in next week’s newsletter. We are very proud of the commitment and enthusiasm of our new Junior PCSO’s and you will be seeing them in the local community on Parking and Litter picking duties.

PTA NEWS

From all the members of the PTA and Marsh Hill school we would like to say a big thank you for all your generous donations over the last few weeks. The 1st prize winners of the Hampers were drawn on Monday and were:
- Mr. Brewer
- Georgina (5J)
- Aminta (1G)
- Inaaya (2C)
- Rayah (1G)
- Keeley (6C)
- Amelia (Rainbows)
- Maria (5J)
- Bianka (3W)
- Mrs Alder

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.

Lost Property

Parents, have you noticed that your child is coming home with fewer and fewer of their personal belongings? Not only do we have a growing pile of lost property, but the majority of it is not even named! Please check through the Lost Property box located in the reception office area by Thursday 19th December. After this date any unclaimed items will be sent to charity.

Out of School Achievement

Congratulations to Ryan and Jessica who have both levelled up in Taekwondo.

Reminder

School will close at 1pm on: Friday 20th December.
Please ensure that your child is collected on time.

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