Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 visit to The Black Country Living Museum

On Wednesday Year 1 visited The Black Country Living Museum in Dudley. The trip was to help the children understand how different life was during the reign of Queen Victoria. It was a fantastic day and the children got to experience a variety of different aspects of Victorian life. We visited a sweet shop, a chemist and a general store. We also saw an ironmonger at work, had a look around different types of houses and had a go at playing with some Victorian street toys. Finally, we went to school! The teacher was incredibly strict and even had a cane!

Everybody enjoyed the day and came away with lots of interesting new knowledge.

Friday 31st January 2020

Attendance
95.3%

Rainbows 95.00%
Sunshines –
98.67%

1C 96.00%
1G 98.57%
2A 97.59%
2C 91.67%
3A 97.00%
3W 98.00%
4H 95.33%
4M 97.14%
5J 91.67%
5M 99.00%
6C 91.33%
6P 88.33%

Punctuality
Well done also to 4M who were the most punctual class this week.

Health, Wellbeing and Fitness Day: February 7th 2020

Next Friday 7th February, we are holding a whole school event to promote the importance of Physical and Emotional Health Well-being and Fitness. It will be an extraordinary day of exciting and challenging activities for the school. All the children will need to attend school wearing appropriate, warm sports clothing and shoes. The day will begin with everyone having breakfast with their class peers, followed by an interactive assembly with Steven Russell from Elements Diverse. Every class will have the opportunity to participate in a Ready, Steady, Cook challenge - learning about the importance of nutrition and the impact on us both emotionally and physically. There will be interactive sessions involving First Aid and how to deal with emergencies, Fitness Activities - including Archery, Yoga and Meditation, together with sessions looking at our behaviour and the impact we have on each other. Although these elements are taught throughout the academic year this will be a very positive way to focus ourselves on the importance of everything we do to look after ourselves, both as individuals and as a community.

Active Streets having kindly sent this to let all parents know how this will all work on the day.

“Woolmore Road will be closed from 2pm-5pm. The closure will begin after the junction with Ransom Road up to the junction with Hidson Road. The Active Wellbeing Society will be supporting the road closure and will bring along a variety of outdoor equipment including Tennis, Connect 4 and Archery. There will also be free food provided by the Big Feed Project. The road closure will enable us to use the space outside the upper playground for additional activities whilst allowing the residents of Woolmore Road to enjoy their space also. In order for the road closure to be managed safely, both ends of the closure will need to be stewarded and we would love it if any parents were able to help with this. Please contact us here at the office or contact Viv Close from The Active Wellbeing Society on 07311 115 195 if you are able to help.

Please note, during this period, Woolmore Road will be closed to through traffic so we would encourage you on this day to park further away from school and walk or just leave your car at home! Please let us know if you have any questions.”

Sports Report

It has been another great month for Marsh Hill. Last week we took a team to the Archery competition with most of the team having not participated before and they came 4th. Then it was onto the Basketball. Having won the qualifying event, we progressed to the finals and played against the strongest teams in the partnership. All the children’s hard work in training paid off and they won all their games and have now qualified for the school games finals, where they will compete against all the best schools in the Midlands. The children said at the start of the competition “let’s do this for Kobe Bryant”.

Value for February is

LOVE

Please let us know if you have any questions.
Chinese New Year was last Saturday(25.1.20) and celebrated the Year of the Rat. In Chinese culture, rats represent hard-workers and thriftiness. Those born under the Year of the Rat are believed to be quick-witted and resourceful. Celebrations for this event take place all over the world to mark the new year according to the traditional Chinese calendar. The Chinese New Year festival continues for several weeks and will end with the Lantern Festival on February 8, 2020.

We are celebrating Chinese New Year with assemblies by our Year 1 classes on 12th and 14th February 2020 at 9am.

As you know, we are also holding a Chinese New Year lunch to celebrate the Year of the Rat. So if your child normally brings sandwiches and would like a meal on this day, then pay via School Money. Please remember that payment needs to be made by Monday 3rd February, this does not apply to KS1 children or any children on Free School Meals.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor with the ability to analyse data on school standards. If you would like to apply or would like to nominate yourself, please see the school office for a form and return it by Friday 7th February 2020. It is expected that as a new governor, you will be required to attend induction training and will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Governing Board meetings are held on Wednesdays after school throughout the school year. We have approximately six meetings a year, and attendance is important to support and challenge the school.

Smoking outside School
Please refrain from smoking cigarettes and vapes outside the school gates as concerns have been raised by parents.

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 because of adverse weather conditions and notify you as to when school will re-open.

Finally...
Have a lovely weekend everyone and thanks, as always, for supporting our lovely school and amazing children!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Marlene Douglas and the Marsh Hill Team
Head Teacher

Next Week
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: Mathematics workshops for Year 2, 3, and 4 parents.
- Friday: Health, Well-being, and Fitness day