



# Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 24th April, 2020

*Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,*

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term and we hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. This month's value is **Happiness** and we challenge you and your child to spread happiness this month!

I do hope you are all doing as well as you can under this current unprecedented situation. The website will remain the main portal for school information but we are also actively sending messages via MarvellousMe, Texting and Twitter.

Value for **APRIL** is  
**HAPPINESS**



## Happy Birthday Your Majesty!



**Queen Elizabeth II** was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926 and celebrated her **94th** birthday on Tuesday.

The Queen has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe.

Elizabeth was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, in Westminster Abbey, at the age of 27.

Her British ancestors include **Queen Victoria** (ruled 1837 to 1901) and **King George III** (ruled 1760 to 1820).

Did you know that she is the only person in the UK allowed to drive without a licence!

For more information visit <https://www.royal.uk/her-majesty-the-queen>

## Home Learning—Update

New work will be set on the website on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April on the **Pupil Page** on a weekly basis. If you have any questions about work, please email your class teacher e.g. 1C @marshill.bham.sch.uk, 4M@marshill.bham.sch.uk etc. Any other queries please contact school by phone or email.

A new daily lesson resource called "The Oak National Academy" was been launched on Monday 20th April 2020. There are daily lessons for every child from Reception upwards for your child to complete. The web address is <https://www.thenational.academy/>. This service is free of charge.

One of our parents, Mr Butler, informs us he has registered with Oxfordowl where there is a good range of reading books that can be read online. To view this free service click on this link <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - Thank you

In addition to home learning it is extremely important that children have downtime at home during this closure. Spending time together as a family is really important: baking, sharing stories, playing board games, doing puzzles, gardening, practising hobbies and exercise are all really vital to staying safe and well. We do not expect pupils to be doing their usual full day of learning at this unusual time.

Wellbeing is extremely important and it is impossible to structure 'normal' days. We acknowledge and understand that many parents are juggling working from home with caring for their children so please be kind to yourself and have realistic expectations of what will get done.

## Communication with our Families—Update

In addition the class emails and to improve communication, from **Monday 27 April**, your child's class teacher will be ringing your child on a fortnightly basis to see how they are getting on with the work set and giving general advice where needed.

If you need to speak to us at any time then you can either phone 0121 464 2920 or email [enquiry@marshill.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@marshill.bham.sch.uk).

If we need to send a message out we will use either Marvellous Me or the school's text messaging service.





## Ramadan

When does Ramadan 2020 start?

Ramadan 2020 began yesterday on April 23, in the evening. The Islamic calendar is based around the lunar cycle, the Holy month of Ramadan rotates by approximately ten days each year.

The month is confirmed with the sighting of the new moon. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. Fasting is important during Ramadan as it allows Muslims to devote

themselves to their faith and come closer to Allah, or God.

Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, which form the basis of how Muslims live their lives. The other pillars are faith, prayer, charity and making the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

This year's Ramadan will be a bit different, as the coronavirus outbreak means that many people will not be able to visit friends and family, or their local mosque. This is because of worldwide 'lockdowns' which are helping to stop the spread of the disease.

The Muslim Council of Britain have also published guidance for communities to make the most out of the season while the UK remains in lockdown click on this link to view it: <https://mcb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MCB-Ramadan-2020-Guidance.pdf>

### What is Covid-19?

**COVID-19** is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.

If you think you may have the virus or have been in close contact with someone that has the virus.

Stay at home and avoid close contact with other people if you have either:

**a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

**a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

**DO NOT** go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital Use the NHS 111 online

coronavirus service which will tell you if you need to continue to stay at home (self-isolate) or if you need medical help.

**Going abroad or thinking of going abroad?**

If you are planning a holiday abroad or have a holiday booked. Please contact the DfE for further information and guidance.

Telephone:- 0800 046 8687

Email:-[DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk).




**#UpTheTon**

**PLAY FOR THE DISTRICT AND REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**



Are you one of the best players in your school?

Do you play for a grassroots team, academy side or RTC?

Are you currently in year 4 or 5?

 [espsfa@hotmail.com](mailto:espsfa@hotmail.com)

  [@espsfa](https://www.instagram.com/espsfa)

During 2020/21, we will be running the following teams:

- Boys u11s (year 6 in September)
- Boys u10s (year 4 or 5 in September)
- Girls (year 5 or 6 in September)

Register your son or daughter today by visiting:

**[www.espsfa.com/trials](http://www.espsfa.com/trials)**

Our partners:



### Free School Meal Pupils

During this period of school closure, we are pleased to be able to continue to offer eligible parents and pupils access to free school meals by supplying supermarket eGift cards, that can be spent locally to you. In previous weeks, we have provided eligible parents and pupils with a £15 eCode per week. From 24th April, eligible pupils will be issued with an eCode equivalent of £15 per week per child from the government emailed to you. For further information, visit the school's website

### Online Safety

In order to provide you with the most current Online Safety information whilst your children are at home please download the Safer Schools App from either the App Store or Google Store (Free) Your Parent code to open the app is: **7440**.

The app will also provide you with the latest news information from our website if you are unable to access this via a laptop or computer.

### Safeguarding

In the event of a **Safeguarding** issue arising please phone: **07538 455727**.

However if you consider this to be urgent please contact:



### Twitter & Email

It is wonderful seeing the work you all have been sharing on Twitter or that has been emailed to school. We thank you for using this method to keep in touch. Where possible we have celebrated all home learning from camping in back garden, observing swans at Witton Lakes, painting, baking. Harry's and his family have also told us that they are going to walk as part of the scout's challenge!



**Thank you** to all the families who each Thursday evening continue to applaud to show all nurses, doctors, GPs, carers and Teachers your appreciation for their ongoing hard work and fight against the virus. At school key worker children have been busy painting rainbows for each classroom.



*Finally... Have a great the weekend and stay safe.*

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs. Marlene Douglas and the Marsh Hill Team  
Head Teacher*

