Parents/Carers and Governors,

This week we welcomed children in every single year group and it was lovely hearing their voices in and around school. We would just like to remind parents to familiarise themselves with the one way system that we have in place with exits on Woolmore Road.

Annual School Reports

I hope that you are pleased with your child’s report. If your child or any their siblings have not been in school this week, then the report has been posted out to you. For Key Stage 1 and 2 the report includes a teacher assessment for reading, writing and mathematics against National Standards as of March 20 2020. There is a general comment for these subjects as well as ratings for your child’s effort and progress. We are certain you will find these reports helpful. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s report then email the class teacher for a telephone appointment by no later than Monday 13th July 2020.

Home learning will not be provided for week beginning 13th July or for the summer holiday. Our staff need time away from school to refresh themselves before September, and parents need the chance to enjoy their family time with their children as parents rather than worrying about home schooling. Children can access Twitter-Teach which will be available next week. Please note that included in the school reports will be transition activities for the children to complete over the summer holidays. The only thing we would ask you to do is encourage your children to read as much as they can, and as widely as they can! Apart from that, please enjoy the school holidays – safely.

Welfare Calls

All the calls to children at home have now finished. We know the staff have enjoyed speaking to the children they have not been seeing and hope that the children have benefited from these calls home too. It will be so much nicer when they can see their teachers in person in September!

Return to school in September

We are making plans for all children in Years 1—6 to return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020. We are reviewing policies, writing a new Risk Assessment and making sure we have everything in place for a safe return to school. We will be contacting you before the end of term to confirm the arrangements. The new Reception children will be coming in gradually and will be individually informed of their timetables.

Children will access a programme of transition to enable them to adjust to being back in school. The first half term will be about settling the children back into school, working on personal, social and emotional aspects of the curriculum, PSHE and fun, creative activities. English and mathematics lessons will be introduced and by half term we will look at where the children are in their learning and begin to make plans for addressing the gaps in their learning.

From around November time we will begin a more full, broad curriculum offer and teach across a broader range of the curriculum subjects. The government’s plan is for schools to teach as broad and rich as curriculum as they can, with the aim of being back to the full curriculum by the summer of 2021.

Educational Visits and Clubs

We have made the decision not to run any school trips, residential or after school clubs in the autumn term until current guidance is relaxed, for the safety of our children and staff. We feel it is important to make this decision now in order to give you time to plan ahead. We will reassess this situation when considering clubs in the spring term of 2021 and will keep you updated.

Attendance Regulations

Full attendance for all pupils is mandatory from September and all children will need to be in full uniform.

Miss Bramwell will be starting her maternity leave at the end of the term to welcome her second child next month.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Next week all parents will receive a £ 90 voucher in their email account for each child eligible for free school meals to cover the 6 week summer holidays.
It is wonderful seeing the work you all have been sharing using the class email or Twitter over the last few months. We have featured just a small selection this week in our final newsletter for the year.

**Jakub’s** ingredients for a chocolate smoothie:
- chocolate ice cream
- milk
- strawberries

**Jakub’s** weather report:

*Today will be raining at morning.* Later some sun come out. In the evening can be a storm with thunder. Stay at home.

**Inaaya’s** step by step picture recipe for bread:

1. Gather ingredients:
   - flour
   - a pinch of salt
   - yeast
   - a spoon of olive oil
   - water

2. Wash hands well and sift flour using scales on a mixing bowl.
3. Add the salt, yeast and olive oil. Mix everything together.
4. Add the water a little at a time.
5. Knead the dough with your hands. Work it on the kitchen worktop.
6. The dough is ready when it is soft and shiny.
7. Place the dough in a baking tin on an oven at 180 degrees for 40 minutes.
Mary's Science work on the impact humans have on plants and animals

Mary's work:

- Hunting
- Deforestation
- Plastics
- Greenhouse gases
- Air pollution

Animals and beautiful sea creatures think the piece of plastic are food. They eat it and die from it and we will also cause extinctions to beautiful sea creatures and various animals.

EYFS Mini Olympics

Harry made flat bread, collected and observed froglets, completed a bar chart, harvested berries, made a sofa den and relaxed with cosmic yoga.
Maintaining a Safe School Environment

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
If your child develops any of the 3 following symptoms, whether at school or at home, your child must self-isolate for 7 days and you must arrange a test for your child.
- a new persistent cough
- loss of taste or smell
- a high temperature
If your child seems very unwell, is getting worse or you think there’s something seriously wrong, call 999.

NON COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
If your child does not have any of the COVID-19 symptoms but does;
- Feel unwell but has a temperature of less than 37.8c,
- Vomit or has diarrhoea,
- Have a sore throat,
- Have a loss of appetite,
- Have a rash,
- Have fatigue / aches,
- or have any other general illnesses or is feeling unwell.... you are advised to monitor the child closely.

If any of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms develop you must follow the government guidance on self-isolation and arrange a test for your child.

The school will contact you after 48 hours to check if your child has been COVID-19 symptom free.

If your child does not develop one of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms, they can return to school 48 hours after the initial symptoms occurred.

Message from the Governors
We hope that all our Year 6 children transferring to their secondary school will have happy memories of Marsh Hill. We wish you ‘Happy Holidays’ and look forward to seeing you in September. We would like to thank Mrs. Douglas for her 12 years of dedication and being instrumental in making Marsh Hill one of the best schools in Birmingham! We wish her a very happy retirement.

Finally... enjoy the weekend, I believe there will be plenty of sunshine!

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

School closes on Wednesday 15th July at 3.15pm.
Pupils are to return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020.