

MARSH HILL NEWSLETTER

September 11th, 2020

Return to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all well and staying safe.

All of the staff and I have been very impressed with the children and how well they have returned to school and settled back in after an enforced absence of six months.

As you will see from the comments below, the children themselves are delighted to be back.

'I like the activities. It's all fun.' (Year 1)

'I am happy to be back at school because now I can learn. When it was coronavirus we couldn't go to school but I was so excited to come back because I love school.' (Year 2)

'I'm glad to be back to school because now I can meet my friends and my new teacher; and see what new things I am going to learn.' (Year 3)

'It was quite boring at home. I haven't been to school for a while and I've missed learning and all my friends and teachers.' (Year 4)

'I have missed school because I really like to study and I find school really interesting because of the things I find out.' (Year 5)

'I was looking forward to seeing all my friends and I get to see all my teachers and begin to learn as normal again.' (Year 6)

School Dates 2020 – 21

Autumn Term 2020
Thursday 3 rd September – Friday 23 rd October
Half Term: Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October
Monday 2 nd November – Friday 18 th December

Spring Term 2021
Monday 4 th January – Friday 12 th February
Half Term: Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
Monday 22 nd February – Thursday 1 st April

Summer Term 2021
Monday 19 th April – May 28 th
Half Term: Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
Monday 7 th June – Wednesday 21 st July

Dates for your diary

Normally at this time of year we would have a number of school activities such as parent workshops, assemblies, trips and parent consultation evenings that we would send out to you in order that you could add these dates to your diaries. As you would expect however, things will need to run a little differently this year in order to reduce the number of people entering the school building; and so until further notice our working practices will change in response to the circumstances that we all find ourselves in. I will be sending you plans for our Parent Workshops and those for the Open Day for parents and carers wishing a place for their child in Reception for the academic year 2021-22 next week.

Should a pupil become unwell during the school day

I understand that there have been rumours circulating regarding the procedures that school will take should your child become unwell during the school day. Let me reassure you that, should your child display symptoms associated with coronavirus, you will be contacted to collect your child from school. During the time that the child begins feeling unwell and the time that parents/carers can get to school to pick them up, we have set aside a room for children to await your arrival. This is so that your child can avoid contact with anyone else in school other than staff members who will stay with them (maintaining a 2 metre distance where possible) until you arrive to collect your child from school. I hope this addresses any concerns that you have. However, should you have any further questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or a member of the School Leadership Team through the school office on 0121 464 2920 or via email at enquiry@marshill.bham.sch.uk

Homework

We will begin uploading homework on to the school website from the week beginning Monday 21st September. We will be providing homework books for pupils to do their work in, but these are not to be sent back into school. Instead, please send in pictures of your child's completed homework to the class email address. If you have any queries regarding homework, then please contact Mrs. Clover through the school office.

Newsletters

This will be the last paper version of the school newsletter for the foreseeable future. We are taking this measure as part of our infection control procedures during this pandemic.

Mrs. Rasool



Today we said a very big thank you to our wonderful Lunchtime Assistant Mrs. Rasool.

Mrs. Rasool has spent more than 26 years supporting the children of Marsh Hill, (having started with us on March 8th, 1994) and our school has been much the better for all her years of service. She is very popular with children and staff alike and we all look forward to her being a part of our school community for many more years to come.

