

Marsh Hill Newsletter

October 9th, 2020

Reception

We were delighted to finally welcome all of our wonderful new Reception children into the Marsh Hill family this week. It has been a real privilege to see again parents of children who have, or have had, siblings at the school; and to meet new parents for the first time. On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to offer you a hearty welcome and to thank you for choosing Marsh Hill. I am certain that your children will thrive here and enjoy being a part of the school community. Should you have any queries, then please speak with one of the EYFS Team or Mrs. Leavey (who is the Phase Leader for Reception and Key Stage 1).



As an introduction to their Spanish Learning this year, Year 3 held a Spanish afternoon. During the afternoon, they found out about Spain's capital city: Madrid, popular foods, famous landmarks and traditions. The children have also learnt about the differences and similarities between schools in Spain and the UK. At the end of the afternoon they also had the opportunity to try Flamenco Dancing and play the castanets!

Reading workshops online

The Reading Workshop materials for Year 3 and Year 4 have now been uploaded on to our school website (as of Friday 9th October) to add to the Year 5 and 6 materials that have been on since last Friday. These are an excellent resource and they come with examples of questions that parents and carers can use to support children's understanding of texts. At the end of each workshop there is a question for parents to answer. Correct answers will be entered into a prize draw which will take place on Wednesday 11th November: the winners will be notified on the same day.

The online reading workshops for Years 1 and 2 will be uploaded on Friday 16th October; and for Reception on Friday 23rd October.

I would like to thank Ms. Deans for developing and preparing these workshops. Should you have any queries regarding other strategies for supporting children at home with reading, then please contact your child's class teacher who will be only too glad to offer you their assistance.

Flu Vaccination

In line with Public Health England recommendations, all children in school from Reception to Year 6 will be offered the nasal flu vaccination this year. This will take place in school on Monday 30th November. The vaccination helps protect children against flu and also helps to prevent the transmission of flu to the wider community.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a consent form to allow your child to have the nasal flu vaccination. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the nasal flu vaccination then please get in touch with the Immunisation Team on 0121 245 5763

Medical Data Checking Forms

We still have a number of Medical Data Checking Forms that are outstanding. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is important that we receive all completed Medical Data Checking Forms so that our records can be updated and accurate. Please return them even in the event that there has been no change to your child's circumstances or medical needs. If you require another copy of the Medical Data Checking Form, then please contact the school office.

School Contacts

If you have a query regarding your child/children then please speak, in the first instance, with their class teacher. If you wish to discuss your child with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, then please contact:

Mrs. Leavey if your child is in EYFS or Key Stage 1

Mr. Kinson if your child is in Year 3 or Year 4

Mrs. Clover if your child is in Year 5 or Year 6

If you ever have a concern about a child's well-being then please contact school's Designated Lead for Safeguarding - Cathy Lomas.

If you have a query regarding special educational needs then please contact school's SENDCo - Mrs. Holmes All of the above members of staff can be contacted through the school office.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss with me then you can contact me via the school office (0121 464 2920) or via email at enquiry@marshill.bham.sch.uk. I am also available on the school playgrounds at the beginning and end of every school day.

I wish you all a safe, happy and enjoyable weekend.



Mr J Cusack

Head Teacher