

Marsh Hill Newsletter

October 16th, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well

This week in school

Last week I wrote about how pleased we were to welcome all of this year's new Reception class to our Marsh Hill family, and I am pleased to report that they are now well and truly settled into school life, as Mrs. Nehar confirms:

"The new Reception intake have settled in really well and coped with the full school day beautifully. They are learning the routines and behavioural expectations and have already impressed us by adhering to our school values and rules. The children have also started to make friends and build positive relationships with their class teacher. We are excited and looking forward to continue the rest of this academic year and make more progress".

Meanwhile at the other end of the school, Year 6 have been working hard across the curriculum, including multiplying fractions in Maths, learning all about circuits in Science and World War Two in History. They have also been learning about determiners in English and the rules of volleyball in PE.

If you have a child in Year 6, ask them this weekend to explain:

How they would multiply $9 \times \frac{3}{4}$;

How to make a full circuit and explain what an open circuit is.

Tell you what the determiner is and why in the sentence: *My team was winning.*

What a 'dig shot' is.

What they know about Dunkirk.

Please take some time to discuss with your child, in whatever Year group they are in, what they have learnt this week in school.

Reading Workshop

The Year 1 and Year 2 workshops are now on our website. Please use this resource to support you with your child's reading development and remember to answer the question at the end of the workshop in order to be entered to the prize draw.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place in the main hall on Monday 19th October. Due to the current restrictions surrounding entry to school, there will, unfortunately, not be an opportunity to have whole family photographs this year. Siblings who attend Marsh Hill will, however, still have the opportunity to have their photographs taken together.

Attendance

I would like to congratulate our wonderful Marsh Hill pupils and all parents and carers who ensure that they attend school every day. Last week the average attendance across school was 95.68% which was in line with the national average (95%) for Primary Schools across the country; and higher than all state schools when added together (including Primary School's with Nurseries, Primary Schools without Nurseries and Secondary Schools) where the average attendance across the country was 89.8%.

I was particularly impressed to see that 3W had 100% and 1G had 99.48%.

Woolmore Road

Please ensure that you are mindful of the welfare of others if you are dropping your children to school by car. Parents and staff have alerted me to an incident that took place at the Woolmore Road entrance to school earlier this week, involving a dispute over rights of way. This escalated into the exchange of aggressive language between parents and was witnessed by a number of our pupils. As a result of this incident I have contacted the Police.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

On Monday of this week all children from Year 1 to Year 6 received a consent form to allow them to have the nasal flu vaccination. Public Health England recommend that all children in key stage 1 and key stage 2 have the vaccination this year not only to protect them from getting the flu, but also to prevent the transmission of flu to the wider community.

Please return your completed consent form to your child's class teacher who will pass it on to the school office. Consent form are to be returned to school by Monday 16th, November.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the nasal flu vaccination then please get in touch with the Immunisation Team from the Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust on 0121 0121 245 5763.

Non School Uniform

Children in Need is on Friday 13th November this year and, although we will be unable to do any of our usual fundraising to support this good cause this year, we will have a non-uniform day £1 that we will donate to the charity.

Secondary School Applications Reminder for Year 6 Parents/Carers

Secondary School applications must be submitted online by 31st October 2020 at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, if your application is not in by this date it will be treated as a late application which means you are less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

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

