



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you, and your families safe and well.

### Interim Reports and Parent Consultation Meetings

On Tuesday of this week you will have received your child's Interim School Report. I felt that it was important that we provided you with information regarding your child's progress at school and about how they have settled into the new school year - ahead of your telephone consultation with your child's class teacher - as it will serve as a basis for discussion.

If you have not yet booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher, please do so at your earliest convenience. Dialogue between school and home has a significant and positive impact on children's educational outcomes.

Parent consultations for pupils in Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 will be held on Tuesday 17th November (3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.), Wednesday 18th November (3.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.) and Thursday 19th November (3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.).

Parent consultations for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be held on Tuesday 24th November (3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.), Wednesday 25th November (3.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.) and Thursday 26th November (3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.).

### Parent Conduct

All staff at Marsh Hill are thankful and grateful for the vast and overwhelming support that they receive from parents and carers. However, there are a very tiny minority of parents who, on occasion, act in a manner that causes distress to pupils, staff and other members of the school community who may witness it: as was the case this week. I must make it clear to you that aggressive behaviour is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated by either the school or the Governing Board. Our staff are committed, dedicated professionals who want the very best for the wonderful children of Marsh Hill and they deserve to be treated with respect and be allowed to go about their work without fear of being subjected to verbal abuse or physical intimidation.

### Christmas Lunch

Although the Christmas season in school this year will perhaps not be as vibrant as it traditionally is (unfortunately the current situation means we will be unable to put on our usual Nativity and Carol Concert events), we still aim to provide a special Christmas Lunch for our pupils. This will take place for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday 9th December and for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Thursday 10th December.

Christmas lunch for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children is free as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals programme.

Christmas lunch for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children is £2.30. If your child is in one of these year groups and would like a Christmas lunch then please pay through School Money by no later than Monday 30th November.

### Reading Workshops Prize Winners

Congratulations to Ryan and Safullah whose parents' correctly answered the questions at the end of the online Reading Workshops.

Each family has won a cinema voucher worth £50 and we wish them all happy viewing. I would like to thank all parents who entered the competition and, more importantly, for your continual support and work with your children in developing their reading skills.



### End of the Day Request

I am sure you agree that it is important to adhere to government and scientific advice at this time so that we can all begin to return to the more normal times we enjoyed before the onset of Coronavirus. With this in mind, I would politely request parents to leave the school site straight after having picked your child or children up from school in order to minimise the risk of infection.

I understand that the staggered ending to the day means that some parents have to be in the playgrounds for longer and that this cannot be helped. Where this is the case, please ensure that you keep any of your children who you have already collected with you while you await their siblings to be dismissed by their class teacher. The outdoor equipment is not to be used by children at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Children In Need

I never cease to be impressed with the generosity and kindness of spirit within our school community. Today has been no exception with our children not only raising money for those less fortunate than themselves but seeing even the youngest members of Marsh Hill understand the importance of giving.



"Let's raise lots of money to help all the children in need"

"We are showing we care for those children who need our support"

"Today we are helping Children In Need"

"We are being kind and helping all the children"

"We are wearing our Pudsey clothes, ears & wristbands to help the children"



### Photographs

Please be aware that the last day that school can accept money for photographs is Monday 16th November. We are unable to accept money for photographs or order them after this date.

I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable and happy weekend

Mr. J Cusack

Head Teacher