MARSH HILL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

The Daily Mile

This week Marsh Hill has joined in with thousands of schools across the country in taking part in the Daily Mile. The Daily Mile is a social and physical activity where children run or jog – at their own pace – in the fresh air with friends. It is fully inclusive and every child, whatever their circumstances, age or ability, is enabled to succeed. It takes place in 15 minutes, with most children averaging a mile, or more, each day. Children run in their uniforms so no kit or changing time is needed; and it is social, non-competitive and fun. It encourages children to be aware of their health and helps to improve fitness. Staff also see the benefits it is having as they say children return to class ready to learn.

Your children have really taken to doing the Daily Mile, as these comments make clear:

"I love the daily mile because we have fun, we get exercise and it's nice to jog with your friends."

"It challenges you and gives you a great opportunity to run, race and talk with your friends."

"It's fun because you get to have a good time with your friends and exercise."

"It's beneficial because it gets you healthy and puts you in a good mood. It helps our parents too because we get tired and go to bed early."

Parking at the beginning and end of the day on Woolmore Road

Please be mindful when parking outside school. Do not park over or in the school drive, over the zig zag lines or over resident's drives. Please respect our neighbours. A number of parents last academic were been handed fines for illegally parking on Woolmore Road.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our parents, Mr. Mohamud, for donating a class set of story books to school. This was a wonderful gesture that we all appreciate very much.

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Diwali

In normal times, this week would have seen our Year 2 pupils performing a special assembly to celebrate Diwali. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on gathering together, we are unable to have whole school assemblies and so this lovely annual performance was unable to go ahead in school.

Diwali is a festival of lights celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. During this festival, people light up their houses with Diyas (small cup-shaped oil lamp made of baked clay). They worship the Lord Ganesha for welfare and prosperity and Goddess Lakshmi for wealth and wisdom. This year's festival was celebrated on November 14th and I hope that all members of our community who celebrated Diwali had a wonderful time with their families and loved ones. I know that our children who celebrated Diwali certainly did:

"We wore our special dresses at home and we lit diyas and had a celebration meal."

"We lit sparklers and made patterns with them. My favourite part of Diwali is being with my family to celebrate."

"I wore pretty clothes to celebrate Diwali. We said prayers and then my mom made special food and at the end of the day we lit fireworks."

Parent Consultation Meetings

I hope that all parents of children in Reception, Key stage 1 and Year 3 who have had a consultation meeting with their child's class teacher this week found the discussion informative. If you have a child in one of these classes and you have not yet spoken to their class teacher about the progress your child has made, then please arrange to speak with them at the end of a school day to arrange a meeting or contact them via the class email system.

Years 4, 5 and 6 Parent Consultation meetings are being held next week on Tuesday (3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.); Wednesday (3.30 p.m. – 6. 30 p.m.) and Thursday (3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.).

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

Mr. J Cusack

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Head Teacher