



Dear Parents and Carers,

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

### A Lesson from America

This week, Year 3 pupils received a Geography lesson on their topic of fossils all the way from America via Zoom from Tom Reershemius, a geologist working at the very prestigious Yale University. The children really enjoyed the whole experience and have not stopped talking about what they have learnt:

“I enjoyed it because it was so much fun.”

“I learned about how the world is changing and how it’s getting warmer and warmer.”

“I enjoyed it because it taught me about lots of stuff that I didn’t know about, like the animals that no longer exist such as woolly mammoths.”



“I liked learning about creatures that I had never heard of before like ammonites.”

“I liked it when Tom told us about when he held a meteorite that was older than the earth and showed us a photograph of fossilised lightning.”

“It was awesome!”

A big thank you to Mrs. Aujla for organising this exciting opportunity for our Year 3 pupils.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to apply, please ask for a form at the school office and return it by Friday 11th December. A background working in finance, health and safety; or experience related to HR would be particular assets to the school. As a new governor you will be required to attend induction training and will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 9th December for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This meal is free to all children in these year groups as part of the Government’s Universal Free School Meals initiative.

Christmas lunch for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 takes place on Thursday 10th December. The cost for children in these year groups is £2.30. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, then please pay through School Money by no later than Monday 30th November.



## PSHE and Relationships Education

As part of implementing the RSE curriculum, all schools must consult with pupils, parents, staff and governors to ensure there is a general consensus on our approaches to policy and the curriculum content. We have bought into the scheme 'Jigsaw', which is an excellent scheme for covering all aspects of the PSHE/RSE curriculum in an age-appropriate way. As a school, we have taken the decision to not teach the sex education aspect of the Relationships curriculum.

We will be starting our consultation process with parents on Monday 7th December 2020; the consultation will close on Monday 14th December 2020.

From Monday 7th December, our PSHE/RSE policy and curriculum coverage will be available for you to read on the school website. We hope it will aid you to gain an understanding of what will be delivered in school. You will need to follow the link: <https://www.marshill.bham.sch.uk/curriculum> and then choose the PSHE area.

An online survey will be available for you to complete once you have read the documents, this will only be available until Monday 14th December. If you would like to ask further questions about the scheme, please call the school office to speak to a member of the Leadership team.

## Christmas Cards and Christmas Jumper Day

As you are aware, we are working in year group 'bubbles' across school for the foreseeable future and this continues to have an impact on our usual school life – perhaps particularly so at this time of year, as the festive season is usually such a busy and vibrant time at Marsh Hill. In order to minimise the risk of cross infection, we will not be putting the school post box out this year and ask that you do not send cards into school. School staff will also not be sending cards to one another this year and will instead be donating the money they would spend on cards to The John Taylor Hospice. If you would like to donate the money that you would normally spend on cards to this very worthwhile cause, then please send your donation in with your child to their class teacher.

On Friday 11th December, it is National Christmas Jumper Day. Children may wear their Christmas Jumpers to school for a donation of £1. All monies raised will be donated to Save The Children.

## Nasal Flu Vaccine

All children of parents who have consented to them having the Nasal Flu Vaccine will receive this on Monday (30th November) from The School Nurse Team.

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

Mr. J Cusack

Head Teacher