



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

#### Year 4 Multiplication Test

Although statutory testing for Year 4 pupils has been deferred for this year, as a school we have voluntarily opted for our children to participate. Therefore, all our Year 4 children will undertake the test during the second half of the summer term. Mr. Jellyman will be running two meetings for parents of children in Year 4 in the main school hall on Tuesday 25th May (for parents of children in 4H); and on Thursday 27th May (for parents of children in 4P). As explained in Mrs. Leavey's letter to parents of Year 4 children (which was sent out on Tuesday 11th May), the meeting will give you ideas that you can use to support and prepare your child with at home. I am resending that letter home again today with pupils whose parents have, so far not indicated whether or not that they wish to attend the meeting.

#### Mathletics

Mathletics is an online resource that children can access at home (as well as at school) which supports their mathematical development. It is very popular with our children as the following range of comments from year groups school indicate:

##### Year 1

'It's fun'

'It really let's you understand maths

'You need to learn or your brain will stop working'

##### Year 3

'It helps you get smarter at maths

'There are a lot of activities that are really fun and they help you learn'

'I like mathletics because sometimes it's adding and sometimes it's multiplication, and I can answer calculations. It makes me like maths.

##### Year 5

'It includes games and it makes learning fun'

'It helps you with your learning and it reminds you of things you did in previous year groups and will help me for when I'm in Year 6.

'It teaches you a lot'

#### Library Books

Please note that children cannot be issued with another library book until they have returned their previous one. If a book is lost or damaged then there will be a charge to replace it before your child can be issued with another book.

#### Grammar Entrance Test

Please see the information received from the Grammar Schools regarding entry to Year 7 in September 2022.

We write to advise that parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30th June 2021. The test will take place on 11th September 2021.

To register, parents need to visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

Website: [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

Email: [admissions@ske.uk.net](mailto:admissions@ske.uk.net)



## FSM Vouchers for May Half Term

Birmingham City Council have secured funding for free school meal vouchers for May half term. Next week parents whose children are entitled to free school meals will receive a text message from school. This message will have a website address, cheque number and validation code for the vouchers. Voucher codes are only valid until Sunday 20th June and need to be redeemed before this date.

## Birthday Celebrations

If you wish to bring in sweets/cakes for your child's class on their birthday then please bring them to the school office 72 hours prior to the day that you wish them to be handed out; they will then be delivered to the class by a member of staff. This is to ensure that the treats are in quarantine for 72 hours in line with received guidance. This replaces restrictions earlier on in the pandemic when we had, unfortunately, to temporarily have a ban on sweet/cakes coming into school.

## Homework

Your child's weekly homework will now be available via Google Classroom, every Friday afternoon. We encourage you to allow your child to complete the activities by the following Wednesday at the latest. If you have any questions, please email the class teacher, or contact the School Office. Many thanks.

## Mrs. Leavey

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Leavey has formally been appointed to the position of Deputy Head Teacher at Marsh Hill, a role that she has expertly carried out in an acting capacity since the beginning of this academic year. Mrs. Leavey has an excellent record in Senior Leadership and was the unanimous choice of the Governing Board. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating her and wishing her continuing success in moving our school forward.

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

Mr J Cusack

Head Teacher