



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## School Trips

I am delighted that for the first time in more than 18 months we have been able to resume school trips this year. On Monday, Year 2 visited the Black Country Museum as part of their topic on transport. They saw narrow boats on the canals and spoke with its Skipper, an olden day's fire engine and, "cars without roofs and seats like sofas." They also visited a Victorian school room.

Then, on Wednesday, Year 4 visited Blakesley Hall. They had opportunities to find out all about how rich and poor people lived in Tudor times and even had the chance to role play different characters such as servants and the master of the house.

It was lovely to hear all the children talk excitedly about their trips and we look forward to many more visits and special event this year.

I would like to send a very big thank you to all the staff who made these trips happen and also and send a special word of appreciation to our fabulous parents who attended the trip and provide support: Ms. Clayton, Mrs. Bushra, Mrs. Husain and Mrs. Kinongi.

## Parent Consultation Evenings

You will have received a letter this week informing you of the details for this term's Parent Consultation Meetings which will be taking place on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. You may have noticed that I have taken the decision to extend the length of time that these events will run for so that all parents and carers will get to meet class teachers for 10 minutes. Your child's books will be available for you to look through on the evening you choose to come. Parent meetings are an important way of sharing information, celebrating success and identifying ways in which you can support your child in partnership with school.

## Themed Lunches

Our wonderful catering staff will be preparing special lunches on the following dates:

Caribbean lunch: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Hotdogs/Burgers for Bonfire night: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas dinner: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

If your child normally brings their own lunch to school but would prefer to have a special school lunch on one or all of the above dates, then they may do so for a cost of £2.30.

## Halloween

The Halloween Disco that our PTA – The Marsh Hill Heroes – have organised is in the school hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, **please note the original time has changed from 5.30-7.30 to 5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.** We hope that you will be able to join us and I would like to thank The Marsh Hill Heroes for their hard work and tremendous support for our school community.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 21st October Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles are invited to join us for coffee, cake and a chat while at the same time raising money for people who are affected by cancer.

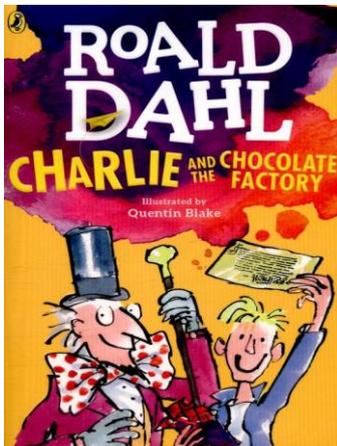
I would like to thank Mrs. Carless for organising this very worthwhile event.

## Reading Workshops

This week we concluded our reading workshop sessions in school. Once again the feedback from parents and carers was very positive. I would like to thank Ms. Deans for planning, preparing and delivering these sessions. Ms. Deans will be arranging for parents to see reading in action in classrooms during the autumn term.

## Reading Inspirations

This week's recommendation comes from Mrs. Wells who is the School Business Manager at Marsh Hill.



*My favourite childhood book was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The story of a man called Willy Wonka who dedicated his life to making fantastic confectionary was, to my 9-year-old self, a bit of a hero. He was rich but lonely, with no family. So, he had the idea to run a competition in the hope of finding someone to pass his factory on to. He met several children and their families and soon discovered that some children were spoilt, rude, selfish and unkind. But there was one boy, Charlie who although was very poor, his riches came from a loving and supportive family. He was a kind, thoughtful and polite child and just the person Willy wanted to pass his beloved factory on to. Those other children who did not demonstrate those qualities got their just desserts. I read this book many times during my childhood and went on to read it to both my sons before they could read it themselves.*

I wish you a happy, safe and peaceful weekend,

Mr. J Cusack

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Cusack'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Head Teacher

