



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

## **School Photographs**

School photographs will take place in the main hall on Monday 18th October. There will not be an opportunity to have whole family photographs on this occasion. However, there will be an option to order sibling photographs through Academy when the proofs arrive.

## **Nasal Flu Vaccine**

The School Nurse Immunisation Team have contacted school to inform us that the scheduled date for our children to receive the Nasal Flu Vaccine (which was originally scheduled for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November) has had to be postponed due to the Covid vaccine being rolled out to 12-15 year olds in schools. The Immunisation Team will contact us with a new date in due course and we will inform you of the new date when we receive it.

## **Black History Month**

Black History Month is a celebration of black history that takes place in October every year. Black History Month in the UK celebrates the history, arts and culture of black British people and helps us all learn more about our shared History as Britons. On Friday 22nd October we will come together as a school to have a special assembly. Each year group will be given the opportunity to share their learning about the individual they have researched as part of this month of celebration.

## **Caribbean Lunch**

On Thursday, our fantastic Catering Team prepared a special Caribbean Lunch of mutton, fried chicken, rice, peas, yams, sweet potatoes and steamed vegetables. This, as always, was very popular with pupils and staff alike. Look out for more Themed Lunch days in the second half of the Autumn Term, and thank you to Donna and her team for going the extra mile.

## **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Parents' evening is one of the most important appointments in the school calendar, it allows parents to get a good insight into the progress that is being made by their child and is also a means of seeing how school and home can work together to improve outcomes further. If you have not yet made an appointment, then please speak with your class teacher when you collect your child from school or, alternatively, contact them through the school office.

### **Halloween Disco**

Last night we were able to hold our first Halloween Disco since 2018 and what a tremendous event it was. The feedback from parents was great to hear and the children had a fabulous time. None of it would have been possible without the support of our fantastic PTA – The Marsh Hill Heroes. I cannot speak highly enough of the wonderful parents who organised, set up and ultimately ensured this event could go ahead for the enjoyment of our children. Each one of them has gone above and beyond in ensuring the evening was a success and so **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**: Natalie Clayton, Shahnaz Parveen, Natalie Butler, Laurence Butler, Claire O'Neil, Sarah McGuinness, Michaela Gilmore and Alice Ion – the evening could not have gone ahead without you.

I would also like to thank the staff who supported the event and gave up their free time to make it such a special and memorable evening: Mrs. Mynett, Miss Smith, Mrs. Nehar, Mrs. Clover, Mrs. Leavey and in particular Ms. Ryan for her outstanding work in arranging and co-ordinating the celebrations. Thank you all.

### **Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Workshop**

Pupils in Year 4 will be given a 'Multiplication Tables Check' towards the end of the academic year. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 x 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help school to identify pupils who may need additional support. I would like to thank all parents of Year 4 pupils who attended either of the Multiplication Tables Workshops and information sharing sessions held in school this week. If you were unable to attend or if you would like more information, then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. I would like to thank our Maths Lead Teacher Mr. Jellyman for planning, preparing and delivering these sessions.

### **Healthy Start Scheme**

Public Health are running a promotional campaign this month to raise awareness of the Healthy Start Scheme. You may qualify for Healthy Start vouchers if you are at least 10 weeks pregnant and/or have at least one child under four years old and are in receipt of benefits such as Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit. Despite being eligible, many families in Birmingham are not registering for their Healthy Start food vouchers, entitling them to £4.25 of free food per week. This means thousands of pounds each week worth of free food is not reaching families who need it. There are further details on our website about the Healthy Start Scheme. You can also access more information at [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) or on 0345 607 6823.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

A reminder that our MacMillan coffee morning takes place on Thursday 21st October. All parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles are warmly invited. There will also be a raffle on the day to raise money for this worthy cause. The coffee morning begins a 9.00 a.m. in the minor hall at school. Please come to the breakfast club door at the top of the stairs on Lindridge Road. A member of staff will greet you at the hall doors.

### **Vacancy**

We are currently recruiting for a General Assistant to work in our kitchen. Please visit our website for more information.

### **Mr Powell**

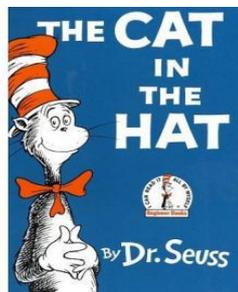
With very mixed emotions I must inform you that Mr. Powell will be leaving Marsh Hill after six years of providing excellent provision for the pupils of Marsh Hill. Mr. Powell has decided to embark on a change of career and will be leaving the education sector. As well as planning and providing a first class PE education for our children, he has been a huge asset to pupils who have needed support through mentoring. He has also enriched the experiences of our pupils through delivering after school clubs and providing opportunities to take part in competitions that many would not otherwise have had the opportunities to take part in.

Mr. Powell will be missed by all in our school community, and I am sure that you will join me in wishing him all the very best and every success for the future.

### **Reading Inspirations**

This week's recommendation comes from Miss Wright who teaches in Year 1.

***When I was a little girl, my mom and dad used to read 'Cat in the Hat' to me every night. They would read it over and over again until I fell asleep! I used to laugh at the pictures and enjoy the rhyming. I have my own copy of 'Cat in the Hat' now which has a little message from my mom and dad in. It made me very happy as a little girl, and still makes me smile now!***



I wish you a happy, safe and peaceful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J Cusack

Head Teacher

