



Marsh Hill Newsletter

January 4th 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you all enjoyed the Christmas Holiday season.

Welcome Back and Happy New Year

I would like to begin the first newsletter of 2022 by wishing all of our school community a very happy and prosperous new year.

Covid-19 Guidance

I am sure that many of you will have reservations regarding the Omicron variation of Covid-19 following reports in the press that infections have risen to unprecedented levels in recent weeks. Please be assured that school will always put the health and safety of your children first and foremost and we will always act and take decisions in their best interests.

To this end, we will continue to be guided by the Department for Education (DfE) and the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in order to manage the risk of spreading the virus while at the same time reducing the disruption to children's education.

Attendance for all pupils is mandatory even in the event of your child being identified as a close contact of someone who has developed Covid-19. Unless the child themselves has shown symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school.

In line with DfE guidance we will not be returning to 'bubbles' in school at this time.

To keep staff, your children and indeed yourselves safe, I respectfully ask parents and carers to pick up your child from school at their allotted finishing time and to not congregate in groups at school gates or in the outside shelters. Please also ensure that you leave the premises as soon as you have collected your child(ren). If you have more than one child in school and there is a gap between them being collected, please keep the child that you have picked up first with you by your side and do not let them roam or play with the school equipment. Adhering to these simple requests supports the minimising of spreading the virus.

New Staff

I am delighted to introduce three new colleagues to our staff team.

Miss Laila will be supporting the teaching in EYFS, Mrs. Chapman will be supporting the teaching in Year 2 and Mr Arnold will be teaching Mrs. Taylor's former class 4T (please note that for convenience, this class will continue to be known as 4T).

In addition to these newly appointed staff, I am happy to announce that Mrs. Davies will continue to be part of the Marsh Hill team after initially working with us as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3 during the autumn term.

Parent Contact Details

Please ensure that the school has your most up to date contact details. If you change address, telephone/mobile number or email then please let us know through the school office. It is more important than ever that we are able to contact parents quickly and effectively, especially in cases of emergency. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Safeguarding

It is the responsibility of everyone at Marsh Hill to ensure that all of our pupils are safe from harm. At Marsh Hill we have seven trained Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and should you have any queries or concerns about a child's well-being then please do not hesitate to contact one of them for advice. The DSLs are Cathy Lomas, Mrs Leavey, Mrs Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Cusack.

Pupils' Belongings

Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name. This helps us to identify misplaced items and return them to their rightful owner.

PE Kit

This term we are once again asking parents and carers to send their children into school wearing their PE kits on the day that their class is set to do PE. Marsh Hill's PE kit is a white t-shirt and black or red shorts (and dark tracksuit bottoms in the winter months or for outdoor lessons), black pumps or thin soled trainers. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and also that they wear their red school jumper on these days too. PE is held on the following days:

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Thursday

Communication with Parents

School newsletters are sent electronically via Parent App, Marvellous Me and the school website. Should you need any help accessing either system please do not hesitate to ask a member of the school staff.

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Wednesday 5th January 2022 (Tuesday 4th is a Teacher Day)

Half Term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8 April 2022

The next newsletter of this term will be on Friday 14th January.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Cusack", written on a set of horizontal blue lines.

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher