



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

January 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

## COVID- 19 update

While the new term has found us dealing with staff absence due to Covid-19, we have been fortunate that we have been able to have a qualified member of staff leading the teaching in all classes. Our aim is to ensure that we remain open throughout what remains of the pandemic and continue to provide a high quality education for your children. This may, on occasion, mean that your child will be taught by a teacher other than their regular one and I know that you will support the school and be understanding of this need, if and when it may occur. In the event of us receiving notice of a positive Covid-19 case, we will notify the parents in the class where the positive case is. You will be aware from the daily news reports that the rate at which the infection is spreading remains high and so for the next few weeks at least we will be restricting the number of parents and carers visiting school. Face masks must be worn at all times whilst in the school building, we will not allow you to enter the school office without one unless you are exempt. I would also ask that you do not send your child into school if they are displaying Covid-19 symptoms. Thank you, as ever, for your co-operation during these unusual times.

If you have any concerns, please call 119 or 111 (NHS Helplines) for further advice.

## Value of the Month – Determination

Determination is the ability to continue trying to do something, although it is very difficult:

This week, pupils from Year 6 have been telling me what determination means to them:

“You have to put all your effort in to succeed.”

“Maths isn’t my best subject but I try and I am succeeding.”

“It’s important to keep on doing something without stopping.”

“It’s important to have a positive mind-set”

“I don’t give up until I have succeeded.”

## Reception Intake for September 2022

The final closing date for Reception entry in September 2022 is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Applications can be made online through the Birmingham City Council website

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). It is important that you apply on time as any

applications received after the January 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 will be classed as late applications and will

be processed after the national offer day of April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 and late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at any preferred schools.

### **Chinese New Year Lunch**

We are celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with a Chinese Lunch. This year is the Year of the Tiger. If your child normally brings sandwiches and would like a meal on this day, then please pay via School Money. Payment needs to be made by Sunday 30th January, this does not apply to KS1 children or any children entitled to free school meals.

### **Reading Inspirations**

This week's recommendation comes from Miss Williamson.

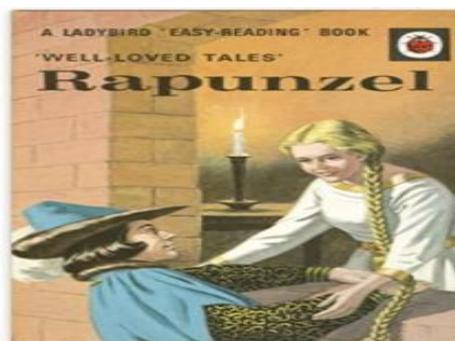
***When I was younger my parents would always read me a 'bedtime story'. I loved this and it helped me to settle down for a super night's sleep.***

***I had lots of favourite stories that were read to me or I would read myself. I was very lucky to have lots of books when I was younger.***

***However, my favourite story, which I enjoyed sharing with my children and now my grandchildren, was Rapunzel.***

***I remember feeling sad because she had been locked up in a tower but amazed at when she sang beautiful songs a prince would stand and listen to her. He tried to rescue her but couldn't find a door into the tower until one day he watched the witch climb up Rapunzel's long golden hair. He then rescued her and as all fairy tales end 'they lived happily ever after'!***

***I remember wishing I could have long, blonde hair like Rapunzel and making plaits with wool that I would clip into my hair and hang out of my bedroom window hoping the prince would come along, but he never did! I also remember writing fairy stories myself, that would always include Rapunzel, and using vocabulary from my story book in the stories I wrote for fun.***



I wish you a happy, safe and peaceful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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