



Marsh Hill Newsletter

April 29th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome to the summer term I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine over the Easter holiday and had a relaxing break. It is great to see all the children back in school.

We trust families observing Ramadan are looking forward to their Eid celebrations. Ramadan is an important time of year for our Muslim community, as it reaffirms the principles of generosity, sacrifice and charity, which are values that we hold dear within our school and society at large.

I know that Eid is a very special celebration and on behalf of everyone at Marsh Hill, I'd like to wish all of our children, parents and families a very happy Eid next week.

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Attendance

At Marsh Hill, we firmly believe in the importance of attendance and we work closely with Birmingham Local Authority and parents to ensure that all children are in school every day. Research clearly demonstrates that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and of the whole class generally. Children who do not attend regularly:

- Do not achieve as well as their peers in exams
- Find it difficult to build and maintain friendships
- Are more likely to become involved in crime
- Miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work

I have recently had a number of families contact me about leave in term time. Since the 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006, Head Teachers may no longer authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional. This is in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance.' If families choose to take leave in term time, they may be subject to legal procedures.

Contact Details

If any of your contact details have changed recently (such as a change of address or phone number) then please contact the school office. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list, please contact the school office. We will then update our school records accordingly.

Achievement Assemblies

Achievement assemblies will now be in the afternoon and starting at 2.45 p.m. These assemblies will be on a Wednesday for Reception, Years 1 and 2; and on a Friday for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. When your child's class is taking part in a Whole School Assembly then this will continue to be in the morning at 9.00 a.m.

School Closures Next Week

School will not be open to staff or pupils on Monday 2nd May as this is a Public Bank Holiday. School will also be closed on Thursday 5th May as the school is being used as a Polling Station for the Local Elections. Your children will be provided with work to do for Thursday 5th May.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 th May	School is closed to all pupils and staff as it is being used as a Polling Station for the Local Elections
Wednesday 11 th May	4H Whole Class Assembly for parents – 9.00 am.
Friday 13 th May	4T Whole Class Assembly for parents – 9.00 am.
Friday 27 th May, Friday 24 th June and Monday 11 th July	School closed to all pupils for the three remaining INSET days this academic year for staff.

Booking Dinners

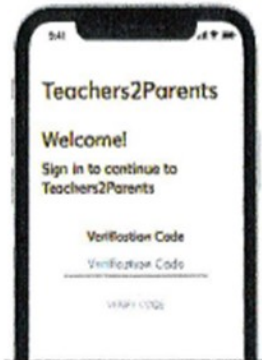
Instructions on how to book your child's dinner is below.



You will only need to register and login to the Eduspot App once. Once you have done this, the app will remain permanently logged on, unless you delete the app or logout.

First, you will need to download the app onto your device through the relevant app store; it is compatible with both Android and Apple IOS.

Once opened a screen will pop up, this screen will ask you to register your mobile phone number. It will match that phone number with the one on record at the school, so please ensure the school has your correct details.



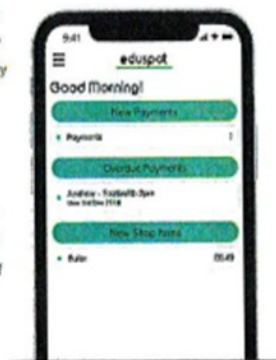
After your phone number has been entered you will be asked for a verification code. This will be sent via SMS to the mobile number you entered.

If your email address isn't registered with SchoolMoney a second screen may pop up. This will ask you to confirm your email address so that when you make a payment a receipt can be sent out to you.

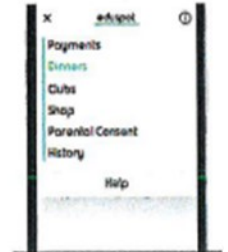


When you are logged into the app, you will be sent to the homepage. This will show you an overview of any new or pending payments that need your attention. By selecting a payment from this screen, it will take you directly through to the Payments section and allow you to add it to the basket as needed.

To navigate the app, use the menu located in the left hand corner of the screen. If you want to return to the homepage at any point, click on Eduspot at the top of the screen.

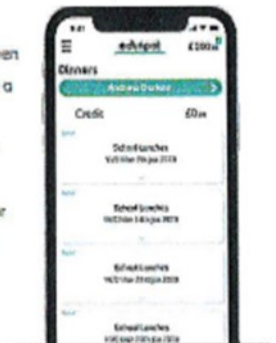


If you would like to pay for or book dinners for your child, open the menu side bar in the top left and select Dinners. This will open one of two pages; an overview of school lunches for the week or Dinner Top Up icon.



If you are expected to pre book your child's dinner days, when you navigate to the Dinners section of the app you will see a list of the weeks available to book. Select the drop down arrow at the bottom of that week's box and it will expand.

Please Note: if your child is eligible for free school meals or universal infant free school meals then you can book as normal but will not be charged.



Pre-booking specific meal options allows you to choose daily meals from the schools available menu.

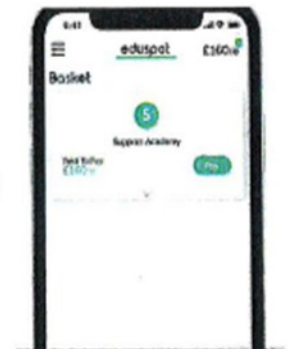
When expanding the week with the drop down arrow you will see a list of days that are available to book with a drop down of meal choices. Select the meals and when you're ready, select the green plus icon to make the booking and add it to your basket.



Once you have everything you wish to pay for, select the value top right. This will send you to the Basket page.

Here you will see the name of the school your child(ren) attend and the total to pay.

Please Note: if you have children at multiple schools that use SchoolMoney, each school will be listed. You will need to check out of these separately.



I hope you have a happy, safe and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

J. Cusack

Mr J Cusack,
Head Teacher