

# Marsh Hill Newsletter

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

## Ramadan - Request to Fast

During the Holy Month of Ramadan, it is important that parents understand the school's responsibilities to those children who may wish to consider fasting.

School has been advised that children who have not reached puberty are not required to fast, and as primary age children can become very tired when they do not have regular meals they are sometimes unable to safely perform the activities expected of them during the course of a school day. As you are aware, we have a legal duty to make sure your children are safe while they are in our care and we also wish to ensure they can continue to learn.

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6, and you feel that they are able to fast and they choose to do so, we can arrange for them to sit quietly at lunchtime. For health and safety reasons, pupils who are fasting will be excused from PE lessons.

We ask you to bear in mind the following:

- The school will support those children in Years 5 and 6 who choose to take part with their parents' permission, but will not enforce the fast.
- If a child looks or starts to feel unwell, then they will be offered food and if dehydrated will be given water.
- For health and safety reasons, no child will be allowed to fast unless we have their parents' written consent.
- If we have significant concerns about your child's health, we will need to be able to contact you during the school day.

Please note that unless we receive your signed permission for your child to fast at school, we will assume that they are **not** taking part.

## Parents' Evening

I would like to thank all Parents and Carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. I trust that you found it beneficial. Parents' evenings provide a good opportunity to discuss how your children are doing and the progress that they are making. They can help decide how

best to work together to support your children's achievement. If you were unable to attend Parents' Evening, then please make an appointment with your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience.

### **Marsh Hill Market Place**

I would like to thank all of the Parents and Carers who provided us with feedback on the Marsh Hill Market Place Event held in school on Monday, 20th March. It is very much appreciated and I am glad that the school community have been able to support one another at this difficult time for so many. I would like to share just some of the comments that we received:

*"Great initiative. Really helps families with the essentials we need. Thanks so much. I personally found it much easier to come into school for getting this rather than going into a food bank etc."*

*"Absolutely helpful and useful. Thank you for all the kindness for struggling families. Thank you."*

*"I want to use this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all of the staff in Marsh Hill Primary School for the assistance given to all parents to come and have free groceries and uniform. This is very remarkable. May the good Lord bless everyone who has thought about this and achieved it."*

*"The event was well organised. There was enough for the parents to choose from. The volunteers were very kind. This is an awesome way to give back. Kudos to the school management."*

I would like to thank Cathy Lomas for organising and co-ordinating this event and all those who assisted her in putting it on: Mr. Pritchard, Miss Black and the Parents of the Marsh Hill Heroes Association.

### **Red Nose Day**

With the non-uniform day and cake sale we raised £403.67. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause. Thanks also to the Student Squad for organising the cake sale.

### Raffle Tickets

We still have three winners who have not yet claimed their prizes from the Mothers' Day Tea raffle. If you are in possession of one of the following tickets then please come to the school office to receive your prize:

BLUE 653  
GREEN TICKET 983  
WHITE TICKET 969

### Book Review

This week's book review is by Khadija from Year 5, who has chosen **The Dog Man** books by **Dav Pilkey**.

*"There are multiple Dog Man books, because it is a whole series. My favourites are 'The Tale of the Kitten' and 'Dog Man Unleashed.' The Dog Man books are about a Policeman and his Police Dog. They have an accident but they can't be fixed. The Dog has a damaged body and the Policeman has a damaged head, so the Doctor sews the Dog's head to the Policeman's head and it becomes Dog Man.*

*I would recommend these books because they are good and quick and easy to read, as they are graphic novels" (Khadijah)*

March	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for Easter Bonnets (EYFS and Ks1) and Decorate An Egg entries (Ks2) to be brought into school
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Easter Assembly EYFS trip to the Think Tank
Summer Term	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Forest School Celebration Assembly (invite only)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Eid parties
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April (9am)	4B Class Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April (9am)	4H Class Assembly
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed – May Bank Holiday

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	King's Coronation Celebration
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May (3.30pm)	Year 2 Sleepover Meeting
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Active English Workshop
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed (King's Coronation Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 trip to Steelhouse Lane
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 trip to Blakesley Hall
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 trip to Aston Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Term ends
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 2 Sleepover in the woods
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term ends – children return in September

I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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