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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week you will have received our Ofsted report (from the inspection carried out on December 6th and 7th) via Marvellous Me and text message link.

His Majesty's Lead Inspector was impressed by the provision that Marsh Hill provides, stating that: *"The school is ambitious for all pupils [and] has high expectations of pupils' learning, behaviour and attitudes."* The report also acknowledges the strength of the teaching at Marsh Hill: *"Teachers are increasingly skilled at adapting their teaching to ensure all pupils can access the same ambitious curriculum."* We were all recognised for the importance that we place on pupils' wider development: *"The wider curriculum helps to develop pupils' character...Pupils develop a sense of responsibility through the many leadership roles available [and] enjoy a range of clubs that cater for their talents and interests."* The children, *"are polite and friendly to visitors and can talk with confidence about their views on school life [and] about their learning."*

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of our stakeholders; our success as a good school is a result of a great team effort; so thank you to the children, parents, staff and governors who have worked so hard to ensure that, in the words of the Lead Inspector, *"Marsh Hill Primary is a happy and welcoming place to be."*

You can read the full report on the school website.

Important Measles Update

There is an increasing number of people in Birmingham with measles, with many measles cases linked to Birmingham schools. Measles is a **very infectious** disease that can spread rapidly - outbreaks can happen when not enough people have been vaccinated. While most people recover completely within a couple of weeks, measles can cause serious illness and in rare cases it can be fatal. Measles can cause disruption to schools, as any child or adult who has not had **at least one dose of MMR** and comes into contact with a person with measles will have to be **excluded from nursery, school or work for 21 days and stay at home**. On Tuesday of last week (09.01.24), your child brought home a letter for you, with more information on the importance of getting children who have not yet had their MMR (measles) vaccine, vaccinated. If you did not receive a copy, or have misplaced it, then please pick up another copy from the school office.

Pupils of the Term

Before the Christmas holidays I asked each class teacher to send me the name of two pupils in their class who were good role models for their peers as a result of their

behaviour and attitudes to learning, work ethic and effort; and their politeness. On Monday these children were invited to a special headteacher's tea in the minor hall as a thank you for representing themselves and the school so well and for embodying the values of Marsh Hill. Well done and congratulations to our pupils of the autumn term:

Reception – Raina, Ismaeel, Nyla, Albert

Year 1 – Mohamed, Eshaal, Ziyaan, Inarah

Year 2 – Amelia, Ishaq, Aliza, Eddie

Year 3 – Raul, Lyba, Muhammad, Mia

Year 4 - Ciena-Rae, Mohammed, Oskar, Hawa

Year 5 – Imaan, Frayah, Safiya, Shawaiz

Year 6 – Oliver, Khadija, Sameeha, Makai

Data Checking Forms

Data checking forms have been sent home to parents and carers of all children who are in Year 1 – 6. Please can you check that all the details on the form are still valid and make any amendments as necessary before signing, dating and returning the form to your child's class teacher.

It is imperative that school hold the most up to date emergency contact details for your child.

Children With 100% Attendance for the Autumn Term



It was marvellous to see that 75 of our children had 100% attendance during the autumn term. This is a great achievement and I would like to thank all the parents and carers of these children for ensuring that they are in school every day. Very big congratulations to the children too – they truly embody this month's value of Determination by being in every lesson, every day.

There is a very clear link between attendance and children's attainment. In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. However, attendance at school is important for more than just attainment. Regular school attendance helps to

build positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Nut-free school

As we have children in school who suffer from nut allergies, we are a nut-free school. No products containing nuts (including Nutella) should be brought into school.

Celebrations and Birthdays

On special occasions, such as birthdays, a small treat may be brought in to share with the class. Some suggestions could be plain individually wrapped cup cakes, biscuits, fruit, fun-size chocolate bars such as Maltesers, Mars, Twix, Milkyway or Kit Kat. Please be aware that any products containing nuts will be returned to parents. Heroes, Celebrations and Quality Street are not suitable as they contain nuts. Cakes which require cutting will also be returned to parents.

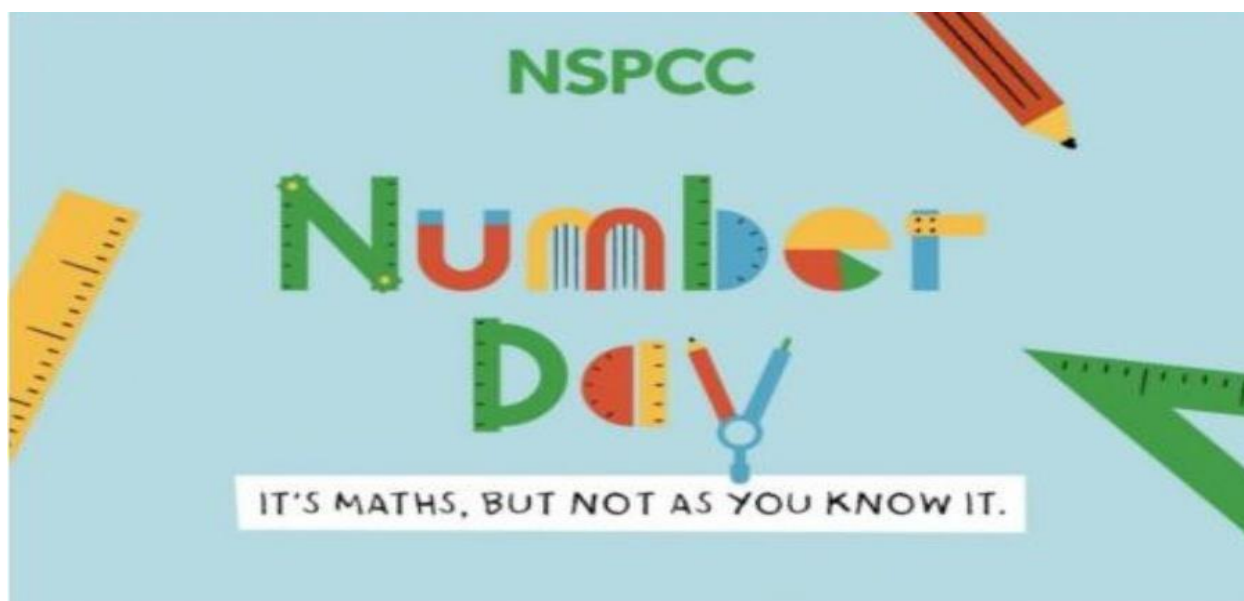
Break Time Snacks

We hope that you will support our efforts to improve the well-being and health of our children and encourage them to make healthy food choices. We provide children with fruit or a vegetable snack (such as raw carrots) at break time: we encourage parents and carers not to send children in with crisps or sweets.

Number Day

On Friday 2nd February we will be holding a special 'Number Day' in school. Children will be taking part in fun, maths related activities and there will be a special assembly at the end of the day where each year group will showcase their talents to the rest of the school about say what they have learnt and enjoyed on the day.

This will be non-uniform day and we encourage children to come as anything number related. We are asking for a small donation (£1 per family) and all proceeds will go to the NSPCC.



JANUARY	
Thursday 11 th	Forest School Assembly: 9.00 a.m
Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th	IEP Reviews

Wednesday 24 th	Year 4 Egyptian Workshop
Thursday 25 th	Year 1 Phonics Workshop for parents and carers: 9.00 a.m. Year 6 SATs meeting for parents: 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.
Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Hobgoblin Theatre Workshop
FEBRUARY	
Friday 2 nd	Maths Number Day
Monday 5 th	Year 1 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3C)
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9:15am
Friday 9 th	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3M) Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford
Tuesday 20 th	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Workshop for parents and carers 9:15am
Thursday 22 nd	Year 3 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Monday 26 th	Years 5 & 6 Residential at Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 29 th	Year 1 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
MARCH	
Tuesday 5 th	Mother's Day Tea: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (there will be a restricted number of tickets available for this event)
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1W)
Thursday 14 th	Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Friday 15 th	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1G) Marsh Hill's Got Talent Competition
Monday 18 th	Key stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade Key stage 2 Decorate and Egg Competition
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 21 st	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 22 nd	School Closes for the Easter Break

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher