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# Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

## April 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you and your families had an enjoyable Easter break and are ready for the Summer Term.

During the month of April we will be looking at the value of **APPRECIATION**. Appreciation is about noticing the things that we often take for granted, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends and family. It is about really seeing something for what it is - an awareness of how special, how lucky, how unique, how blessed, how big, wonderful or awesome something is. Another form of appreciation is respect toward someone or something valued. In relationships this translates as care, concern, fair treatment and courtesy. Please take time to discuss the value of appreciation with your child(ren) at home.

I would like to thank everyone who supported our events in the lead up to **Easter**; and all parents and carers who attended **Parents' Evening**. 78.88% of children had a parent/carer attend to meet with their class teacher. Parents' Evening is an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss how their child is getting on in school both academically and socially. As such, all pupils who did not have a parent/carer attend Parents' Evening have received a letter this week that provides a further opportunity to do so.

### Eid Mubarak

I trust families who observed Ramadan enjoyed their joyous Eid celebrations this week. We too continued the celebrations with our Eid parties at school.

I understand 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 also hold dear within our school.

### Parent Conduct

At Marsh Hill we are very proud and fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive school community, where the very vast and overwhelming majority of parents are supportive and recognise that the education of our children is a partnership between us. With this in mind, it is the responsibility of all parents and carers who enter the school site at any time to set examples of behaviour and conduct which can influence pupils. All staff members have the right to work without fear of violence or abuse. All parents and carers must, therefore, demonstrate high standards of conduct to encourage our pupils to do the same. Parents and carers are expected to support the staff in maintaining discipline and good behaviour in our school

### Horse Riding

As you will be aware, this term all children from Years 1-6 will have the opportunity to visit Sandwell Valley Riding Centre in West Bromwich, where they will learn how the horses are cared for and have the chance to groom a horse. Excitingly, they will also have the opportunity to ride on a horse. This week it has been the turn of Year 3 and I have been very pleased to hear from the children about the fabulous time they had. I am grateful to the Year 3 parent who spoke so positively about this experience being offered to the children. At Marsh Hill, our aim is to enrich and extend every child's school experience as we recognise that the exploration of new skills and experiences helps to nurture resilience, curiosity and creativity.

### **Out of School Achievements**

It is always good to hear of our children's out of school achievements. This week I was delighted to hear of three of our siblings success in the field of martial arts.

The two medals and certificate that Carter (4M), Cayci (2S) and Chelsea (2D) received were for being star pupils for the day at their mixed martial arts at Highcroft community centre. They have been training for 3 months and their Sensei is very impressed with their hard work and progress.



### **Safeguarding**

If a child ever feels unsafe, it is important that they let an adult know so that, where necessary, appropriate help and support can be provided. Should their worry come out at home, then we can only help if you inform us about it at school. Equally, we will do everything we can to help should a child share a concern or make a disclosure in school.

Every school is required to have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and a Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). The DSL and the deputies have all been specifically trained to carry out their roles. At Marsh Hill these people are:

Cathy Lomas (DSL), Mrs. Leavey, Mrs. Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Cusack (DDSL).

If you ever have a concern about a child's wellbeing, then please report this to Cathy Lomas – or in the event of Cathy being unavailable – please ask to speak with another

DSL in school. Alternatively, you may ring The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888.

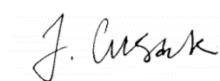
### Dates For Your Diary

<b>APRIL</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Eid Parties p.m.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Eid Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 4H)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Eid Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 4M)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 trip to Steelhouse Lane
<b>MAY</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 trip to Aston Hall
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Council Elections – school is closed to all staff and pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – school is closed to all staff and pupils
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ks2 SATs Week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 trip to Statfold Museum
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 trip to the Roundhouse (Birmingham Canals)
<b>JUNE</b>	
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Induction meeting for Parents and Carers of children starting school in September (Rainbows): 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Induction meeting for Parents and Carers of children starting school in September (Sunshines): 9.00 a.m.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Sleepover
<b>JULY</b>	
w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS Home Visits for children starting school in September (all week)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ks1 Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Big Top Circuit Event (all day)
w/c Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Home Visits for children starting school in September (all week)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Graduation Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.  Parents' Evening (3.30 p.m.– 6.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for children – school closes at 1.00 p.m.

This section will be updated if/when new dates are added; or if there is any change of date to any events.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher

