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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

April 26th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

I would like to remind parents and carers that **school will be closed** to all staff and pupils on **Thursday 2nd May** (due to school being used as a voting station for the local elections) and on **Monday 6th May** for the Bank Holiday.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that for safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear any jewellery, except for a small stud in each ear. Please note that these have to be removed when children have P.E. lessons. If children cannot remove them independently, please ensure that they are not worn on PE days.

Please can you also ensure that your child wears black shoes to school, trainers are not appropriate.

Safeguarding

I have been made aware of incidents that have occurred recently between children who have been playing games together online. These incidents have taken the form of unkind and, in some cases, abusive comments and language. This has then resulted in friction between the children back in school.

Every child deserves to be, and to feel, safe online. We can all play a role in helping make online spaces safer for children and young people by:

- talking to children about anything worrying they experience online
- recognising how important the online world is to children and talk to them about it
- helping children and young people understand and manage their privacy settings online.

Finally, I respectfully ask parents and carers to monitor children's online activity and set up the available parental controls that are available.

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.

Year 5 Trip to Steelhouse Lane

This week, Year 5 visited Steelhouse Lane Police Museum and immersed themselves in the past to discover what life was like for those who worked there and for those notorious criminals from Birmingham's past such as the real Peaky Blinders. The children also got the chance to be detectives when they entered the world of forensics. There was an exciting array of attractions such as a genuine police box, impressive police motorcycles, a life-sized police horse, and captivating pictures of criminals. The children even had the opportunity to have their own mugshots taken!



Reading at Home

I have been delighted to see the high number of children achieving their silver reading award this term and I would like to thank all parents and carers who have supported this initiative – it has really increased the number of children reading at home.

Walk to School Challenge

Well done to all of the children that received a WOW badge yesterday for the walk to school challenge for the month of March.

1W: Lenae, Hoorain, Imran, Ayan, Kamila, Aminah, Erin, Abu-Bakr, Inarah, Jalia, Faria, Ayaan, Alayna, Scarlet, Amayah, Siyana, Ziyaan, Amaanah, Adam, Freddie, Ibrahim

3C: Abdul, Muhammad, Khadijah, Falak, Bella-Rose, Chamis, Adan, Hassan, Abdullah, Mia, Afizah

3M: Alaa, Gurman, Ehsan, Lyba, Leila, Malik, Sabaina, Ivy, Shanzay, Maira, Maria, Raul, Armaan, Arsham, Tasmia, Cory, Ajwa, Deenal, Temiloluwa

5C: Caseylee, Maysam, Rory-J, Leighton

Upcoming School Assembly and Workshops on Carbon Monoxide Awareness

On Monday 29th April, Bonanza Creative, in conjunction with Cadent Gas Art facilitators Julie and Gemma, will conduct a Whole School Assembly to raise awareness about carbon monoxide.

Additionally, they will lead workshops for Year 2 and Year 3 students on both Monday 29th April and Friday 3rd May. Workshops for Year 4 and Year 5 are also being planned. Participants will receive free activity packs and a complimentary carbon monoxide alarm to take home.

Please see the accompanying information about the carbon monoxide workshop on our website.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Wednesday 17 th	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic for children starting school in September
Friday 19 th	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,



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