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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

May 10th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It was lovely to come back to school this week to some sunny weather.

Next week brings the end of **Key Stage 2 SATs** for our Year 6 children. The tests begin on Monday 13th May and continue through, each morning, until Thursday 16th May. I am sure that all parents and carers, regardless of whether they have a child in Year 6 or not, will join me in sending our Year 6 children good wishes for the week ahead. I know that each and every one of them will try their best and we can ask no more of them than that.

I have had a number of families contact school recently requesting leave in term time. I have informed these parents that their requests have been declined in line with Birmingham Local Authority's '**Leave in Term Time Guidance.**' Families who choose to take leave in term time may be subject to legal procedures.

If you have recently changed your address or phone number, then please inform the office as soon as you possibly can, so that our school records can be updated. It is crucial that we have **accurate contact details** in the event of an emergency.

Message for Parents/Carers of Children Currently in Year 5

Please be advised that registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (entry to Year 7 in September 2025).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 28th June 2024.
The test will take place on 14th September 2024.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Screen Time

I have become concerned this week to hear about the amount of screen time that some of our children are exposed to on a daily basis. Screen time refers to any time looking at a screen, and research suggests that excessive screen time can lead to:

- Poor sleeping patterns
- Attention span problems
- Delays in language development
- Delays in the development of social skills

With screens virtually everywhere, monitoring a child's screen time can be challenging, especially as, to complicate matters, some screen time can be educational.

With the above in mind, the NHS and the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) recommend an upper limit of two hours screen time per day for all children.

STARS of the Week



Very well done to all our Merit Award Winners for this week. We are all proud of you:

Reception – Harper, Alizay, Maisie-Rae, Thomas

Year 1 – Zidan, Lamar, Amelia, Ziyaan

Year 2 – Aliza, Evie, Poppy, Aylinn

Year 3 – Yahya, Brianne, Layton

Year 4 – Kyle, Tilayah, Abigeal, Emeke

Year 5 – Aleema, Hafsah

Year 6 – Dean, Faizan, Mia

Value of the Month - CARING

The value of the month for May at Marsh Hill is **caring**. Being caring can come in many different forms, such as showing kindness to others, sharing with others, being polite by saying "please" and "thank-you" or by holding doors open; being sensitive to other's feelings and showing compassion to those less fortunate, or by forgiving someone who has offended you in some way. One of the biggest reasons that the quality of caring is such an important value is because it gives us the ability to understand others and help people when they are in need.

By being good role models for our children and teaching them about the value of caring every day we can, together, give them the skills to help them lead happier and more fulfilled lives in the future.

Safeguarding

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

MAY	
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 Circus 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. Parents' Evening (3.30 p.m.– 6.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 17 th	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
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,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher