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# Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

June 14<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

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The leadership team, staff, pupils and governors of Marsh Hill Primary School extend hearty greetings to all families celebrating Eid. We wish you all well in celebrating this joyful occasion and would also like to offer our congratulations to family members who have performed Hajj this year.

## **A Car Free Street School**

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that as part of our successful initiative to become a Car Free Street School from the new academic school year 2024/25, we will be working with Birmingham City Council (BCC) in partnership with Sustrans - the charity that makes it easier for people to walk, wheel and cycle. Today your child will bring home a letter with more information regarding this exciting and important initiative.

## **School Car Park**

The car park is for staff, deliveries and exceptional and agreed use only. Yesterday, one parent parked over the Keep Clear sign and blocked the entrance. The make of car, its colour and registration, have been forwarded to the police.

## **Fathers' Day Event**

On Tuesday we welcomed over one hundred fathers and special adults to school for our annual celebration of Fathers' Day. The children had the opportunity to reward these valued adults with a cone of chips and the opportunity to play different kinds of board games, take part in craft activities or build construction toys. It was great to see so many of the Marsh Hill Community celebrating an enjoyable event. Many thanks to the Marsh Hill Heroes who worked alongside class staff providing the children with freeze pops.



### **Children Wearing Jewellery**

I have noticed a small number of children coming into school wearing necklaces. Please be aware that this goes against our school policy. The wearing of rings, necklaces and bracelets are a hazard in school:

- Wearing of jewellery can result in tearing or piercing of flesh
- There is a potential for injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing etc.
- There is a risk to other people especially at playtimes and PE lessons where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person

In addition to the above items, we also discourage the wearing of earrings. If parents opt for their child to wear earrings they must be small plain gold/silver studs only; hoops and large or dangly earrings are not permitted. Only one pair of small studs is allowed to be worn in school.

If your child wishes to have his/her ears pierced, then please ensure that this is done at the beginning of the 6 week summer break to allow plenty of time for wounds to heal. Children who have had their ears pierced beyond the initial 6 week healing period and who are participating in P.E., swimming, sports clubs and /or physical activities should not come to school wearing earrings on those days. If they do, pupils will be asked to remove earrings and to store them themselves. Staff are not permitted to remove or

insert earrings on health and safety grounds and will not be held responsible for the storage of earrings.

Watches should not be smart watches and not linked to mobile phones.

### Attendance

It is important that children attend school every day. At Marsh Hill we work closely with the Local Authority and parents and carers to ensure that this is the case. It is important to stress to parents and carers that children who do not attend school regularly:

- Do not achieve well in tests or exams
- Find it difficult to build and maintain friendships
- Are more likely to become involved in anti-social behaviour
- Miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work

How does your child compare?

Attendance at school during an academic year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this number of days absent	Which means this number of days missed	EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons	
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	

We understand that at times children do get ill and need time at home to recover. If your child is ill we ask that those with parental responsibility make contact with the school on the first morning of the absence. If you do not make contact, we will ring or conduct a home visit in line with safeguarding procedures.

This Week's Attendance			
Rainbows		Sunshines	
1G		1W	
2D		2S	
3C		3M	
4H		4M	
5C		5J	
6C		6M	

### Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that last week your child brought home a letter regarding a fantastic summer reading challenge that our school will be taking part in. All the information that you need to become involved is on the letter and, as parents and carers, you can support your child by encouraging them to read this summer. If you did not receive a copy of the letter then please pick one up from the office.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The test will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

[www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk)

### Safeguarding

If you are concerned for a child's wellbeing, then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Cathy Lomas through the school office. 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

JUNE	
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
JULY	
w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS Home Visits for children starting school in September (all week)  Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day: 9.00 a.m.
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.  End of Year Reports to parents and carers
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	General Election – School to be used as a Polling Station, so will be closed to all pupils and staff
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Big Top Circus 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,



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