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## **MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

### **Asda/ Parentkind**

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who will be making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, up until 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to Marsh Hill. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

### **Pantomime**

Any remaining tickets for the Pantomime performance at Sutton Town Hall are available to order through the Teachers2Parents app until midnight on Sunday, 17th November. No further tickets will be sold after this date.

### **Children In Need**

Today was a non-school uniform day in support of Children in Need. In keeping with this year's theme of "Making Life Lighter", the children also took part in a keepie-uppie with balloons competition. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped raise money for the numerous charities that Children in Need champions.

### **Christmas Fayre**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a Christmas Fayre in the school hall. The fayre will be open to parents, carers and relatives from 3.30 pm until 4.15 pm. Children will be able to visit the fayre between 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. - this will be organised within year groups. Children may bring money into school to spend at the fayre when they visit during their timeslot.

In order to help us prepare for our Christmas fayre, we would be very grateful for donations of the following items:

- Friday 22nd November - toiletries that can be resold
- Friday 29th November - preloved toys that can be resold
- Friday 6th December - preloved books that can be resold
- Friday 13th December - food/drink items that can be purchased

### **Parent Consultations**

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st November between 3.30pm and 6.00 p.m. for all classes except 1G. 1G's Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November between 3.30pm and 6pm. The online booking facility for making a Parents' Evening appointment closed on Tuesday (November 12<sup>th</sup>). If you have not yet made an appointment and you wish to do so, then please speak with your child's class teacher regarding available timeslots.

### **After School Clubs**

Due to Parent Consultations taking place next week, there will be no after school clubs. Please collect your child at the normal time. After school clubs will resume the following week (the week beginning November 25<sup>th</sup>).

### **Year 3 Maths Workshop**

A big thank you to all Year 3 parents and carers who attended yesterday's Maths Workshop. I have been particularly pleased at the large number of you that stated that you now feel more confident in supporting your child in Maths.

### **Year 5**

Year 5 had a wonderful visit to the Santorini Greek Restaurant on Wednesday (November 13<sup>th</sup>). The children enjoyed tasting classic Greek cooking, taking part in Greek dances and plate smashing. We are grateful to the friendly staff who made us all very welcome: the children really enjoyed the whole experience.

### **Compass Assemblies**

This year we are working with Compass Mental Health Support Team. On Wednesday and Friday of this week, Priyanka and Robyn, our Compass mental health practitioners, delivered assemblies on the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing. They shared with the children 5 ways to mental wellbeing: Connect, Help, Be Active, Notice and Learn.

Connect – connecting with others can help us feel close to people

Help – helping others, giving a smile and saying thank you has positive benefits for ourselves and those around us

Be Active – exercising, taking part in sports and other activities such as going for walks is good for both our physical and mental health and releases lots of feel good hormones

Notice – noticing the world around you and your own feelings and thoughts can help you to positively change how you are feeling about life

Learn – learning new skills can boost your confidence and give you a sense of achievement

### **Remembrance Day**

On Monday (11<sup>th</sup> November) we held two minutes silence across school to remember the servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars and other conflicts. The children were very respectful during the silence.

### **Tomorrow's Child Event at North Birmingham Academy**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, North Birmingham Academy will be holding an evening dedicated to keeping the local community safe and informed. The event begins at 4.30 pm and will feature interactive workshops, informative presentations and engaging activities aimed at enhancing your knowledge and strengthening community safety. For more information and to reserve a ticket, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/105468267729?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Attendance**

The class with the best attendance this week was 5C with 98.85%. Congratulations and very well done to 5C.

The whole school attendance figure was 93.54%.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Percentage</b>
Rainbows	94.85
Sunshines	90.11
1G	94.83
1H	84.31
2D	91.97
2P	93.73
3C	95.2
3D	98.15
4H	92.65
4M	93.51
<b>5C</b>	<b>98.85</b>
5U	95.2
6C	93.64
6M	92.82
6W	93.41
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.54</b>

### **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.

## Diary Dates

NOVEMBER	
Monday 18th	UDB Tea on the Playground (Key stage 2 playground from 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Conservatoire Music Performance in the school hall for Years 1 – 6: 1.45 – 2.45
DECEMBER	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime Trip for Years 1 – 6: a.m.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Visit to the Theatre to see 'Finding Santa'  Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre in the school hall (after school)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity: 9.15 and 2.00
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties p.m.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes at 1.00 for the Christmas Holidays

**This section will be updated once new dates are known and confirmed.**

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher

