



# Newsletter

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## Message from the Head Teacher

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a good Christmas break with your families.

A very warm welcome to all the children and families joining Marsh Hill Nursery School this term. We are really looking forward to meeting you.

We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children this term, so please make a note of forthcoming events listed at the end of this newsletter.

During this term, the children will be working on the theme "Ourselves" and finding out about the body, the senses, taking care of ourselves, exercise, healthy eating etc.

## The Gruffalo School Trip

Next week Butterflies and Ladybirds Classes will be going to see **The Gruffalo** at the Town Hall. All staff will be accompanying the children on both days so please note the dates and times for your child in the trip letter you received before Christmas, including a permission slip which needs to be returned to school. The total cost of this trip will be met from the school budget.

## Playhouse Drama Workshops

This term we are welcoming the "Play House" into the nursery to work with the children. The Playhouse is a participatory theatre-in-education programme, for Nursery aged children, from Language Alive! The children in Butterflies and Ladybirds will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with one another and the artists in a multi-sensory environment. The cost of these workshops will be met from the school budget.

## Contact Details

Please ensure your emergency contact details are kept updated. If you have changed your home, work or mobile numbers please inform the school office as soon as possible.

## School Admissions 2023

Please remember to apply for your child's place in Reception class if your child will be turning 4 before 31st August 2023. The deadline is 15th January 2023. If you need any help with your application, please speak to a member of staff.

For more information please visit:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## School Closure

Sometimes schools must close because of events beyond our control, such as extreme weather conditions. In such circumstances we will communicate closures to parents via text message and on our School Website:

[www.marshiln.bham.sch.uk](http://www.marshiln.bham.sch.uk)

For city wide school closures, please listen to your local radio station or visit the Birmingham City Council website.

## School Uniform

We are extremely proud of our school and our school uniform. If parents wish to purchase any school uniform please speak to Mrs Sehra in the school office.

It is important that all children's clothes and uniform are clearly named especially at this time of the year when children need to be wrapped up warm with hats, scarves and mittens for outside play.

## School Fund

At the beginning of each school term we ask parents for donations to school fund which is used to buy the children's fruit, support our school trips and visitors to the school as well as additional resources.

## Special Educational Needs or Disabilities

If your child has had paediatric or speech and language appointments, please share the information with our SENDCo (Mrs Taylor-Hawkins) or your child's class teacher. We can also refer you directly to our own Speech & Language Therapist who attends nursery fortnightly on Wednesdays if you have any concerns.

Links to useful webinars and events for parents to help in understanding the Early Help offer in Birmingham on a wide range of topics, including, Speech, Occupational Therapy, toileting etc can be found at:

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

## **Proposal for Federation of Marsh Hill Nursery School and Perry Beeches Nursery School Under One Head Teacher and One Governing Board**

Since September 2019, Marsh Hill Nursery School and Perry Beeches Nursery School have been working closely together with one Head Teacher; sharing good practice, making cost savings and with the two Governing Boards working closely together to enable this to continue.

The opportunity to consider Federation has resulted from our concerns with regards to the sustainability of the two Nursery Schools. This is a national concern for Maintained Nursery Schools, some of which have recently had to close or are facing closure. The Governing Boards have both voted to undertake consultation with regard to federation.

Attached to this newsletter is a document which sets out our proposal and what federation would mean for our children, parents, staff and the local community. It forms part of a six-week consultation process, during which we are seeking the views of everyone who has an interest in the school. It includes a response form for you to complete and return.

At the end of the consultation period, the Governing Boards of the two schools will make a final decision on whether to federate, taking into account everyone's views and comments.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate in contacting a member of the nursery team

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Masaun*

Mrs Helen Masaun

Head Teacher

### **Calendar Dates Spring Term**

<b>Tuesday 3rd January 2023</b>	Teacher Training Day- school closed
<b>Wednesday 4th January 2023</b>	School re-opens
<b>Tuesday 10th January 2023</b>	Theatre Visit 1 – 'The Gruffalo'
<b>Wednesday 11th January 2023</b>	Theatre Visit 2 – 'The Gruffalo'
<b>Friday 17th February 2023</b>	Last Day in School before half term
<b>Mon 20th February–Fri 24th February 2023</b>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
<b>Monday 27th February 2023</b>	School re-opens
<b>Friday 3rd March 2023</b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 27th March 2023</b>	Playhouse Theatre Production—'Little Red Hen'
<b>Wednesday 29th March 2023</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade
<b>Friday 31st March 2023</b>	Last Day in School
<b>Monday 3rd April–Friday 14th April 2023</b>	EASTER HOLIDAY
<b>Monday 17th April 2023</b>	School re-opens