



Newsletter – February 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

This term is flying by! I can't believe we are already into February and that we break up next week. Please remember to make use of the school websites, there is lots of useful information available on there!

Dinner Money – Spring Term 3

The price for a child's meal is - £2.10, so a week will cost £10.50. The price of an adult meal is £2.88. The cost of meals for February is – £31.50. The cost of meals for Spring 4 is £71.40. Please make cheques payable to Derbyshire County Council or DCC.

School meals must be paid for in advance, you may either pay weekly, monthly or for the whole half term. **Payment must be sent in a clearly labelled envelope, thank you.**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are still receiving universal free school meals so there is no need to pay.

Breakfast Clubs and After School Clubs

A booking form for Spring 4 has been sent out. It helps both admin staff and staff running the clubs if forms are completed in advance so that staff know who to expect. Payment is required either with the completed form or at the beginning of the week. All payment must go through the office; club staff do not take payment. Thank you. The booking form is available on the school website under the Newsletters tab, if you require another copy. If you book a session but then do not need it, please let school know the day before, thank you.

Safeguarding Information

The NSPCC website has useful information on how to keep children safe online. The following is taken from their website and this link - https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN_Safety_-_BMMI&utm_term=safety_online&gclid=Cj0KCQiApyvvhBRDXARIsALnNoK1-yPLyeACV-shskGDvSF20_hyWv2bRkoxmIKH797haCmbyVCU5MlaAqDQEALw_wcB&gclid=aw.ds - takes you to the page where there is more information available.

“The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe?

That's where we come in. Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start, our tools and advice will help you keep your child safe.”

If you have any questions regarding online safety please speak to a member of staff and we will try to signpost you to useful resources you can use at home. Thank you

Joint Events in January

Y2 Gymnastics at QEGS (14/01/19) – Our year two children from both schools experienced a carousel of activities developing different skills such as balancing, rowing, sequences of movements, jumps. At the end they performed a routine. Well done Year 2!

Change for Life (15/01/19) - Four Year 5 pupils (2 from each school) attended a 'Change4Life' conference at The Ashbourne Leisure Centre. The children learnt about the benefits of healthy eating combined with an active life style. The children will be sharing this information in an assembly with the rest of the school, they will then set up a lunch time club offering various activities.

RSE Information Evenings (29/01/19 & 31/01/19) – Thank you to those parents who attended the events, I think they would all agree that they were informative. The RSE Spiral Curriculum is available on each school website for parents to look at. Also on this page is a draft of the proposed RSE Policy for the Federation. Please take the time to look at this, if you require a paper copy please ask and we will provide one. If you have any comments / questions please let a member of staff know. Thank you

Future Joint Events in February

MFL Joint Event (15/02/19) – We are looking forward to our next joint event on Friday 15th. The day has a languages theme and will be held at Marston.

Long Lane - Due to early closure at QEGS that day the coach will not collect us until about 3:15pm, this will mean we will not arrive at Long Lane until after 3:30pm, Please collect children at 3:40pm on this day

QEGS Y5/6 Hi-5 Netball (28/02/19) – This is during the afternoon, the Federation will enter two teams. Year 5 and 6 pupils will receive a letter soon with further details.

INSET (05/03/19) – Both schools will be closed to children today while the staff attend Maths training at Ashbourne Primary.

Job Opportunity

The Governors of The Acorn Federation are seeking to appoint a Play Leader to develop lunchtime activities at both Marston and Long Lane. The Play Leader will be responsible for supervising and leading play during lunchtime to ensure safe, stimulating play and to provide for the needs of the whole child.

If you are interested in this role please contact the school office for more information. Previous applicants need not apply.

Mrs Bosley's Plan

Please remember that if you would like to speak to me when I am at the other school, you can contact a member of staff to see if they are able to help or ask staff to contact me so that I can contact you.

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18/02/19	Half Term				
25/02/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
04/03/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
11/03/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
18/03/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
25/03/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
01/04/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
08/04/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS



Marston Montgomery Primary School

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Marston Montgomery Ball Committee and every one who supported the event. We are delighted to receive our cheque for £2000. The staff and I are currently planning how to spend it, so watch this space!

A date for your diary – This year's Ball is on Saturday 14th September.

Events in January

Garden Class Board Games (15/02/19) – As part of our topic on toys lots of parents joined us for a fun-filled morning playing board games. Thank you to all those who came!

Healthy School Communities Award (17/01/19) – During the academic year 2017 – 2018 we worked on targets to achieve the 'Healthy School Communities Award'. This involved working on possible careers the children could have in the future, introducing Playground Pals and looking at staff well-being. We were delighted to receive our reward, well done to everyone who worked so hard to achieve it!

Community Lunch (30/01/19) – As always, it was wonderful to welcome members from our local community today to enjoy a delicious roast. It was wonderful to have so many people with us. A huge thank you to Mrs Charlesworth!

Events in February

Community Lunch (27/02/19) – Members of the local community are invited to join us for a delicious roast dinner and a chance to chat with people. Meals must be booked in advance, please contact the school office on 01889 590373 to do this. Thank you

Swimming – The Meadow Class will swim on a Monday afternoon this term. The children will need to bring a swimming costume / trunks and towel. They may bring goggles if they wish. The dates for swimming are – 11/02/19, 04/03/19, 11/03/19, 18/03/19, 25/03/19, 01/04/19. Miss Craner is not with us this term so we need volunteers to go with us, if you are able to help please speak to Mrs Beloe.

Forest School – Forest School sessions will continue this term. Each class will take it in turns to take part on a Wednesday afternoon. **When the children are taking part in Forest Schools, they will need to bring suitable clothing, e.g. wellington boots, rain coats, gloves, hats etc.** They will take part in Forest School whatever the weather so **MUST** be appropriately dressed!

Garden Class – 27/02/19, 20/03/19, 10/04/19

Y3/4 – 06/03/19, 27/03/19

Y5/6 – 13/02/19, 13/03/19, 03/04/19

Celebration Assembly – All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us on a Friday morning (9:00am to 9:15am) for our celebration assembly where we will celebrate the children's work from the week.

Dates – 15/02/19, 01/03/19, 08/03/19, 15/03/19, 22/03/19, 29/03/19, 05/04/19, 12/04/19 .

Marston Tots – Parents, carers, grandparents with pre-school children are welcome to join us for our Tots session on a Friday morning (9:15am – 11:15am).

Dates – 15/02/19, 01/03/19, 08/03/19, 15/03/19, 22/03/19, 29/03/19, 05/04/19, 12/04/19.

Village Quiz (01/03/19) – There will be a Village Quiz on Friday 1st March in the Village Hall. Flyers have previously been sent home about this.