



Marston Montgomery Primary School



September 2016

5th September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year. We are looking forward to another busy year with lots of hard work and enjoyable activities.

Welcome to our new Reception children and their families we are looking forward to getting to know you all.

Dinner Money

Dinner money should be paid in advance. The amount payable is £10.00 per week or £68 until October half term. Please send money in a sealed, named envelope. Cheques need to be payable to D.C.C. **Thank you in advance for your prompt payment.**

If you think you might be entitled to free school meals, please speak to Mrs Lovett or Mrs Bosley. All infants continue to receive Universal Free School meals but if you think you may be entitled to free school meals please speak to us.

Pupils entitled to free school meals receive additional funding which we use in school to support their education.

Club Early Closure

On Wednesday 5th October the Sports Club will finish at 4.30pm, due to essential safeguarding training for all staff.

Infant Classroom Redecoration

We have had our Infant classroom redecorated and it is now our 'Garden Room'. We are delighted with the end result.



Clubs

The list for clubs available after the summer holiday was sent out before the summer holiday. Thank you to those of you who have returned their booking forms already. Please return any outstanding booking forms as soon as possible. If you require a copy of the form, please ask Mrs Lovett or Mrs Bosley. Thank you.

Booking Sessions

If you need to use a club and have not booked in, please ensure you let a member of staff know. Payment will need to be made on the day. Thank you.

Taxi use and clubs

If children who usually go home in a taxi are attending an after school club their parents **MUST** inform the taxi company.

Independence

We are encouraging the children to become more independent. You can help us at home with this by encouraging the children to pack their own bags and to carry their bags into school. Thank you for your support.

Uniform Reminders

It is lovely to see the children in their smart new uniforms, thank you to everyone for making sure the children return to school smartly dressed.

Please remember nail varnish and jewellery are not allowed (stud earrings may be worn).

Resources

Children in the Infants do not need a pencil case, we will provide the resources they need. Children in the Juniors may bring one small pencil case to school.

At Home

There are many ways parents can support their children's learning at home. Please read regularly together, practise spellings, practise 'Learn Its' and complete any written homework. If you need advice on how to support your child, please ask the class teacher.

Midday Supervisor and After School Club Assistant

We are advertising for a new Midday Supervisor and After School Club Assistant. If you are interested in these positions, please speak to Mrs Lovett or Mrs Bosley for more information and an application pack.

Attendance

In order for children to make the best progress they can it is important that they attend school regularly. At the end of each term we will review attendance, parents of children whose attendance drops below 90% will receive a letter.

However, I would like to remind parents that children who have had sickness or diarrhoea are not allowed in school until 48 hours after the last incident of sickness / diarrhoea. Thank you for your support with this.

If your child is ill please contact the school office by 9:00am to inform us that they will be absent from school.

Medical Conditions

Please ensure school staff are aware of any medical conditions your child may have by completing the attached form. If they require medication in school, e.g. inhalers, please ensure this is in school and is not out of date. Thank you.

Fundraisers

We are hoping to begin a fundraisers group at school this year. Please come along to the meeting on Wednesday 21st September at 6pm in school. If you can give 10 minutes, half an hour or three hours, all help is useful and will allow us to plan more events this year. If you are interested in helping but cannot attend the meeting, please speak to Mrs Lovett or Mrs Bosley.

Parent Help

Swimming recommences on Monday 19th September for all the juniors. We desperately need volunteers to come with us every week. If you can help please let Mrs Lovett know and she will draw up a rota.

If you are able to help in class listening to children read or have another hidden talent, e.g. cooking, music, gardening and could spare some time please let us know.

School Procedures

Thank you for arriving at school promptly this morning, a super start to the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school gates are open and staff are in the playground from 8:45am. The children are asked to line up at 8:55am for a prompt start in classrooms at 9am.

School finishes at 3:30pm and children should be collected from the playground. If you are unable to be at school for 3:30pm please book your child into After School Club. Thank you

Please look out for the school calendar later this week.

Best wishes

Teresa Bosley
Head Teacher

