

21st July 2021

Dear Parents

Another year has flown by and what a year it has been! It has been another difficult year for us all and I would like to thank all our parents for the support you have given us over the year. The children have responded to the changes in life fantastically and you should all be very proud.

I would like to wish all our Year Six children luck as they leave us to move on to Secondary School. They have been a pleasure to have in our schools over the years they have been with us.

Contact Tracing

Following the move to Step 4 of the roadmap, one of the key changes that has taken place is that education settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. The attached letter explains the steps you now need to take.

BC and ASC Booking Forms

Please remember to return these as soon as you can and by the end of the week at the latest. Thank you.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Pointon

Mrs Pointon has been a member of staff at Marston for over 25 years and will be retiring at the end of this week. During her time at Marston Mrs Pointon has had many roles - Caretaker, Learning Support Assistant (LSA), lunchtime play leader and ASC and BC play leader. On behalf of all children, parents and staff (past and present) I would like to thank Mrs Pointon for her hard work and dedication over the years. We will all miss you!



Mr Lovett

Mr Lovett will be leaving his role of LSA at Marston to begin his teacher training in September. We are not saying goodbye to him though because he will be completing the majority of his training at LLPS. Good luck with your training Mr Lovett.

Miss Harris

Miss Harris has more exciting news to share with you all. During the summer holiday Miss Harris will be getting married! Miss Harris will be Mrs Booth when we return to school in September. On behalf of everyone, I would like to congratulate the future Mr and Mrs Booth and wish them both a life of love and happiness together.



At the present time the guidance for pregnancy remains unchanged, so Miss Harris (or Mrs Booth as she will be then) will be working from home in September until she commences her maternity leave.



Mrs Hall

Mrs Hall has worked for the Federation since November 2020. Initially she was a cleaner for us, cleaning both our schools and then covering BC, initially at MMPS during lockdown and after lockdown at LLPS. Sadly, Mrs Hall is leaving at the end of this term. We will miss you Mrs Hall.

New Staff

In September we will be welcoming several new members of staff to the Federation team.

Miss Hill will join the team and will teach both Meadow Classes.

At Marston, Mrs White will be joining the team as a LSA.

I am also delighted to be able to inform you that we hope to be welcoming two new members of staff who will support the children at Long Lane as LSAs on a Monday and Friday morning. We are currently finalising the details of this and I will be able to introduce our new staff to you in September 2021.



September 2021

As you are already aware, there are changes to staff at both schools in September as staff are moving around to cover Miss Harris's maternity leave. Below is a reminder of the class teachers for next year.

LLPS

Garden Class – Mrs Sharpe

Meadow Class – Miss Whitehead and Miss Hill

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Garden Class – Mrs Thomas

Meadow Class – Mrs McManus and Miss Hill

Breakfast and After School Club

MMPS

Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Haslam and Mrs Pointon for the many years they have worked as our play leaders for both BC and ASC. As Mrs Pointon retires, Mrs Haslam has also chosen to step back from her role as BC and ASC play leader.

From September 2021, Mrs Charlesworth will be running both our BC and ASC at Marston. Mrs Charlesworth is looking forward to getting to know the children in a different situation!

LLPS

From September, Mrs Keeling will be leading our ASC on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On a Monday Mrs Watts and Mrs Bosley will lead our ASC.

Relationship and Health Education (RHE)

The Government have produced new guidance for RHE. Some aspects of this are statutory and some aspects are not. We have reviewed our RHE Policy in line with the new Government recommendations and have attached the draft of this to the email for you to read. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sharpe (c.sharpe@acornfed.derbyshire.sch.uk) who will collate any queries and feed back to you in September 2021. Thank you.

Term Dates

Attached to this email are the term dates for the next academic year. Please make sure you refer to this information because there are slight differences between our holiday dates and Derbyshire's holiday dates.

Tuck Shop

In September, Tuck Shop will return to MMPS and we will be introducing a Tuck Shop at LLPS.

During break time on a Monday and Friday, the children will be able to buy a cereal bar. Cereal bars will cost 20p each. The Tuck Shop will be run by older children in the Meadow Class. If the children would like to buy a bar they will need to bring a small purse containing 20p (we will not be giving change) on a Monday and Friday.



COVID-19 Safety Measures

As you are aware, the situation with COVID-19 is continually changing and the guidance for schools from the government and Derbyshire County Council may change before the start of term in the Autumn. For this reason, I am going to wait until the week before we return to school to complete our risk assessment and finalise the safety measures we will be taking in September. I will write to you before term starts so that you have this information.

Equipment for September

Please send the children to school with a **SMALL** pencil case containing the items listed below. Thank you.

- A pencil
- A ruler
- A rubber
- A pencil sharpener
- 12 colouring pencils

New Government website for parents to help their children catch-up

The Department for Education has launched an [information site](#) for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer.

Forest School Clothes

Please ensure you send your child with appropriate clothing when they are participating in Forest School. They will be outside for these sessions, whatever the weather. Please ensure they have wellington boots, waterproofs and warm clothes (including hats, scarves, gloves). The children enjoy the sessions far more when they are dressed appropriately.



School Uniform and PE Kit

In September, we will expect the children to return to school in the correct uniform. Here is a reminder of our expectations and the relevant website links, so you have plenty of time to purchase the necessary items.

Long Lane Church of England <https://myclothing.com/ll-primary-uniform/26775.school>

- White shirt or blouse
- For summer a white polo shirt (with optional school logo for summer)
- Grey cardigan, V-necked jumper or V-necked sweatshirt (with optional school logo)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Gold and black school tie
- Yellow gingham dress
- Grey or white socks
- Appropriate school shoes

Marston Montgomery Primary School Dress Code The link for the school uniform site is [HERE](#)

- White / red shirt or polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with optional Marston Montgomery logo)
- Grey / black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Red gingham dress
- Grey or white socks
- Appropriate school shoes

The Acorn Federation PE Kit <https://myclothing.com/acorn-pe-uniform/26776.school>

Our PE kit is shared across the Federation so that when we attend sports events, we are all in the same kit. PE kits will need to be sent to school in a drawstring bag.

- Plain navy blue t-shirt, no buttons as these cause problems during gym (with Acorn Federation Logo)
- Navy jumper (jumper with Acorn Federation Logo)
- Navy Shorts
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy sun cap (with Acorn Federation Logo)
- Optional PE bag (with Acorn Federation Logo)
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Black pumps for indoor PE and gym

School Meals

A child's meal is - £2.20, so a week costs £11.00.

The cost of school meals for the autumn term is - £74.80.

School meals must be paid for in advance. You may pay weekly, monthly or for the whole half term. **Please continue to send payment in a clearly labelled envelope. Please ensure you include the name of your child, thank you.** We are unable to accept money that is not in an envelope.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils continue to receive universal free school meals so there is no need to pay.



Spare Pants and Socks

If you have a clear out over the summer and have spare children's pants / socks, please send them into school. Thank you.

Marston Montgomery Open Gardens

On Sunday 29th August and Monday 30th August some of the residents in the village will be opening their gardens. Watch out for posters around the village for more information.

Week 1 Diary

LLPS

Monday 6th September

Mrs Bosley at LL / MM

School reopens for all children

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Mrs Bosley at MM

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Mrs Bosley at LL

PM – Meadow Class Forest School – Please send children to school with their kit.

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Mrs Bosley at MM

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Wishing you all an enjoyable, restful and well-earned holiday.

Warm regards

Teresa Bosley