

Dear Parents,

This newsletter comes in two parts. The first part is for you with more ‘housekeeping’ information on. The second part is for you to share with your children.

I would like to thank you all for the support and understanding you have shown to all our staff during what has been a difficult year. Also, huge thanks and congratulations to you all for working so hard to educate your children at home. I know the level to which families have done this has varied depending on your individual circumstances, with many of you having to juggle working from home alongside teaching your children – well done to you all!

I would also like to thank our staff who all adjusted quickly to the new expectations put on them and who have worked whenever I have asked them, including during the holiday.

Our children truly are lucky to have such wonderful parents and staff working together to support their learning, whatever situation they find themselves in!

## **Summer Contact**

I am aware that our lives continue to be different and therefore our summer holiday will be different to normal. If you need support in any way during the holiday (e.g. accessing the food bank, directing to financial support OR just a friendly ear to bend) please do continue to email me ([headteacher@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk)).

During the summer there will be times when I do not check my emails daily but I will check them regularly and contact anyone as soon as I can. The only times I will not check my emails for a longer period of time will be between 27<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 22<sup>nd</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> August, during this time, if you have any problems please email Mandy Lovett ([info@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk)).

## **Arrangements for September**

Staff and Governors are currently finalising our plan for us all to return safely to school in September. We are using the Government guidance published on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and the risk assessment produced by Derbyshire County Council to inform this planning. I hope to be able to share our plans with you by the end of July at the latest. These will be either emailed or posted to families.

## **School Uniform**

I do know that many of you are awaiting a decision on school uniform. The children will be returning to school in normal school uniform. They will also need a PE kit. More information about this will be included in the final information you will receive during the summer holiday.

## **School Meals**

The cost of school meals is due to increase in September.

A child’s meal will now cost - **£2.20**, so a week costs **£11**. The cost of school meals for the first Autumn half term is - **£74.80**.

Payment must be sent in a clearly labelled envelope at the beginning of each week OR at the start of the half term for the whole half term.

In September both schools will continue to have hot meals cooked on site.

Please ensure any money owed this term is paid in full, a text reminder has been sent.

Dear Children,

Usually my newsletters are for our parents but given the unusual circumstances of this year I am writing a newsletter for you.

We are now in the final week of what has been the most unusual year any of us have ever had! As I write this I find myself reflecting on what this week / half term would usually be like. This week we should be finishing off your last bits of school work, organising your books and belongings to make sure you take everything home and enjoying our last week together before the much anticipated summer holiday arrives.

Over the term we would also have enjoyed many of the ‘fun’ events of school life, for example sports days, school trips, our residential, summer plays and leaver celebrations.

Sadly, none of these things have been able to happen this year. Instead some of you are continuing to learn at home and some of you are in school. Those of you who are learning at home well done for carrying on and we cannot wait to see your smiling faces in September! Those children at school all the staff have enjoyed seeing more of you in school over the last few weeks and working with you in this strange situation.

### **Goodbye to our Year 6 children**

Sadly, it will not be possible for us to come together as a whole school community to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful Year 6 children and wish them luck as they move onto the next stage of their education. So Year 6, on behalf of our whole school communities I would like to wish you all luck next year. We know that you will continue to flourish and grow wherever you are moving to next. Please come back and let us know how you are getting on.



### **Arrangements for September**

The staff and I can't wait to welcome you all back to school in September. At the moment we are working hard on our plans for this. Once they have been finalised we will let your parents know what school will be like and they will share this with you.

### **Goodbye to Mrs Reeve**

As well as our Year 6 leaving us at the end of this summer term, Mrs Reeve who has been with us for two years will also be leaving. On behalf of the children, parents, staff and Governors I would like to wish Mrs Reeve luck in wherever her life takes her next.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday  
Best wishes

Teresa Bosley  
Head Teacher