



Newsletter – Autumn 2 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to be able to start this newsletter by welcoming Mrs Sharpe to our Acorn Federation family as the Garden class teacher at Long Lane. Well done Mrs Sharpe, we are all looking forward to continuing to work with you!

As we look forward to the half term holiday we wanted to update you on the events we have taken part in at school and to inform you on the changes to events planned for the second half of this term.

As the weather begins to become colder and possibly wetter please ensure children come to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor break and lunchtimes so that we can take them outside as much as possible. A waterproof coat with a hood is very important at this time of year.

There are several other attachments with this newsletter, further information is given on these below.

Staggered arrival and departure

Thank you to all our families for supporting us with this, we have achieved a staggered arrival and departure from both schools. These arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future. Thanks again for your support in making them work.

Coronavirus Update – If we receive confirmation of a positive test result in school

Please refer to the attached letter which sets out the steps we will take in this situation.

Coronavirus Update – Remote Learning

Please refer to the attached letter which shares how we will address this in the event of one child isolating or an entire bubble. Please contact school if you are unable to access the example remote learning page and additional links on the website.

Prompt arrival

The final time for arrival at school is 8:55am to ensure a smooth start to our learning. Please ensure your child(ren) arrive no later than this. Dojos are awarded for prompt arrival at school.

Absence Procedures

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact school by phone before **9.00am** and inform us of the reason for their absence and when you expect them to return to school. Thank you.

Parent Code of Conduct

Attached to this email there is also a copy of our Parent Code of Conduct for your information.

Updating Forms

Thank you to all those of you who have completed the form. If you have not already done so please follow the link below so that we can ensure we have the most up-to-date information for you on our records.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MpGdhoT-L06zd87Vr4le0fRVFiEI3e5InGESfx0o0_1UNkoyTEIVWUdWMEpYVDA5NFdEOE83ODIXVS4u

School Meals

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

The cost of school meals for the second half term is - £77.00.

School meals must be paid for in advance, you may either pay weekly, monthly or for the whole half term. **Due to the current situation we must insist that payment is sent in a clearly labelled envelope, 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.

Events in autumn 1 2020 (September and October)

MacMillan Coffee Morning (25/09/20)

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our own clothes day for MacMillan.

At Long Lane we raised – £134.00

At Marston we raised – £40.00

Thanks also to Mrs Rhodes-Thomas and Mrs Charlesworth who both made us a delicious cake for our pudding that day.

Harvest (02/10/20)

Thank you for your generous donations for the Padley Centre, we received an amazing amount of food which they collected from both schools. This is a small selection of the donations we received!



Joint day – Black History Month (19/10/20)

Unfortunately, our first joint day of the year was held separately. The children took part in a range of learning activities that explored why we celebrate Black History month and its importance.

Parents' Evening

Our staff have enjoyed talking to parents this week about how well the children have settled into school and the progress they have made so far this year.

Events in Autumn 2 2020 (November and December)

Children in Need (13/11/20)

The children will be able to wear their own clothes today in return for a donation to Children in Need.

Anti-Bullying Week (w/b 16/11/20)

The children will take part in a range of learning activities to explore how we treat others and the impact of bullying on the mental health and well-being of others.

Christmas

Nativity Productions – Unfortunately we will be unable to hold our Nativity plays this year.

Christmas Services (Carol Service or Christingle) – Unfortunately we will be unable to hold these this year either for parents and the community. Each school will hold their own Christmas service on the last day of term, in school with just the children.

Christmas Dinner and Party (16/12/20) – We will be able to carry this tradition on this year. Sadly though, the special visitor (Father Christmas) who usually joins us during the party will be unable to do that this year.

So that we have some Christmas spirit and fun, staff will be planning Christmas themed activities for the children during the week beginning 14/12/20 for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Christmas Cards

In order for the children to hand out Christmas cards safely we have devised a new procedure for this.

W/b 07/12/20 – Children may bring their Christmas cards into school this week from Monday to Friday. Staff will have a box for the children to put these in as they arrive at school.

The cards will then isolate over the weekend. We will be unable to accept Christmas cards that arrive in school after Friday 11th December.

W/b 14/12/20 – Staff will sort the cards into plastic envelopes for each child. These will be handed out towards the end of the week.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Unfortunately the following events continue to be postponed for the foreseeable future, -

- Little Monkeys at Long Lane
- Celebration Assembly at both schools
- Marston Tots at Marston
- Community Lunch at Marston

Mrs Bosley's Plan

This is the plan for this half term. 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
02/11/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
09/11/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	Work at home
16/11/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	MMPS
23/11/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	Work at home
30/11/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
07/12/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	Work at home
14/12/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS / MMPS

Kind regards

Teresa Bosley (Head Teacher)



Marston Montgomery Primary School

Breakfast and After School Clubs (BC & ASC)

Booking forms for BC and ASC were sent out last week, if you require a new one please ask a member of staff. Please remember that places need to be booked a week in advance, so that we can ensure we have staff for each session. Thank you.

Reminder – **There will be no ASC on Tuesday 24th November due to staff training.**

Marston Montgomery – Events in November and December

Outdoor Learning

We will be offering a session of outdoor learning each week. The Meadow Class will continue to have their Outdoor learning sessions on a Wednesday afternoon during the Autumn 2 term. When the children are taking part in outdoor learning sessions they will need to bring suitable clothing, e.g. wellington boots, raincoats, gloves, hats etc. **They will take part in outdoor learning whatever the weather so MUST be appropriately dressed!** Please take clothing home after each session.

Session dates

November – 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

December – 4th, 11th, 18th