



## Newsletter – December 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

December has arrived and with it the cold weather is here. Please make sure the children bring appropriate clothes, e.g. a warm coat, gloves, hat and scarf. As well as getting cold, December is a busy time for everyone, there is lots going on at school and lots going on at home. Included in each separate school's part of the newsletter is a list of dates for the rest of this term to help you plan for the different events we have coming up.

### **Dinner Money - December**

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 December is – £31.50.

School meals must be paid for in advance, you may either pay weekly, monthly or for the whole half term. **Money 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.

### **Dinner Money – Spring Term 3**

When we return in the New Year the cost of meals until the February half term is £63.00. Please make cheques payable to Derbyshire County Council or DCC.

### **Envelopes**

Thank you to everyone for now sending money into school in an envelope, this helps both our offices to run more smoothly and comply with audit requirements.

### **Safeguarding Information**

The following advice on treating headlice has been taken from the NHS website, more advice on Spotting head lice, Getting rid of head lice and nits; How you get head lice and Prevention is available if you follow this link - <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits#introduction>

### **How to get rid of head lice and nits**

Treatments to get rid of head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online. You don't usually need to see your GP.

The main treatments are:

- lotions or sprays that kill head lice – these can be very effective, but some aren't suitable for pregnant or breastfeeding women, or for children under 2
- removing head lice with a specially designed comb – this is suitable for everyone and relatively inexpensive, but needs to be repeated several times and can take a long time to do thoroughly

A pharmacist can advise you about the treatments available if you're not sure which is best for you or your child.

Make sure you carefully follow the instructions that come with the treatment you choose.

Read more about the [treatments for head lice](#).

### School Improvement: The Acorn Federation

**Presentation** – We have a new ‘Presentation Policy’. As part of this we have now introduced stickers which are in each child’s books reminding them of our expectations for presentation. During the spring term school staff and governors will monitor the presentation in children’s books.

### Joint Events in November

**Creswell Crag (12/11/18)** - The children had a wonderful time, showing great enthusiasm for all the activities. They had a chance to handle Stone-Age artefacts in a cave once lived in by the Stone-age people. They played musical rhythms using ancient style instruments. Another activity involved making shelters using natural materials and then using a variety of natural media to create cave art. All of these activities inspired us to do follow up sessions back at school e.g. story telling; designing and making our own Stone-Age instruments; writing letters of thanks, and our own cave art. This trip was yet another valuable opportunity for the children of both schools to work collaboratively as well as saving transport costs.

**Pizza Express (15/11/18)** – Today our Garden Classes visited Pizza Express in Buxton. All the children became pizza chefs for the morning, creating their own pizza. Whilst the pizzas were cooking the children learnt all about the different foods, they had used, including the Italian words for the foods. The children all enjoyed trying different foods including basil, olives and red onions.

### Future Joint Events

**QEGS KS2 Table Tennis Festival (10/12/18)** – Children from both schools are able to take part in this sports event at QEGS. Please see separate letter for more details.

**Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime (20/12/18)** – “He’s behind you” “oh no he’s not” “Oh yes he is” The children and staff are set to enjoy the pantomime today – please see separate letter for more details.

### Mrs Bosley’s Plan

This is the plan for the remainder of this half term and the first week back in September. 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
03/12/18	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	Not in school
10/12/18	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
17/12/18	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS

Kind regards

Teresa Bosley  
Head Teacher



# Marston Montgomery Primary School

## Events in November

**Remembrance Day (11/11/18)** - Children displayed some fabulous work in St Gile's Church in recognition of Remembrance Day. They wrote 'letters from the trenches', made collage silhouette pictures and clay poppies.

**Children in Need (16/11/18)** - After a very busy week involving trips, the children finished it off with a non-uniform day, raising £43 for Children in Need.

**FOMS Movie Night (23/11/18)** – This was a fun night. The children enjoyed watching the film with each other and eating the delicious hot dogs.

**Community Christmas Lunch (28/11/18)** – We welcomed many members from our local community today to take part in our second Community Christmas lunch. It was wonderful to have so many people with us. A huge thank you to Mrs Charlesworth for cooking a delicious meal.

## Marston Montgomery – Events in December

**Garden Class Nativity (06/12/18 at 2pm and 6pm)** – Children in our Garden Class will perform in our Nativity – 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast' please join us in Church for the performance.

**Christmas Jumper Day (14/12/18)** - Today children may come in Christmas jumpers or other festive clothing (e.g. tinsel, hats) in return for a donation for Save the Children.

**Christmas Dinner and Party (19/12/18)** - Today the children will enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner and then a fun afternoon of party activities.

**Christingle (21/12/18 at 2pm)** - Please join us in church to celebrate our annual Christingle service.

**School breaks up for Christmas on 21/12/18 after the Christingle Service.**

### 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 –03/12/18, 10/12/18. We need volunteers to go with us, if you are able to help please speak to Mrs Beloe.

### Forest School

We are delighted to continue to offer Forest School sessions. 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!

**Y5/6** – 05/12/18

**Y3/4** – 12/12/18

### 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 – 07/12/18, 14/12/18.

### 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 – 07/12/18, 14/12/18.