



# Long Lane C.E. Primary School Marston Montgomery Primary School



## Newsletter - April 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school after our Easter holiday, I hope everyone had a restful break. The summer term is always a busy time in school. Along with this newsletter you will also have received the updated 'School Calendar' so that you know the dates of events we have coming up this term. Please also remember that there is a calendar available on both school websites.

### Our Second Joint Day 22/03/18



Today we all spent the day at Long Lane. The Ashbourne Clay Rooms also spent the morning with us and we all made clay figures which will be used during the Ashbourne Festival in a display about Shrovetide. During the day we also took part in sports and craft activities. It was a fun day again and by lunch time we were all playing with our new friends!

Our next joint event is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will take place at Long Lane and Burton Albion Community Trust (BACT) will be teaching us dances. Look out for a letter with more information nearer the time!

### Long Lane – March 2018

**Archery Club (Tuesday mornings)** – The children who attend have developed their archery skills.

**Parents' Evening 07/03/18:** Thank you for attending our Spring Parents' Evening. This gave staff and parents an opportunity to discuss the progress the pupils have made and their next steps for learning.

**STEM Science with Juniors 06/03/18 and 20/03/18:** Mr James Marshall, an engineer from Rolls Royce, joined us for our science lesson today to introduce the children to the roles of scientists and engineers as part of their Polar Explorer project. See Long Lane website for more information.

**Swadlincote Ski Centre 14/03/18:** As part of their Polar Explorers topic, the Juniors went to the ski centre in Swadlincote where they went tobogganing and snow-tubing. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

**Dance Festival at QEGS 21/03/18:** The Juniors spent the day at QEGS, during the morning they took part in a story telling session and created some totem pole art. In the afternoon they performed their brilliant Hawaiian Rollercoaster Ride dance and watched all the other local schools perform. At lunch time they ate with their friends from Marston.

**FOLL - Cake and Book Sale 22/03/18:** Thank you to all who supported this event, whether you made a cake, bought a cake or helped out on the day! FOLL raised £32.00 for their funds.

**Easter Service and Celebration 23/03/18:** The Juniors did a wonderful job of leading our Easter Service today and reminded us of the Easter story and its importance to Christians. The children spoke clearly and confidently; I was extremely proud of them. We then celebrated the children's achievements during this term with certificates and badges, well done children for all your hard work last term.

**Sports Relief 23/03/18 –** The whole school took part in a cross country run around the school playing field to raise funds for Sports Relief. The total amount raised was £44.49.

### Marston – March 2018

**Swimming:** Years 3, 4 and 5 continued to swim every week. They had their last session on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to Mrs Pilkington who volunteered every week to go swimming with our pupils.

**Peer Buddy Session 08/03/18:** Mrs Watson joined the Meadow Class again. Today they developed skills that Playground Pals could use through a range of activities.

**Easter Bingo 14/03/18:** Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate and raffle prizes and helped at the event. As always the bingo was a fun event and lots of happy children left with chocolate! Between the bingo and the raffle we raised an amazing £154.

**Dance Festival Rehearsal 15/03/18:** The Meadow Class went to QEGS to practice their dance ready for the festival next week. They had an excellent rehearsal and showed how well they know their dance.

**Celebration Assembly 16/03/18:** The Meadow Class took this opportunity to show the dance to their parents. The Garden Class read us some stories and recited a poem.

**Parents' Evening 20/03/18:** Tonight was Marston's turn for parents' evening. Thank you for attending our Spring Parents' Evening. This gave staff and parents an opportunity to discuss the progress the pupils have made and their next steps for learning.

**Dance Festival at QEGS 21/03/18:** The Garden class spent the day at QEGS, during the morning they took part in Story Telling and Pirate Gymnastic sessions. In the afternoon they performed their dance from Aladdin and watched the other schools perform their dances. At lunch time they ate with their friends from Long Lane.

**Community Lunch 21/03/18:** We welcomed members of our local community today to enjoy one of Mrs Charlesworth's delicious lunches! Thank you to everyone who joined us despite the winter conditions!

**World Book Day 23/03/18:** Today we finally managed to celebrate World Book Day at Marston. We all came dressed as a character from a book. Dads, Granddads and Carers joined us for the morning and lunch. The children and adults took part in a range of activities encouraging the enjoyment of books.

### Long Lane – Events to look forward to this month

**Y6 Maths Booster on Tuesday evenings:** Parents have already received information about this weekly club.

**Music Lessons continue on Thursdays:** Remember to bring your instruments.

**Federation Consultation Meeting 12/04/18, 3.30pm:** This is your opportunity to meet with Mrs Bosley and Governors to ask any of your questions about federation between LLPS and MMPS.  
**FOLL: Bingo 13/04/18, 6pm at Dalbury Lees Village Hall:** The children may wear their own clothes to school today in return for chocolate donations. We look forward to seeing lots of our families at this event!

**Little Monkeys – 10/04/18 & 22/05/18:** This is open to any (dry) pre-school aged children (from 2 ½ years of age). Please tell your friends about it!

**Share a Pencil Day 23/05/18:** Many children in our world go to schools where they have to share a pencil with the person next to them. Today the children will take part in some lessons where they will share a pencil and learn about countries where this happens.

**Marston - Events to look forward to this month**

**Forest Schools:** Please refer to the separate letter you received before Christmas for the dates when your child/ren will be taking part. The children MUST have warm, waterproof clothing with them. Please refer to the table below for Forest School dates this term.

Reception, Y1, Y2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
25/04/18	18/04/18	11/04/18
16/05/18	09/05/18	02/05/18
13/06/18 OR 20/06/18 Depending on Sports Day!	06/06/18	23/05/18
11/07/18	04/07/18	27/06/18
		18/07/18

**Federation Consultation Meeting 11/04/18, 7pm:** This is your opportunity to meet with Mrs Bosley and Governors to ask any of your questions about federation between MMPS and LLPS.

**Y3/4 Bike Ability 16/04/18:** Children in Years 3 and 4 will need to bring their bicycles and helmets into school today! Please ensure bicycles are in full working order.

**Community Lunch – 25/04/18 and 23/05/18:** Members of the community will be welcomed in to school today to have lunch. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a meal.

**New Reception Parents' Meeting 08/05/18, 2pm:** A chance for our new parents to come and meet staff and learn more about our school.

**School Council: Pyjama Day 18/05/18:** Children may wear their pyjamas in return for donations to the Children's chosen charity.

**Sports Events this Month**

**Y3/4 Hi-5 Netball at QEGS – 12/04/18, 12.30pm**

**Infant Football at QEGS – 24/04/18, 4pm**

**Y3/4 Football at QEGS – 26/04/18, 4pm**

**Y3/4 Individual Mini-Tennis at QEGS – 30/04/18, 4pm**

**Juniors Orienteering Festival at QEGS – 04/05/18, 12.30pm**

**Useful Information**

**School Improvement Work**

Both schools identified areas for improvements at the end of the last academic year / the beginning of this academic year. One area of improvement that the schools share is writing. Both schools are working hard this year to improve pupil outcomes in writing. LLPS are using 'Talk for Writing' and MMPS are using 'Big Write' to do this. This term the schools will share their work so that we can include best practice across both schools.

**LLPS: School Improvement** – At LL we have also looked at improving the progress that particular groups of pupils make (e.g. those entitled to Pupil Premium and pupils with SEND). Staff meet termly to discuss the progress of all pupils and to plan interventions for those pupils who need support.

Subject leadership is also an area that LL are developing. We are doing this alongside MMPS and coordinator roles have now been shared between teaching staff at both schools.

The website is our final area for development at LL, I am sure you will agree, this is now a useful place for parents and children to go to.

**MMPS: School Improvement** – At MM alongside writing we have also been working on improving spelling. The children have more access to word mats and dictionaries, as well as increased opportunities to practise spellings in class.

Growth Mindset has been another area of improvement. The children can explain how their minds are always learning and are able to use our Growth Mindset vocabulary (challenge, trial and improvement, good mistakes, yet and persistence). They also use the word ‘yet’ when they can’t do something. We now need to support the children so that they always apply these when they are working!

### **Reporting to Parents about Progress and Attainment**

The findings of the parent questionnaire for both schools identified that parents are unsure of the progress / attainment of their children. In both schools, parents have historically received information about this in the form of a ‘mini-report’. The style of this report is different in both schools. The staff and I will be looking at these and changing them so that the information you receive is useful and easy to understand.

### **Mrs Bosley’s Plan**

This is the plan for this half term for when I will be at each school. Please note at times this may need to change and so this is only a provisional timetable. If you would like to speak to me when I am at the other school, please speak to a member of staff to see if they are able to help or ask staff to contact me so that I can contact you. This term I am hoping to have a more regular pattern, fingers crossed it works!

<b>w/b</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>09/04/18</b>	LLPS	MMPS	MMPS	LLPS	LLPS
<b>16/04/18</b>	am – Meeting pm - MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
<b>23/04/18</b>	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	am – MMPS pm - Course	LLPS
<b>30/04/18</b>	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
<b>07/05/18</b>	Bank Holiday	am – LLPS pm - MMPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
<b>14/05/18</b>	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
<b>21/05/18</b>	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	Course	MMPS

Kind regards

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