



## Newsletter – December 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Advent has arrived and, along with it, the business of preparing for Christmas. This is a busy time of year both at home and at school so please look at the dates below so you know what is coming up and can prepare for it.

Along with the newsletter you will also have received the results of our recent parent questionnaires. Thank you to the parents who returned their questionnaires.

### **Keeping Our Children Safe: BBC - Tiny Happy People**

The BBC have introduced a new area on their website – ‘Tiny Happy People’. It may have some useful ideas for you to use. Below is a quote to explain the purpose of the site.

‘Tiny Happy People can help you develop your child’s language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life.

We’ll show you why and how you can bond with your child, before they’re born and throughout their early lives – it’s never too early to start.

Our ideas and activities are easy to build into your daily routine. They’re quick and inspiring, but they’re also based on expert advice and evidence, and are proven to help your child’s development.’

### **School Meals**

A child’s meal is - £2.10, so a week costs £10.50. The price of an adult meal is £2.88.

The cost of school meals for the Spring 3 half term is - £73.50

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. Meals for children in Years 3 – 6 must be paid for.

Please ensure any money owed this term is paid in full prior to the Christmas holiday.

### **URGENT: Debts**

**Dinner money and after school club costs must be paid for prior to the week that it is intended for. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide either of these services for your child if payment has not been received in advance.**

**Having to chase payments adds unnecessary tasks to our administration staff.**

### **Joint Events in November**

#### **Rolls Royce (07/11/19)**

Our children in both Meadow Classes were lucky enough to be the first school to visit the Rolls Royce Science and Technology Engineering and Mathematics Centre. Whilst there they looked at the forces involved in flight, both presently and in future design. This enabled the children to

put some context to the classroom work they have been doing on Forces. Whilst there the children also had the opportunity to sit in a World War II Lancaster bomber.

### **Open Morning – English (20/11/19, 9am to 10am)**

We opened our doors to you this morning and several parents came and joined our English lessons across the Federation. We hope you found this a useful insight into the way we teach our English.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Maths Open Morning on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **Joint Events to look forward to in December**

#### **Christmas Jumper Day (13/12/19)**

The children will be able to wear their own clothes today to help raise money for 'Save the Children'. Both our school councils are again organising this event so please look out for further information from them.

Please do not go out and buy a Christmas top just for this, a piece of tinsel or a Santa hat, are just fine.

#### **Show and Share (13/12/19)**

This will take place instead of Celebration Assembly. It is an opportunity for you to come into school between 9am and 9:15am to look at your child(ren)'s books to see what they have been learning this term.

#### **Christmas Dinner and Party (18/12/19)**

Today both schools will enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by either Mrs Charlesworth or Mrs Rhodes-Thomas followed by their Christmas Parties. Fingers crossed we may even be lucky enough to get a visit from Father Christmas!

Children may wear their own clothes today.

#### **Peter Pan Panto (19/12/19)**

The children from both schools will meet at Derby Arena for this year's panto. Children will return to school to be collected at around 4:45pm. In the event that this time changes we will send a text message.

Following the Christmas holiday, school reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8:55am

### **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.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>02/12/19</b>	LLPS	MMPS	MMPS / LLPS	MMPS	MMPS
<b>09/12/19</b>	Work from home	LLPS	LLPS / MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
<b>16/12/19</b>	MMPS	LLPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS / MMPS
	Christmas Holiday				
<b>06/01/20</b>	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
<b>13/01/20</b>	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
<b>20/01/20</b>	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
<b>27/01/20</b>	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS

Kind regards  
Teresa Bosley  
Head Teacher



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## **Breakfast and After School Clubs (BC & ASC)**

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. Forms for Spring 3 2020 are also attached to this email. Please return these ASAP, thank you.

## **Marston Montgomery – Events in November**

### **FOMM Disco (07/11/19, 6pm to 7.30pm)**

The children had a super time tonight, playing traditional party games and enjoying a tasty bowl of chips. Thank you to Mrs Haslam, Mrs Pointon and members of FOMM for organising the event. A fantastic £100 was raised for school funds.

### **Children in Need (15/11/19)**

Our School Council organised the events for today. We donated money for wearing our own clothes. The school council also organised a penny Pudsey Bear and a cake sale. In total we raised £104.26. Well done everyone!

### **FOMM: Non-uniform (22/11/19)**

The children wore their own clothes today in return for a £1 donation. We raised £30 to pay for the items needed for the FOMM stall at the Village Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to all those who donated.

### **Community Lunch (27/11/19)**

Mrs Charlesworth once again cooked a delicious Christmas roast for 16 members of our community. Thank you Mrs Charlesworth!

## **Marston Montgomery – Events in December**

### **Village Events**

**Christmas Fair (07/12/19)** – We have once again been asked to open this event by singing carols so please keep the date free. 50 Dojos are on offer for all children who attend and sing!

### **Nativity (6pm on 11/12/19)**

Please join us to watch the Garden Class perform their Nativity in St Giles Church. If you are unable to attend the evening performance you are welcome to attend our dress rehearsal in the afternoon at 2pm, please remember that this will not be a polished performance.

### **Gym**

The Meadow Class continue to go to the gym this half term

**December – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>**

After the Christmas holiday the Garden Class will go to the gym. Please look out for a letter for with information about this over the next week.

**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 –

**December – 9<sup>th</sup>**

**January – 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to volunteer to go with us, please speak to Mrs Alexandra or Mrs Lovett.

**Christingle (2pm on 20/12/19)**

Families and friends are warmly invited to join us at Church as we finish our school year with our Christingle and a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas for Christians.