



Newsletter – January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy, healthy new year.

The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave us a Christmas present. Thank you for your kindness.

As we start a new decade we are as busy as ever with lots of events at both schools planned for the rest of the academic year.

Attendance

Attendance is on our school improvement plan this year. We will be closely monitoring attendance and supporting families where pupils have attendance below 90%.

Attending school regularly is key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good routines for later life and the working world.

95% Attendance - This is the equivalent of having half a day off every other week.

90% Attendance – This is the equivalent of having half a day off every week.

80% Attendance – This is the equivalent of having a day off every week.

When children are unwell, they should not attend school. However, I would ask you to consider if they are too ill to attend school, or if they will perk up once they see their friends. Please remember and adhere to the 48-hour rule. Children must not be in school for 48 hours after their last incident of sickness or diarrhoea.

As part of our policy on attendance, if your child's attendance falls below 90% we will inform you by letter.

Absence Procedures

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact school by phone by 9.10am and inform us of the reason for their absence and when you expect them to return to school. Thank you.

Holidays

"Family Holidays and Other Absences

Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, which came into force on 1st September 2013. State that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during the term time unless there are exceptional circumstances; in these cases it is the Head teacher who determines the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Parents needing leave of absence for **exceptional circumstances** should speak to the headteacher as soon as possible and, when possible, at least two weeks before the anticipated start date.

Parents who take their children on holiday without permission will incur an unauthorised absence for their child. These remain on the child's record and will be monitored for further action by the Education Welfare Service."

Derbyshire County Council may issue a fine to parents who take their children out of school for an unauthorised holiday; this can be one day or two weeks.

SAFEGUARDING: The start of the school day

At both schools we have been thinking about the start of our school day. In order to keep our children safe we are introducing the following new procedures.

8:45am

The gates will be opened and staff will be on the playground.

At this time all children, parents and staff will remain on the playground.

No children / parents should enter the school premises.

8:55am

The children will line up and enter the school building.

If you or your child need to enter the school building for any reason please speak to a member of staff. Thank you.

Joint Events in December

Christmas Jumper Day (13/12/19)

Both schools looked very festive today as both children and staff came dressed in their Christmas jumpers, hats, tinsel and dresses! We raised a super amount for Save the Children.

At LLPS we raised - £30.60

At MMPS we raised - £28.50

Which makes a superb total of £59.10. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Show and Share (13/12/19)

It was wonderful to see so many of our parents talking to the children about the learning they have been involved in over the autumn term.

Christmas Dinner and Party (18/12/19)

A huge thank you to Mrs Rhodes-Thomas and Mrs Charlesworth who cooked us all a delicious Christmas dinner. The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed it!

The tasty dinner was followed with a Christmas Party. All the children enjoyed playing party games. During both parties we received a visit from Father Christmas.

Peter Pan Panto (19/12/19)

The children from both schools met at Derby Arena for this year's panto. They had a marvellous time and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the theatre.

Joint Events in January

Celebration Assembly

Please join us to celebrate the learning the children have achieved during the week at school.

January – 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

February – 7th

Show and Share (14/02/20)

Another opportunity to look in the children's books to see what they have been learning.

QEGS: Y5/6 Basketball (07/01/20; 12:45pm – 3pm)

Please look out for a letter containing more information.

QEGS: Y3/4 Basketball (16/01/20; 12:45pm – 3pm)

Please look out for a letter containing more information.

QEGS: Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics (23/01/20; 12:45pm – 3pm)

Please look out for a letter containing more information.

QEGS: Y1/2 Gymnastics (30/01/20; 3pm – 5pm)

Please look out for a letter containing more information.

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
06/01/20	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
13/01/20	Course	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
20/01/20	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
27/01/20	LLPS	MMPS	MMPS	LLPS	LLPS
03/02/20	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
10/02/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
17/02/20	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
Half Term					
02/03/20	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
09/03/20	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS

Kind regards

Teresa Bosley
Head Teacher



Marston Montgomery Primary School

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 December

Village Events: Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the children who joined us to open the village Christmas Fair by singing carols, you did a wonderful job! Thank you to Miss Harris who practiced with the children before the day.

Nativity: Everyone loves a Baby!

WOW!! I am still so impressed with all our children and how well they performed during this. Every single one of you performed superbly!

Christingle

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christingle Service. It was a reminder of the true Christian meaning of Christmas and was a wonderful way to finish our autumn term and start to the Christmas holidays. Thank you to the children for reminding us all of the true Christian meaning of Christmas.

Marston Montgomery – Events in January

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).

January – 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

February – 7th

Garden Class to the Gym

The Garden Class will be going to the gym this half term to continue developing their gymnastic skills. Please make sure you have completed and returned the permission slip before tomorrow 07.01.19.

January – 14th, 21st, 28th

February – 4th, 11th

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 –

January – 13th, 20th, 27th

February – 3rd, 10th

March – 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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

Over this term our Year 5 and 6 pupils will take it in turns to swim and receive booster sessions with Mrs Alexandra.

Year 5 will receive booster sessions on – January – 13th, 20th, 27th and will not swim on these days.

Year 6 will receive booster sessions on – February – 3rd, 10th; March – 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and will not swim on these days.

ON MONDAY 30TH MARCH ALL MEADOW CLASS PUPILS WILL SWIM.

Community Lunch (29/01/20 at 12pm)

Mrs Charlesworth will once again be cooking a delicious roast for members of our community.

Village Events

Well dressing meeting (29/01/20 – 7:30pm at The Crown)

This is the first meeting this year to plan the Well Dressing. Please come along to help us and ensure the event is not cancelled for a second year running.