



12th March 2021

Dear Parents,

I have thoroughly enjoyed this week! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and watch them playing, learning and laughing together! The children need congratulating on how quickly they have settled back into school life. I am sure they are all ready for the weekend and a good rest, so that they are prepared for next week, I know I am!

Our schools are once again the busy, lively places they are meant to be.

At the moment, instead of a termly newsletter, I will update you each week with any information you need. Please read the updates carefully so that you are aware of what is happening. This week's update is longer than I had initially anticipated!

Next week at Marston

Monday

Mrs Bosley at Long Lane

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

Mrs Bosley at Long Lane
PM – PE for all children.

Friday

Mrs Bosley work from home

Red Nose Day – Children may wear their own clothes. Please send a donation for Red Nose Day into school

PM – Forest School for all children – Please send children with outdoor clothes to change into or (because it is Red Nose Day) in own clothes suitable for forest school.

Break and Lunch Times

Please make sure the children have a waterproof coat with a hood. We will try to get out at break and lunchtime as much as we can and will not be put off by a bit of drizzle or light rain. Thank you

Meadow Class Residential

After careful consideration, I have made the difficult decision to cancel the residential that was planned for June 2021. Currently the government guidance is for social contact is as follows, -



'Step 3 - not before 17 May

Social contact

Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this.

Step 4 - not before 21 June

Social contact

By Step 4 which will take place no earlier than 21 June, the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact.'

Our residential for this year was booked for 23rd June to 25th June. As the date for social contact restrictions, being lifted is 21st June at the earliest I feel this is too close to our trip to risk it not happening and potentially losing our money.

We have moved the residential to **22nd June to 24th June 2022**. I know that this will be disappointing for all our children, particularly for our year six children, but unfortunately we are unable to do anything else. If you have a child in year six Mrs Watts or Mrs Lovett will contact you to reimburse any monies you have already paid. Children in years two to five will receive a letter during the summer term 2021 regarding the estimated cost of the residential and payment plans.

I have everything crossed that we will be able to attend the residential next year!

Arriving at Marston

It is lovely that so many of our children and their families are keen to arrive at school so promptly. Please remember though that **the front door does not open until 8:45am**. In order to keep all our families safe please do not arrive outside school until 8:45am. I have included a reminder of the times for arrival and collection below.

The timings for **MMPS** are as follows:

Surname Initial	Start time	End time	Entry/exit
A to G & J to P	8:45 – 8:50	3:25 – 3:30	Arriving through the front door.
H & I & Q to Z	8:50 – 8:55	3:30 – 3:35	

Catch-Up / Recovery Funding

I am sure many of you will have heard on the news about the government's catch-up (soon to be recovery) funding. Since our children returned to school on Monday we have started to use our funding in both schools. We are using the funding to provide additional adult support in each class for three afternoons per week. The additional adult support is shown below.

MMPS – Additional adult support in the afternoons

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Garden Class	Mrs Pilkington	Mrs Pilkington	Mrs Pilkington
Meadow Class	Mrs Shann	Mrs Shann	Mrs Shann

Mrs Shann was the head teacher at Long Lane prior to Mrs Bosley. She is now providing catch-up support for schools in the local area.



We have now completed the first week of these sessions and the children have responded well.

Rapid Testing

We have been asked by the Government to share the information below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees*
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests*
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most*

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Thank you, once again, to all our families for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums (I hope you have a lovely day on Sunday).

Best wishes

Teresa Bosley