



10th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Please find below the information for events during the last week of the autumn term. The children will be taking part in lots of Christmas activities during the week so that we can make the most of the festive season while they are still in school.

Christmas Cards

Please remember Christmas cards **MUST** arrive in school by Friday 11th December. We will be unable to accept any cards after Friday. We will hand the cards out to the children next week.

Government Guidance

Many of you will be aware that on 8th December schools received information from the government which states 'schools may wish to use Friday 18th December as an INSET day.' The aim of this is to reduce the duty of Headteachers to be on call for track and trace to 23rd December rather than 24th December.

We feel that this short notice is disruptive to parents and have decided to remain open to all pupils on 18th December. **Our INSET day will remain the same on 4th January. The children will return to school on 5th January.**

Positive Test Results during the Holiday

The Government have also issued advice on the role of schools over the Christmas holiday. We will continue to complete contact tracing until Thursday 24th December.

Should you receive a positive COVID-19 test result for your child between 18th December and 24th December, please email me on headteacher@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk.

In the email please include the following information, -

- The last day your child was in school;
- The first day they displayed symptoms;
- The date the test was taken;
- The best telephone number to contact you on.

I will check the email address daily in the morning before 12pm

We do not need to be informed of positive test results received after 24th December. If, after 24th December, you receive a positive test result for your child or are contacted by test and trace and asked to isolate please email me on Monday 4th January if it will affect school attendance. I will not be checking my emails after 24th December.

Illness

In the last week and a bit of school, please can everyone be extra vigilant for any symptoms of coronavirus and, if in doubt, get a COVID test at the first opportunity.

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Meadow Class

Before the summer holidays Mrs McManus requested to return to her previous teaching commitment of 4 days per week. Following interviews on Tuesday 8th December I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Whitehead. Miss Whitehead will join us in January when she will teach the Meadow Class on a Friday. Miss Whitehead will come into school before we break up for the Christmas holidays so that she can meet the children.

In June 2018 Mrs McManus agreed to work full-time in when Mrs Hall became unwell. Mrs McManus immediately agreed and continued to work full time in order provide stability and continuity for our school. Now that we are in a more settled situation with staffing Mrs McManus has decided to return to her original contracted hours. I would like to thank Mrs McManus for her dedication and commitment to our school during what was a very difficult time for us.

Christmas Trees

The Church has some Christmas trees planted in the grounds. If you would like a tree (with roots) please contact school and we will put you in touch with the appropriate member of the community. The cost will be £5 per foot with all funds going to the Church. They will be dug up for you, you will just need to provide a pot. If you return the tree to Church you will receive a £5 refund.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kindest regards

Teresa

Next Week at LLPS

Monday 14th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16^h December

PM – Christmas Dinner and Party – Children can wear their own clothes today

Thursday 17th December

AM – Music lessons with Rosie

Friday 18th December

AM – Christmas Service – in school – children only