

Newsletter – November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

November has arrived! This half term is always a busy one as we continue to build on the learning from last half term, carry out assessments to support our teacher assessment & identify any gaps in learning and prepare for Christmas!

Please continue to use the calendar that was sent out in September and refer to the calendars on our school websites so that you know what is going on.

This week we will also be sending out parent questionnaires, please complete these and return them to school. It is useful for us to know what you think we are doing well at and what you would like us to alter. Our children and staff will also be completing questionnaires over this week and next week.

Keeping Our Children Safe: FLU

This information is from Derbyshire County Council. The school nurse will be in school to administer the vaccination on the 15th November 2019 at LLPS and on 12th December at MMPS. "Flu is a common infection which can be easily spread from person to person, especially amongst children and within school settings. Flu can be unpleasant, however for young children, those with long term conditions, and pregnant women flu can be far more serious. It can lead to serious health complications including bronchitis, pneumonia and ear infections.

That's why all primary school aged children, including reception children will be offered a free nasal flu vaccine at school. Younger children aged two and three and pregnant women can receive their free vaccination at their GP's surgery or pharmacist.

Keep your family healthy and well this winter by making sure they get their flu vaccination.

To find out more visit NHS Choices here:

http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx Twitter Stay Well This Winter – if you or a member of your family is eligible for a free flu jab

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School Meals

The price of school dinners remains the same this year. A child's meal is - \pounds 2.10, so a week costs \pounds 10.50. The price of an adult meal is \pounds 2.88. The cost of school meals for the Autumn 2 half term is - \pounds 71.40

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.

School Uniform

At LLPS we have changed supplier of our school uniform to enable parents to order new items, as and when they need to, without having to place an order via the school office!

Part of this change also includes an alteration to our PE kit. The children from both schools will share a PE kit with the Acorn Federation logo on it. This will mean that when we attend sports events we will all be dressed in the same kit.

The Acorn Federation PE Kit

- Plain navy blue t-shirt, no buttons as these cause problems during gym (with Acorn Federation Logo purchased via official supplier)
- Navy jumper (jumper with Acorn Federation Logo purchased via official supplier)
- Navy Shorts
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy sun cap (with Acorn Federation Logo purchased via official supplier)
- * Optional PE bag (with Acorn Federation Logo purchased via official supplier)
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Black pumps for indoor PE and gym

The school uniform for both schools remains the same, it is just the PE kit that has changed. We are not expecting parents to rush out and buy the new kit immediately, when you need to replace items of PE kit please then purchase the new kit. Thank you.

For both schools the school uniform and PE kit is available on www.myclothing.com

When visiting the website to purchase uniform, please type Long Lane Primary School in the search box, this will bring up **Acorn PE Uniform** and **LL School Uniform** as your options. Select which one you would like to purchase from and add the items to your basket, as you would any other on-line shopping website. All orders and transactions are completed by yourselves and not the school office, however, if you need any assistance please contact us [©] You will see that you can also order trousers, shirts, socks etc. I hope that this change will make it easier for parents in the future. Please note that school ties will still be available to purchase via school and not the new supplier.

The new Uniform Policy is attached to this email for your information.

Joint Events in October

Phonics Sessions (08/10/19 and 09/10/19)

A huge thank you to all parents who came along and joined in with our phonics sessions. Parents I spoke to told me how useful it was to actually see how the children are taught phonics and to hear the vocabulary we use in school.

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PSHE Joint Day (18/10/19)

The children spent the day at MMPS where they worked in four groups (Reception; Year 1 & 2; Year 3 & 4; Year 5 & 6). They took part in four activities with different themes. At the end of the day, our older pupils could talk to me about the different forms of bullying and the different ways to get help. They also told me about healthy lunches and different types of drinks that are available.

Our younger children could tell me about medicine and how you only take medicine if an adult tells you. They could also tell me about staying healthy, e.g. brushing your teeth, sleeping, washing your hands. We also talked about what makes us happy!

It was lovely to see all our children learning and playing together again, school was even busier than usual!

QEGS: Cross-Country (21/10/19)

Well done to all our children who took part. They all tried their best and had an enjoyable time. The children represented the Federation well showing good team spirit.

Joint Events to look forward to

QEGS: Tag Rugby (04/11/19)

Letters for this sports event have already been sent out to pupils in Years 5 and 6. Good luck children!

Rolls Royce (07/11/19)

Both Meadow Classes will be visiting Rolls Royce Heritage Centre to support their learning in Science. I am looking forward to hearing all about it.

Children in Need (15/11/19)

The first task for our School Councils in each school is to plan and lead this event. I am sure more information will be coming out soon so that you know their plans.

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

This is an opportunity for you to come along and take part in an English lesson with your child(ren). Staff will plan and deliver an English lesson as they usually would. If you have children in both classes, please feel free to move between the two classrooms. We look forward to you joining us.

INSET (29/11/19)

School will be closed to children today.

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
04/11/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
11/11/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
18/11/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
25/11/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	INSET
02/12/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
09/12/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
16/12/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS / MMPS
	Christmas Holiday				
06/01/20	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS

Kind regards



Marston Montgomery Primary School

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Thomas to our school family at MMPS. The children and staff are looking forward to working with you and getting to know you better.

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 Autumn 2 were emailed before half term.

Easy Fundraising

As we approach Christmas Easyfundraising is an easy way to support our school, you will raise money for us as you shop!

"easyfundraising® is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site

It's simple to use and it's free. Since we launched in 2005, we've helped thousands of good causes raise money simply by shopping online. Our community of over 1.6 million loyal supporters has so far raised over £28 million.

How does it work?

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Our retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you". We have 3,756 retailers to choose from and so far we've raised over £28 million for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK. Easy!"

If you would like to support us the link for MMPS is below, https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/montgomeryschool/?campaign=vwo-aav&cat=cause-autosuggest&q=marston montgomery

Marston Montgomery – Events in October

Open Morning for Prospective Parents (15/10/19)

We welcomed prospective parents to our school today.

Community Lunch (23/10/19)

We welcomed 10 members of our local community to our school for lunch today. It was wonderful to also see Mrs Beloe as she came along to enjoy Mrs Charlesworth's tasty dinner!

Parents' Evening (23/10/19)

Thank you to everyone who came along and spoke to our class teachers about your child's progress and next steps at school. It is so important that home and school work together so that our children can achieve their very best.

Remember we have an open door policy if you have any concerns.

Marston Montgomery – Events in November

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

Please refer to the flyer from FOMM which was sent out the week before half term.

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

The children may wear their own clothes today in return for a £1 donation. The money raised will pay for the items needed for the FOMM stall at the Village Christmas Bazaar.

<u>Swimming</u>

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 – November – 11^{th} , 18^{th} and 25^{th} December – 2^{nd} and 9^{th}

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

<u>Gym</u>

The Meadow 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 (05/11/19).

November – 5^{th} , 12^{th} , 19^{th} , 26^{th} **December –** 3^{rd} , 10^{th}

Outdoor Learning

We will be offering a session of outdoor learning each week. The **GARDEN** Class will have their Outdoor learning sessions on a Friday afternoon during the Autumn 2 term. When the children are taking part in outdoor learning sessions they will need to bring suitable clothing, e.g. wellington boots, raincoats, waterproof trousers, gloves, hats etc. They will take part in outdoor learning whatever the weather so MUST be appropriately dressed! Please take clothing home after each session.

Session dates November – 8^{th} , 15^{th} , 22nd. December – 6^{th} , 13^{th} .

Celebration Assembly

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us on a Friday morning (9:00am to 9:15am) for our celebration assembly where we will celebrate the children's work from the week.

Dates - 08/11/19, 15/11/19, 22/11/19 and 06/12/19

Show and Share – 13/12/19. This is an opportunity to look in the children's books to see what they have been learning.

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).

Dates - 08/11/19, 15/11/19, 22/11/19, 06/12/19, 13/12/19

Community Lunch (27/11/19)

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

FOMM: Crafts at The Crown (28/11/19, 6:30pm)

Please come along and help us prepare for the Village Christmas Bazaar.

Village Events

Quiz (15/11/19) – Tickets are available for this event.

Christmas Fair (07/12/19) – We have once again been asked to open this event by singing carols so please keep the date free.

FOMM: Clothing Bank

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the clothing bank, we have had two collections so far raising £100 in total.