



Newsletter – March 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

The days are starting to get longer and March has arrived, hopefully these are signs that spring is just around the corner. Whilst the weather is still cold please ensure the children have appropriate warm / waterproof clothing for break and lunchtimes. This is particularly important when the children are participating in Forest Schools.

Dinner Money – Spring Term 4

The price for a child's meal is - £2.10, so a week will cost £10.50. The price of an adult meal is £2.88. The cost of meals for Spring 4 is £71.40. Please make cheques payable to Derbyshire County Council or DCC.

School meals must be paid for in advance, you may either pay weekly, monthly or for the whole half term. **Payment 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.

Breakfast Clubs and After School Clubs

Booking forms were sent out prior to the half term holiday. Please ensure you return completed forms ASAP. Club staff need to know how many children will be attending so that they can plan activities appropriately.

Safeguarding Information

We have become aware that some of our children are using the Tik Tok app. The information below has been taken from the Internet Matters website. Please follow this link for more information, -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

“TikTok app safety – What parents need to know

By [Internet Matters Team](#) on 7th January, 2019

We're a not-for-profit organisation that has a simple purpose – to help keep children safe in the digital world.

This social network app is from the creators of Musical.ly. As Musical.ly officially went offline earlier this year, TikTok (known as Douyin in China) has taken its place offering the user the ability to watch musical clips, create short clips up to 60 seconds and add special effects to them.

All the content that was hosted on Musical.ly is now on TikTok. So if your child had a Musical.ly account they will now be able to access this content on TikTok.

About the App

What is TikTok?

It's a social media app that gives users the opportunity to share 60 second short videos with friends, family or the entire world. Like Twitter-owned Vine and Musical.ly before it, videos shared range from funny sketches to lip-sync videos featuring special effects. Currently, the app is available in 34 languages with 150 million active users. Like Musical.ly before it, it is most popular with under 16s.

Videos featuring comedy sketches or lip-syncs featuring the latest songs or voices over extracts from films.

What is the minimum age for TikTok app?

13 is the minimum age according to TikTok's terms and conditions.

How does TikTok work?

When you download the app, you can instantly see the videos that others have posted on the channel but are not able to share or post anything until you have set up your own account.

What do other parents say about the app?

Seeing inappropriate content

Parents have expressed concern around the inappropriate language of some of the video posted which may make this less suitable for younger children.

Contact from strangers

Predators seeking to connect with children is another risk that parents have said their children. For more insight on parent review, visit [Common Sense Media](#).

What should parents be concerned about?

When you download the app **users can see all the content without creating an account** although they are not able to post, like or share anything until they've set up an account on the app.

You can set up your account by using your existing Google, Facebook, Instagram account, via email or phone.

By default all accounts are public so anyone on the app can see what your child shares. However, only approved followers can send them messages.

Users can like or react to a video, follow an account or send messages to each other. There is the risk that **strangers will be able to directly contact children** on the app.

Children may be **tempted to take risks to get more of a following** or likes on a video so it's important to talk about what they share and with who.

To delete an account you have to request a code from the app using a phone number.

Joint Events in February

Joint Day: MFL (15/02/19) – Today was a super day, that challenged everybody's French (even the staff!) We all spent the day together at Marston for our languages theme. We started the day with an assembly which parents joined us for. Mrs Calow talked to us about the many languages she can speak, how she learnt them and when she uses them. The children then worked together in their class groups. The Garden Classes learnt 'Twinkle Twinkle little Star' in French. The Meadow Class worked in two groups, producing puppets and practicing telling The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood in French. The children all had a super time and the staff enjoyed working together too.

At the end of the day the children performed their plays and nursery rhyme to each other.

Here are some of the things they told us they enjoyed – making puppets, performing the play, making new friends, seeing my friends, learning parts in a different language, making stars, playing with new people, singing Twinkle Twinkle.

A big thank you to Miss Harris for organising the day!

Future Joint Events in March

INSET Day (05/03/19) – Both schools will be closed today while staff attend Maths training at Ashbourne Primary.

FOLL: Books, coffee and cake (06/03/19) – Everybody is welcome (from both schools) to join FOLL at Long Lane for a books, coffee and cake event. Please come along, buy a book and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat. We look forward to seeing lots of you there. Any donations of books would be appreciated.

Y3/4 Splashdown (08/03/19) – Two pupils from each school will be attending this event, letters have already been sent out to parents.

Joint Event: Red Nose Day (15/03/19) – The children and staff of the Acorn Federation will join forces again today! The children may wear their own clothes in return for a donation for Red Nose Day. During the day they will work together on activities based with a Red Nose Day theme.

Joint Event: Islam (25/03/19) – The Meadow Class from both schools will work together at Long Lane today. They will take part in sessions led by the Derby Open Centre enhancing their previous learning on Islam. The children in the Garden Class will also work together. Parents from Marston have received a letter about the arrangements for the day.

Mrs Bosley's Plan

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.

w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25/02/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
04/03/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
11/03/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
18/03/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
25/03/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS
01/04/19	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS
08/04/19	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS	LLPS	MMPS

Kind regards

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Events in February

Community lunch 27/02/19 - As always, it was wonderful to welcome members from our local community today to enjoy a delicious roast. A huge thank you to Mrs Charlesworth!

Events to look forward to in March

World Book Day (07/03/19) - Before half term a letter was sent out with details of this event. We are looking forward to seeing your costumes, who will you be this year? Don't forget to bring your potato with you!! Dads, Grandads, Uncles we are looking forward to welcoming you into school.

Parents Evening (19/03/19) - A letter will be sent out soon so that you can select your time slots for parents evening.

Community Lunch (27/03/19) – Members of the local community are invited to join us for a delicious roast dinner and a chance to chat with people. Meals must be booked in advance, please contact the school office on 01889 590373 to do this. Thank you

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 – 04/03/19, 11/03/19, 18/03/19, 25/03/19, 01/04/19. Miss Craner is not with us this term so we need volunteers to go with us, if you are able to help please speak to Mrs Beloe.

Forest School – Forest School sessions will continue this term. Each class will take it in turns to take part on a Wednesday afternoon. **When the children are taking part in Forest Schools, they will need to bring suitable clothing, e.g. wellington boots, rain coats, gloves, hats etc.** They will take part in Forest School whatever the weather so MUST be appropriately dressed!

Garden Class – 20/03/19, 10/04/19

Y3/4 – 06/03/19, 27/03/19

Y5/6 – 13/03/19, 03/04/19

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 – 01/03/19, 08/03/19, 22/03/19, 29/03/19, 05/04/19, 12/04/19

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 – 01/03/19, 08/03/19, 22/03/19, 29/03/19, 05/04/19, 12/04/19

FOMM: Film Night (04/04/19) – A date for your calendar! More information will follow soon.