

Newsletter – June 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Although the weather may not feel like summer, the summer term is quickly passing by. The first half has been very busy as you will see from the newsletter and we still have many more events to look forward to in July! Please make sure you keep an eye out for any letters coming home/text messages/information on this letter.

If the weather improves, please make sure children come to school properly prepared with sun cream and sun hats, thank you.

Our Schools

At both our schools staff are available both at the start of the day and at the end of the day should you wish to speak to someone. We expect parents to come into school if they have any concerns so that we can deal with them in a timely way. Please speak to a member of staff who may be able to deal with your concern immediately or may need to arrange a meeting if, for example they are about to go into class. Thank you.

Dinner Money – 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 total cost of meals for Summer 6 is **£71.40**. **Please could you make sure that all outstanding balances have been settled by the end of term.** 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.

Joint Events in May and June

Joint Multicultural Day 24/05/19 – Our Multicultural Day was a fantastic way to end the first half of the Summer term! We were particularly lucky that the sun shone on us! The children loved the opportunity to dress up in beautifully- decorated, colourful, Asian wedding costumes, provided for us by the Open Centre. A "bride" and "groom" was chosen to act out the ceremony and the exciting celebrations before and after the day. Sam from the Open Centre explained that the celebrations often go on for 4 or 5 days! Learning exhilarating Bhangra style dances was a way to bring the ceremony to life.

In the food tasting session, led by Jasvir, we were adventurous enough to try all sorts of food, from Sweet Sakar Para to Mishri (popular because it was sweet!), from Bombay mix (again a favourite!) to jackfruit, guava and lychees. We were all proud of the way that children of all ages tried the foods. Well done!

Our third session saw us creating our own Rangoli patterns (outside in the sunshine). Being able to picnic out on the field at Long Lane was a bonus and children from both of our schools played together beautifully. A super day!

RHS Chatsworth 06/06/19 – We were lucky enough to be invited to exhibit as the Acorn Federation in the British Beekeepers Marquee this year. The children from both schools worked hard to produce work, including fantastic bee poems and some amazing character planters, for the show. We all enjoyed a lovely day out at the show, we were very lucky to have a sunny day. The children watched a beekeeping demonstration and were able to see the show gardens, floral marquee and of course their own display.



Sports Day 12/06/19 – Unfortunately, due to the weather we postponed this event. Fingers crossed the sun shines (or it at least stays dry) for our rearranged date on Tuesday 16th July!!

INSET Day 28/06/19 – Both schools will be closed today for staff training.

Information from our Music Teacher (at Long Lane) - Our woodwind teacher Rosie and her band (Threaded) are involved in a really exciting project, which in its research and development phase last year came to Long Lane Primary School! 'Soonchild' is a D/deaf accessible piece of theatre, which Threaded have created the score for, and will be playing live on when it tours nationally this Oct-Dec. They have launched a crowd funder to get the music from the show made into a physical CD and also to get Sign Song videos made to go alongside it, for the D/deaf audiences accessibility. This project will be ground-breaking in terms of accessibility and integrated theatre, so being able to get the CD and Sign Song videos made, makes spreading the word so much easier!! If you feel like this is something you would like to support, please head over to the Crowdfunding page and pledge! There are loads of rewards on offer, so treat yourself!!!

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/new-threaded-album-for-exciting-theatre-

project?fbclid=IwAR1HveghKfF-8GYW8CB60CmLXKmbfqWcbPVimPM6ex3tt7VTBJcpfvLEatM If you want to know more about the show, or book tickets, head over to Red Earth Theatre's website to find out more and book tickets: <u>https://redearththeatre.com/</u> Thanks so much in advance!!

Future Joint Events in July

Y6 Problem Solving at Ashbourne Primary 01/07/19 – Our Year 6 pupils will join other Year 6 pupils for a morning of problem solving activities at Ashbourne Primary. A separate letter has already been sent out to those children involved.

Y6 Transition to QEGS 02/07/19 to 04/07/19 – Our Year 6 pupils will spend these three days at QEGS. In school we will welcome our new Reception pupils and our current Year 2 pupils will spend time in the Meadow Class.

Reports sent home 12/07/19 – End of year reports will be sent home with all our children today.

RESCHEDULED: Sports Day 16/07/19 – This will be our second joint Sports Day. At the event FOLL will be serving refreshments/cakes etc. Donations of biscuits/cakes would be much appreciated. In addition, there will also be a FREE raffle at the refreshments stand for a bottle of Prosecco and Gift for a child; a fun 'name the 'sports' bear'. Fingers crossed the sun shines so that we can make this a fun social event before, during and afterwards.

Don't forget to bring your deckchairs and blankets!

Reception Balancability – Date to be confirmed Please look out for more information nearer the time.

Year 5 Bikeability – Date to be confirmed Please look out for more information nearer the time.

Year 6 Bikeability 17/07/19 - Look out for more information nearer the time.

Summer Reading Challenge -

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme organised by the Reading Agency to encourage children to continue to read and visit libraries during the school holidays.

This year's challenge is **Space Chase**, an out-of-this-world adventure!

Help our super space family track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! Collect the special stickers and solve the clues to complete your mission folder and save the day. **When** - This year's Challenge. Space Chase, is running in every library and will start on

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What you need to do - Sign up at your local library, read 6 library books of your choice and collect amazing stickers along the way – all for free! A medal and a certificate will be given to everyone who successfully completes their mission. Good luck!

Activities - There will also be lots of great activities taking place in libraries across Derbyshire with special events to mark the launch on Saturday 13 July 2019.

<u>Mrs Bosley's Plan</u>

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
01.07.19	LL	MM	LL	MM	LL
08.07.19	MM	LL	MM	LL	MM
15.07.19	MM	Sports Day LL	LL	LL	LL/MM

Kind regards

Teresa Bosely Head Teacher



Marston Montgomery Primary School

Parent Governor Election – Thank you to Mr O'Shaughnessy for applying to be our parent governor for Marston Montgomery, he was the only parent who applied, and therefore he has been elected to become our second parent governor for MM on the Acorn Federation Governing Board. Congratulations and thank you, we look forward to working with Mr O'Shaughnessy and helping to continue to move the federation forwards.

Events in June

New Reception Meeting 05/06/19 – It was wonderful to welcome our new families into school for an introduction and information evening. We enjoyed sharing drinks and nibbles prepared by our School Cook, Mrs Charlesworth, and the opportunity to talk to our Catering Services about school dinners and discuss any concerns. Miss Harris gave a presentation about school arrangements and gave out a Welcome Booklet with information about childrens' learning in their Reception year at Marston Montgomery. We also gave out forms to be completed and returned to the School Office as well as information about the transition arrangements over the next few weeks.

Events to look forward to in July

Meadow Class Performance 11/07/19 (6pm) – Everyone is welcome to join us as we follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy and her friends! There will be a dress rehearsal at 2pm on 11th July for anyone who would like to bring young

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Marston's Got Talent 18/07/19 – We are looking forward to seeing the talents our children share with us this year.

Celebration and Leavers Assembly 19/07/19 – 1:15pm Join us as we celebrate the end of another academic year and look at the achievements of our children.

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 – 10/07/19 Y5/6 – 03/07/19, 17/07/19

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 – 12/07/19

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 – 12/07/19