



The Acorn Partnership
Marston Montgomery Primary School
Long Lane C of E Primary School

Newsletter – May 2024

Dear Parents,

This half term seems to have disappeared! I can't believe it almost May half term and June is just around the corner.

Please remember school closes on Friday 24th May and will reopen on Monday 3rd June. We look forward to seeing you all when we return to school, let's hope for a sunny week!

SATs

Well done to the children who have taken part in SATs (Year 6) or quizzes (Year 2) this half term. You have all worked hard and tried your best. 😊

Warmer weather

As the weather changes please make sure children have sun hats with them to wear outside at break and lunch time. In order to further protect the children please apply sun cream before they come to school.

Governor News

I don't know about you, but this year seems to have been super quick! I cannot believe we are approaching the last few months of the academic year.

Changes to the governing board

The Governing board has seen some changes over the last few months, with Paul Rymer leaving and the addition of Claire Shardlow as Parent Governor. Claire has a background in finance and will be involved in finance, policies, and the websites for both Acorn Partnership Schools.

The governing board work hard to ensure we have the right people in place with the expertise and knowledge to provide strategic leadership and support to the schools.

DDAT

We have been working with DDAT now for some time, and we are continually working together to ensure our schools offer the best for all children. Governors are often in school, and it is great to see how changes are being implemented and the positive outcomes.

Drop-in sessions!

Each year we organise drop in sessions for parents to meet with governors, please use these sessions to share any news, issues, successes, we love to hear your feedback.

If you would like to contact us at any time please email ryemm@acornfed.derbyshire.sch.uk or the Clerk mlovett@acornfed.derbyshire.sch.uk

Have a wonderful Half Term.

Rachel Yemm

Chair of Governors
The Acorn Partnership

Holidays

“Family Holidays and Other Absences

Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, which came into force on 1st September 2013. State that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during the term time unless there are exceptional circumstances; in these cases it is the Head teacher who determines the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Parents needing leave of absence for **exceptional circumstances** should speak to the headteacher as soon as possible and, when possible, at least two weeks before the anticipated start date.

Parents who take their children on holiday without permission will incur an unauthorised absence for their child. These remain on the child’s record and will be monitored for further action by the Education Welfare Service.”

Derbyshire County Council may issue a fine to parents who take their children out of school for an unauthorised holiday; this can be one day or two weeks.

Prior warning: Currently we do not always inform Derbyshire County Council of unauthorised holidays. From 1st September 2024 any unauthorised holidays (for 1 day or longer) will be passed on to Derbyshire County Council and a fine may be issued.

Online Safety

This is advice on child-proofing devices your children use (e.g. mobile phones and tablets).



!!No After School Club due to staff training!!

On Wednesday 5th June, all staff in both schools have a training session. On this evening there will be no ASC in either school.

Celebration Assembly

The dates for Celebration Assembly will be, -

- Friday 7th June
- Friday 5th July

Celebration Assembly will continue to be first thing in the morning, starting at 8:55am. Everyone, parents, grandparents, guardians etc. are welcome to join us for these assemblies.

Summer Term 1 2024

Y3/4 Sports Festival (15/04/24)

Year Three and Four enjoyed a trip out to Ashbourne leisure centre to take part in a range of sporting activities. These included a game of dodgeball and fitness activities, the children particularly enjoyed when they formed a tunnel which they crawled through. They also got the chance to try golfing activities.

Garden Class Sports (23/04/24)

Garden class enjoyed our sports event in Ashbourne. During the morning, we had the chance to try many different activities. Reception and Year One got involved in developing their throwing skills with games involving throwing beanbags into hoops and running and jumping over hurdles. Year 2 enjoyed practising their throwing using frisbees, javelins, and howlers on a giant dartboard and then had great fun playing footgolf, in some mixed teams with the other schools taking part. It was great to make some new friends.

Meadow Class Swimming

Both Meadow Classes have enjoyed their swimming lessons this half term. It has been fantastic to watch the progress some children have made in the short time we have been going.

Joint Day (17/05/24)

During the PE joint day children took part in Ultimate Frisbee and Fencing. In the morning, classes experienced a range of skill-based activities which worked on accuracy of throwing the Frisbee by hitting the target or to other children. In the afternoon, they took part in Fencing where they got to where the masks and fence each other. As well as the PE activities children were visited by ducklings which they were able to hold and watch play in the water.

Summer Term 2 2024

Meadow Class Trip to EIS (04/06/24)

You have already received information about this trip.

Meadow Class Residential (17 to 19/06/24)

Information and consent forms have been sent home for the residential.

INSET Day (21/06/24)

School closed to children.

Garden Class: Run, Jump, Throw Festival (21/06/24)

Information about this event will be sent nearer the time.

Transition Days (02, 03 and 04/07/24)

Our Year Six children who will be going to QEGS in September will be spending Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th at QEGS.

On these days our new Reception children will join us in school for the mornings. Our Year Two children will spend the morning in the Meadow Class.

Long Lane Church of England Primary School Summer Fete



Friday 5th July
5-7pm

Everyone is
welcome to join
us for our
school summer
fete.

BBQ
Cake sale
Raffle
Hook a duck
Tombola
**And much
more...**



MARSTON MONTGOMERY
**SUMMER
FAIR**
AT THE VILLAGE HALL & SCHOOL FIELD
SATURDAY 6TH JULY
11AM - 3PM

FREE ENTRY

BBQ, Ice Creams, Bar
Games & Sideshowes
Craft & Gift Stalls
Raffle

Sports Day (12/07/24)

This year Sports Day will be held at Marston Montgomery. Sports Day will start at 1:30pm, the gates will open at 1:15pm for parents, families and friends to come on site. Please bring a deckchair or picnic blanket with you. Children from Long Lane will need to be collected from Marston at the end of the day.

End of Year Reports (19/07/24)

End of year reports will be sent home with children today.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. Bosley".

Teresa Bosley, Executive Head Teacher



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Parking outside school

Please park safely and considerately when dropping / collecting children from school. No-one should park on the yellow zig-zag lines in front of school. The Village Hall Committee have invited us to use the carpark during drop off and collection. I know some parents already do this and would like to encourage others to do this to reduce congestion in the village at this time. Thank you

Marston Montgomery – Events in Summer 1 2024

Marston Tots

What a lovely afternoon we had welcoming some Marston Tots to Garden Class. The children made us proud looking out for our little visitors. We had beautiful weather and the tots joined us for PE outside where we were practising our throwing skills including throwing foam javelins. We worked out that throwing over arm makes things go further. Inside the classroom the children showed the tots how we 'play to learn' and they soon got stuck in painting, writing and playing in the flower shop. The tots had so much fun that they wanted to stay longer. This just shows what friendly and caring children we have in our Garden Class! We look forward to our next Marston Tots session.

Marston Montgomery – Events in Summer 2 2024

Reading Workshop for Parents (04/06/24)

Paired Reading is a simple approach to listening to and guiding your child when they read together with you at home. Research shows that it can help children to read more fluently and confidently, and develop greater understanding of the story. It is a slightly different way of reading with your child that can help you to focus on enjoying a good book together, taking away some of the stress and frustration that you both might feel at times!

A letter has been sent home so that you can book your place at this workshop.

Bike Ability for Year 6 (11/06/24)

Children taking part in Bike Ability will need to have their bike at school and a helmet. Consent forms have already been completed and returned to school.

Star Foundation Drama Workshop and Clothes Collection (12/06/24)

The Star Foundation will join us in school today. They will collect clothes for donation (information about this has been sent home already) and they will deliver a drama workshop for the children.

Marston Tots (28/06/24)

Marston Tots will take place on a Friday afternoon from 1:30pm until 3:15pm. Pre-school children and a parent / carer are welcome to join our Garden Class for the afternoon.

Our next session is on Friday 28th June

Celebration and Leavers Assembly (23/07/24 at 1:30pm)

Families and friends are invited to join us for our final assembly of the year to celebrate the children's achievements and say goodbye to our Year Six children.