



## The Acorn Partnership

Marston Montgomery Primary School  
Long Lane C of E Primary School

### Newsletter – October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

The first half term has flown by. It has been wonderful to welcome our new reception children and watch the children settle in to their new classes or year groups.

#### **Breakfast and After School Clubs (BC & ASC)**

Please remember to book sessions for BC and ASC on the Parent Pay app. Please also email Mrs Murby and Mrs Lovett with the dates / times you have booked so that they can ensure staff know the sessions have been booked and can inform staff.

If you are having difficulty using Parent Pay please contact Mrs Murby and she will get back to you.

Please remember that **places need to be booked seven days in advance**, so that we can ensure we have staff for each session, for example if you need a session on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> it needs to be booked on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### **Remembrance Day**

We have a Poppy Appeal Box. Please send a donation into school / visit the office if you would like a poppy, thank you. The box will be, -

- At LLPS on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- At MMPS on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Swimming**

It has been a pleasure to take our Meadow Classes swimming this half term and see the confidence of many of our children grow.

After half term, children in the Meadow Class will continue to swim at Ashbourne Pool. Despite our best attempts we have been unable to find a time that ensures we return to Long Lane in time for the end of the school day. Therefore, parents at Long Lane please aim to collect your children at 3:45pm on a Tuesday afternoon.

Dates for swimming after half term are – 05/11/24, 12/11/24, 19/11/24, 26/11/24, 03/12/24

## Acorn Partnership – Events in Autumn 1 2024

### Brailsford Ploughing Match: 02/10/24

It was lovely to get together as our Acorn Partnership to attend a local event. The children enjoyed looking around the stalls, watching the ploughing (even if it was a little muddy!) and seeing their artwork and writing on display. Congratulations not only to the children that won a prize for their creations but to all of the entries. This was a fantastic representation of our schools and what the children achieve.



### Bike Ability: 09/10/24

The Year Six children had a great start to their Bike Ability sessions. The instructors were very impressed with them and they are looking forward to taking them out on the roads in the new year. In the meantime, keep practising at home.



### Lots for Tots Show: 12/10/24

Many of you may be familiar with the Lots for Tots magazine which advertises events / groups in Derby / Derbyshire. We promote both our schools and our free pre-school sessions in the magazine. This year we decided to attend the Lots for Tots show. This was a fabulous event with many different providers present to share what they do. It was a brilliant opportunity for us to share the wonderful opportunities our children have. We even met Spiderman! I would like to thank the staff who attended the event.



### DT Day 1 and 2: 14/10/24 and 18/10/24

**EYFS and Year 1:** The Early Years and Year 1 children enjoyed the story 'The Gingerbread Man' as their focus text for our DT days. Over the 2 days we completed several themed DT challenges including designing, making and decorating Gingerbread men and making moving slider pictures. Alongside these activities we explored floating and sinking, sequenced the story, built bridges and sequenced gingerbread men according to size.

**Year 2 and 3:** Key Stage 1 had the challenge to make a hand puppet. They had to use a template to cut out their shape and a running stitch to join their fabric. The perseverance the children showed was amazing which resulted in fantastic puppets all with unique designs. Well done!

**Year 4 and 5:** During our DT days children in years 4 and 5 researched, designed, made, and evaluated a drawstring bag. To accomplish this, they learnt how to do running stitch and back stitch to sew a seam and a hem.

**Year 6:** In D&T year 6 learnt all about wall hangings and got to practice back stitch and a blanket stitch as well as using CAD (Computer aided design) to make print to be put onto their wall hangings. We showed great perseverance with threading the needles - Well done Year 6!



**Joint Day – Diwali Focus: 25/10/24**

For our joint day with a Diwali theme, we were so lucky to invite the Surtal Arts Company into school. During the day we all had a go at creating Diwali lamps and then learnt a traditional Indian themed dance using the lamps we had made. Alongside these activities we made some Indian sweets which were delicious and learnt about the traditions and meaning behind the celebration of Diwali.

Kind regards

Teresa Bosley  
Executive Head Teacher



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### Marston Tots – Forest School theme: 26/09/24

We had a lovely time at Marston Tots, we had a forest school. We really enjoyed making star wands, getting very messy in our mud kitchen and painting some pictures of what we could see around us. We look forward to our next Marston Tots session.



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: 27/09/24

For our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Meadow Class year 6 helped greet family and friends and serve them coffee and cake while others helped collect money for a great cause, in total we raised just under £115. Thank you to all who came and supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.



### Phonics Workshop: 03/10/24

The school has shared some information about our new Phonics scheme 'Little Wandle' with our Reception parents. The children seem to be enjoying the scheme and are learning the sounds (phonemes) and the way they are written (graphemes) well.

### Harvest Service: 07/10/24

We all celebrated a lovely harvest festival at St Giles. The children reminded us of the importance of harvest and sang a capella beautifully. Thank you for all your kind donations.



**Parents' Evening: 15/10/24**

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening. It was great to share how well the children have settled into the new school year and the progress they are making.

**Marston Montgomery – Events in Autumn 2 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>
<b>Half Term – 28/10/24 to 01/11/24 – School closed</b>			
04/11/24	INSET Day	All day	School is closed to children
05/11/24	School reopens to children	8:55am	
15/11/24	Children in Need	All day	The children will organise some fundraising events. Look out for more information.
19/11/24	Primary Stars – X-Country	9:30am – 11:30am	The Garden Class will go to Ashbourne Recreation Ground to participate in this event. A letter will be sent home.
22/11/24	RDSSP – Dodgeball	9:00am – 11:00am	The Children in Years 3 and 4 will go to Ashbourne Leisure Centre to participate in this event. A letter will be sent home.
10/12/23	Nativity	6:00pm	Family and friends are invited to join us for our Nativity in Church.
12/12/24	Marston Tots – Christmas Theme	1:30pm – 3:15pm	Pre-school children are invited to join our Garden Class for a Forest School themed session.
16/12/24 17/12/24	DT Day 1 and 2	All day	Children will work across the partnership to complete thier DT learning.
18/12/24	RDSSP – KS1 Christmas Festival North	1:00pm – 3:00pm	The Garden Class will go to ARC Leisure Centre (Matlock) to participate in this event. A letter will be sent home.
19/12/24	Celebration Assembly	9:00am – 9:30am	Join us to celebrate the children's hard work during this half term.
19/12/24	Christmas Crafts and Calendars Christmas Dinner Christmas Party	All day	A fun day of Christmas activities. The children may wear non-uniform today.
20/12/24	Christingle Service	2:30pm – 3:30pm	Family and friends are invited to join us for our Christingle Service in Church
<b>Christmas Holiday – 23/12/24 to 03/01/25 – School Closed</b>			
06/01/25	School reopens to children	8:55am	