



Newsletter – February 2024

Dear Parents,

January is over, February is here and March and spring are around the corner!

We've had another busy term. The children have continued to work hard in lessons. The next half of the spring term will also be a busy one. Please make a note of the dates in your calendar so you know what is coming up.

Please remember school closes on Friday 9th February and will reopen on Monday 19th February. We look forward to seeing you all when we return to school.

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

All staff in both schools need to complete some training. So that this is possible, there is an evening at each school where ASC will not be available.

LLPS – There will be no ASC on Monday 4th March 2024.

MMPS – There will be no ASC on Monday 18th March 2024.

Arriving at School

Following changes to arrival at LLPS due to the damaged weather vane, staff at both schools have discussed the benefits of the children coming straight into school in the morning. This additional 10 minutes allows staff to begin working with children (e.g. listening to readers) and also means the children settle quickly into their learning at the start of the day.

After half term the children will come straight into school on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday they will stay outside in the playground and we will all come in together for Celebration Assembly.

PE Kits

In order to allow staff the flexibility to move PE around to suit the weather, the children will need to bring their PE kits into school and leave them in school for the half term. This will hopefully make it easier at home as well, as they will always come to school in uniform. When Primary Stars are delivering their lunchtime clubs, children will be able to change into their trainers from their PE bags.

Online Safety

Every September a new 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document is released. This document provides information on how to keep children safe in school and how to work with other agencies.

In September 2023 one of the changes made to the document was that we monitor use of IT equipment in schools, for example searches carried out on the internet. This allows schools to be alerted to and respond to searches that may be a cause for concern, e.g. searches that include the words gun or suicide.

Our equipment is being monitored and the children use a set device so that we can identify who has carried out a search we are alerted to.

If we identify a search that parents need to be aware of we will let you know.

Events in Spring 1 2024

Celebration Assembly (Friday mornings, 9am to 9:15am)

The children enjoy sharing their learning from the week with parents. Thank you to everyone who attends these weekly assemblies.

Governor Drop-ins (09/01/24)

Thank you to the Governors who came into school for the drop-in with parents.

NSPCC workshops (24/01/24)

In assembly and a lesson, all the children learnt in age appropriate ways about the different types of abuse and what they can do if they are worried about something. The children in Years 2, 5 and 6 took part in a workshop led by the NSPCC. This was part of their 'Speak out and Stay safe' programme. The children participated in these sessions well.

Chinese New Year (08/02/24)

The children took part in activities that helped them learn about Chinese New Year. How it is celebrated and the story behind it.

Spring Term 2 2024

School reopens (19/02/24)

School will reopen to children on Monday 19th February at 8:55am. We are looking forward to welcoming them back to school.

Primary Arts Day (28/02/24)

Children in the Meadow Class will go to QEGS for the Primary Arts Day. The theme of the day is 'Nature' and children will participate in workshops in Dance, Drama, Music, Art and PE. A packed lunch and drink will be required. Children also need to wear their Acorn Federation PE kit. PE kits will be sent home the night before, so that children can arrive in their kit.

World Book Day (07/03/24)

A letter has been sent home inviting a family member to join is for the morning of World Book Day. We look forward to as many of you as possible joining us. Please remember to pay for adult meals via ParentPay, before the cut off date. Thank you.

English Open Moring (18/03/24, 9am to 10am)

During this morning parents will be able to take part in a English lesson alongside their children.

Closer to the time the children will take home an invite with a slip to complete.

Show and Share (21/03/24 8:45am to 9:10am)

Parents are invited into school today to look at their children's books. This is a great opportunity to see what the children have been learning this year.

Y6 Bikeability (21/03/24)

Children in Year 6 will complete Level 1 of Bikeability this afternoon. All children will need to be at Marston for this. A letter will be sent out after halfterm.

Thank you all for your ongoing support

Teresa Bosley, Head Teacher



Marston Montgomery Primary School

Marston Montgomery – Events in Spring 1 2024

Forest School

This term in Forest school we have learnt some interesting facts about pine cones, how they grow and how the male and female cones have different roles. We also spoke about the importance of fauna and flora and how it maintains an ecological balance. The children loved learning how flora generates and releases oxygen, which fauna, along with ourselves, needs for respiration.

We have also built dens, learnt how to tie a clove hitch, made a camp fire with flints and steels and roasted bananas with chocolate buttons.

It's been a fun packed term!

My Life My View (25/01/24)

Children in Year 6 participated in a survey that is in its third year, capturing their health and their public health needs. The children in Years 5 and 6 then took part in a sleep workshop, talking about ways to help them get a better night's sleep.

Marston Montgomery – Events in Spring 2 2024

Table Top Sale (09/02/24 at 3pm)

There will be a table top sale which the children will lead.

Information has been shared, we hope you will come along and support this event.

Forest School

During Spring 2 2024 (February and March) our **Garden Class** children will participate in a series of Forest School sessions. The Garden Class will have their Forest School sessions on a Wednesday afternoon.

When the children are taking part in Forest School they will need to bring suitable clothing, e.g. wellington boots, raincoats, gloves, hats etc. Forest School sessions happen whatever the weather is like so children **MUST** be appropriately dressed! Please take clothing home after each session. **Sessions will start on Wednesday 21st February 2024.**

Parents' Evening

This term parents' evening at MMPS will take place on, -

Wednesday 28th February 2024

Letters have already been sent home for you to book your appointment.

SEND Drop-in (29/02/24 at 9am)

Miss Ross (our SENDCO) will be available today for parents to speak to about any SEND related queries.

Marston Tots

Little Monkeys 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 15th March

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