



**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

# Long Lane C.E. Primary School



## Long Lane – Events in Autumn 1 2024

### FOLL: Coffee and Cake: 13/09/24

Thank you to everyone who baked, contributed, and bought cakes and sweet treats for the first fundraiser of the term, on Friday 13th September. The event raised a fantastic £85.75, which was a great fundraiser to kick off the new school year.

A big thank you also to one of our school neighbours who had very kindly been saving up her loose change, to donate to FOLL funds. A £11.30 donation was very gratefully received.

### Forest School

This term at Forest School we've built fires, talked about fire safety and the elements that make a fire. We have had lots of mud kitchen fun, painting leaves and making stick wands. We also had the pleasure of some Long Lane tots which was extra special, we made dens played games and did a lot of worm charming and bug hunting.



### Little Monkeys – Forest School theme: 11/10/24

We had a lovely time at Little Monkeys, we had a forest school session and were joined by two other families. We really enjoyed making star wands, getting very messy in our mud kitchen and painting some pictures of what we could see around us. The children also made a pirate ship out of a log and enjoyed trying to find treasure around the field. It was lovely to meet two other children and their families and we look forward to our next Little Monkeys session.



### **Harvest Service: 23/09/24**

For this year's Harvest the children taught us the meaning behind the harvest festival and sang songs and hymns. We collected a large amount of food that was donated to the Padley centre to help those who need it.



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning: 27/09/24**

We hosted our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Meadow Classroom. Our year 6 children helped greet family and friends and serve them coffee and cake while others helped collect money for a great cause, in total we raised £122.81. Thank you to all who came and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning.



### **Phonics Workshop: 03/10/24**

Thank you for the fantastic support at our recent phonics morning- it was lovely to have so many of our parents in school to learn more about our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'. During the session our parents were able to find out about the changes we have made to how we teach phonics and reading, and learn how to support their children in pronouncing the letter sounds and reading at home. We look forward to you joining us next half term to see phonics in action.

### **Parents' Evening: 16/10/24**

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.

### **FOLL: Film Night: 18/10/24**

The children enjoyed a lovely evening, on Friday 18th October, watching Inside Out 2 together. A light tea of chips from the chip shop, birds rolls, and popcorn to share was enjoyed. The event raised over £25.00 and was a fun event to end the half term on.

### **Celebration Assembly: 24/10/24**

It was wonderful to share with so many parents the learning and extra-curricular activities the children have taken part in this half term.

## Long Lane – Events in Autumn 2 2024

Date	Event	Time	Where
<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	
08/11/24	FOLL: Non-uniform day	All day	Children can wear non-uniform in return for donations for the Mickleover Fete tombola stall.
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.
21/11/24	FOLL: Non-uniform day	All day	Children can wear non-uniform in return for donations for the Mickleover Fete tombola stall.
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.
06/12/24	FOLL: Christmas Party	3:30pm – 5:00pm	FOLL will organise a Christmas Party for the children at Dalbury Lees Village Hall. Look out for more information.
11/12/23	Nativity	6:00pm	Family and friends are invited to join us for our Nativity in Church.
13/12/24	Little Monkeys – Christmas Theme	1:30pm – 3:15pm	Pre-school children are invited to join our Garden Class for a Christmas 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	9:00am – 10:00am	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	School