

6th July 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy time across the Federation and I wanted to update you with the different things that have been happening. It had been my intention to send this letter to you all last week but then Ofsted visited!

Ofsted

Last week on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th June Ofsted carried out a monitoring visit at Long Lane. The result of this remains confidential until we receive the final report. This is likely to be in September.

Joining Derby Diocesan Academy Trust (DDAT)

It seems a long time ago now that The Regional Director has agreed that Marston Montgomery Primary School can join DDAT at the same time as Long Lane Church of England Primary School. This is great news as it means the Federation will continue and there are many benefits to this.

Staffing

In September, there will be changes to staffing at both our schools. Some of these changes are due to personal decisions and some are due to a review of the staffing structure across the Federation.

Long Lane Church of England Primary School

Sadly, Mrs McManus has decided to move on to new things from September. Mrs McManus has been at LLPS since February 2017 and has worked hard to support the children and the Federation over her time with us. I would like to thank Mrs McManus for all her hard work and flexibility.

Mrs Price, who is on a fixed term contract, has kindly agreed to increase her working days during the autumn term to 3 days a week. We are currently working hard to secure a teacher for the other two days and will update you before the end of term. In September the post of a full time Meadow Class teacher will be advertised for a start in January 2024.

Mrs Norcross, who is currently also on a fixed term contract, successfully applied for a permanent post as Lead Teacher and Garden Class Teacher from September 2023.

In September Miss Walters will work in the Meadow Class on a Monday and Friday. Miss Walters will then work in the Garden Class on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Walters will spend time in the Garden Class working with the children and Mrs Norcross before the end of term so that there is a smooth transition.

Mrs Forman will continue to work in the Garden Class on a Monday and Friday.



Marston Montgomery Primary School

After over twenty years working at MMPS Mrs Haslam has sadly made the decision to retire to spend more time with her family. I would like to thank Mrs Haslam for the hard work and many hats she has worn during her time at MMPS.

In September Mrs Thomas and Mrs Coppen will continue to work in the Meadow Class together. Mr Haslam and Miss Dale will continue to work in the Garden Class together.

Federation

Miss Lowndes will work across both schools, supporting in class and covering classes. Miss Blurton will also work across both schools working in the Garden Class at each school.

Governors

Thank you to Mr Calow who has served four years on the Governing Board and will be ending his term at the end the academic year. We have two new Governors joining the Board in September and still have a place for a parent governor, please let me know if you are interested

Warm regards

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