

**New Marston Early Years**  
**Reception Newsletter – Term 2**



**Welcome back**

We hope you had a lovely half term. We are all looking forward to a fun and busy half term.

**Topic**

This term our topic is 'People Who Help Us'! If you know any 'people who help' (Police officer, Fire officer, Nurse, Doctor, Lollipop person, etc) please let us know if they would be willing to come into school. Please also speak to your child's teacher or teaching assistant if you have any questions or ideas.

**Arrival at school**

School begins at **8.45am** and children should arrive as close to this time as possible to enable them to follow our morning routines and have some time to settle in. The gate is locked at **9.00am** promptly and we ask that all parents say goodbye and leave the classrooms by this time.

**Show and Tell**

We will be starting Show and Tell soon. A rota will be sent home with the dates clearly labelled. We would like children to bring in their favourite book for this.

**PE**

We will now be getting changed for P.E lessons. Please put your child's P.E kit on their peg on Mondays in preparation for the week ahead. Please help your child to practice changing into and out of their school clothes independently.

**Uniform**

Please can you ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and that they have a spare set of named clothes on their peg at school.

**Reading books**

Please remember to read with your child and write a comment in their yellow reading journal. Your child's teacher or teaching assistant will read with your child weekly and write a comment in their yellow book. You are always more than welcome to discuss your child's reading with a member of staff at any time – please do not feel this has to be through the reading diary.

**Sounds and key words**

Please look out for the small plastic bag in your child's book bag. We will continue placing sounds and key words inside the bag for you to practice at home. We will aim to check and change these weekly.

**Wow stars**

Please remember to keep us informed about your child's achievements at home by filling in a wow star (found in your child's classroom). We love to hear about swimming lessons, riding bikes, special visits, working hard on reading, etc. Children love having these read out to their friends in class.

**Mystery reader**

We now feel the children are ready to be surprised by some mystery readers! If you

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could like to come into class to surprise your child and their friends and read a story then please let a member of staff know. Children would also love to see their grandparents and other family member coming in to read too.

**Communication**

A newsletter will be sent home every week. If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to come in and talk to your child's teacher or teaching assistant before or after school.

**Dates for the diary!**

Further details will follow, but please put these dates in your diary!

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Reception children's eye tests

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Maths games 'stay and play' (8.45 – 9.15am)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Road safety workshop

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

'Share a story' – come and join the class for a home-time story (3pm)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Parent 'Stay & Play' (8.45am – 9.30am)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas play (9.45am and 1.45pm)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Reception Christmas party

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Chestnut trip to watch 'Alby the Penguin Saves Christmas'

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Apples trip to watch 'Alby the Penguin Saves Christmas'

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Break up for Christmas – 1.15pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

School closes for half term (re-opens Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October)

**We would be very grateful for any of the following items...**

- Old greetings cards
- Envelopes
- Junk modelling materials e.g. cardboard boxes and tubes, clean plastic pots, plastic bottles etc.
- Wrapping paper and tags
- Spare clothes - tops, bottoms, pants, socks, etc
- Scooters and bikes

We hope you have found the updates helpful. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure about anything.

**From The Reception Team**