



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support in what has been such a positive week for the children.

The new drop-off and collection procedures in school, are working so well and as a result, children are coming into school safe and happy. All staff are working hard to promote a safe learning environment for the children and I've really enjoyed seeing all of their wonderful activities, along with the creative use of the outdoors, to engage and enthuse the children.

It's been great to hear from children and parents learning from home. We are here to support you as families, so please contact us if you need any help or advice. I know that some of you are under a lot of pressure, especially in supporting children to continue to learn. The health and wellbeing of your family is the most important thing, so please continue to make time to do the things that you and your child enjoy – going for walks, making dens, baking, gardening, Lego, watching your favourite film - without feeling any pressure to keep up with a strict daily regime, as we do not expect parents to take the place of teachers.

Sometimes, it is the little things that make the biggest difference, for example, making time every day to listen to and read to your child is one small part of your routine that will have a big impact. Use websites such as Oxford Owl and Accelerated reader to download free e-books to enjoy together. I'd love to hear about your favourite book or story – why not send us a picture of your favourite character or a book review of your favourite story...

Best wishes and take care.

*Mrs R Kaminski*

**Head of School**



### Headteacher's Award

Well done to all our children for their fantastic work! Please look out for our virtual Headteacher's assembly on our Facebook page, where I will announce this week's winners. I will also email parents to notify you individually. Please continue to send their achievements to [kaminski.r@mmat.com](mailto:kaminski.r@mmat.com) to be considered for next week's Headteacher's awards. Remember you can also share your home learning news with our school community in the pinned post on our Facebook page!



## NOTICES

### Drop off/pick up

#### Year 6 children:

Drop-off between 8:50- 9:00am.  
Pick-up between 2:50-3:00pm  
Please park your car and bring your child to the front right-hand SIDE GATE by Talbot class where Mr Paterson will collect your child. Please do not gather at the gate.

#### Year 1 children:

Drop-off between 9:00am and 9:10am. Pick-up between 2:40pm and 2:50pm.  
Please park your car and bring your child to the rear PLAYGROUND gate, where Mr Gillespie will collect your child. Please do not gather at the gate.

#### Nursery and Reception children:

Drop-off between 9:10-9:20am.  
Pick-up between 2:30 and 2:40pm.  
Please park your car and bring your child to the NURSERY gate, where Mrs Finch will collect your child from you. Please do not gather at the gate.

#### Children of keyworkers:

Our provision for children of key workers will continue to operate between 8:45am and 3:10pm. Please use the hall door where Miss Thomas will collect your child. However, if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 6, than please use the required drop-off/collection point and procedure for that year group. This ensures that your child does not enter/exit through other classes and mix with other 'bubbles' of children. I will ensure that a member of staff is on these points at 8:45am to welcome your child into school.

### Robin Hood learning projects

STEM have created some great themed projects to do at home together. The website contains projects based around eight different themes, which cover many aspects of the National Curriculum. They aim to provide a broad and balanced learning experience for your children, whilst learning at home and are totally free. Why not have a browse and delve into something new?

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/collectio n/468110/robin-hood-mat-learning-projects>

### BBC Bitesize daily lessons

The BBC website has been updated and you will find daily lessons for home schooling in Maths and English for every year group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

### Read Write Inc phonics

To help children learning to read at home during school closure, Read Write inc are streaming 7 phonics, reading and spelling lessons every weekday on our YouTube channel. Each lesson is ten to fifteen minutes long and available for 24 hours.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

**#togetherwegrow**

### Assemblies

It is also great to see the introduction of some remote collective worship for primary school children, on You Tube, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmEMvgYPXWx8qwOYpsrTaGQ> every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:45am.

The assemblies include a real life introduction, a song, a Bible story and, a reflective craft activity for pupils to complete afterwards.

### Trust News

Operation Encompass is now up and running in Shropshire and The Marches Academy Trust is part of this fantastic scheme. The initiative will see West Mercia Police working closely with schools and Shropshire Council to ensure the welfare of children who may have witnessed domestic abuse incidents. Members of school staff will receive special training enabling them to provide emotional and practical support for students experiencing domestic abuse. Full information regarding the initiative can be read in this article compiled by West Mercia Police – [click here](#).

### Email Protocol - a message to our parents and carers

As we all adapt to the "new normal" it is very important to us that we work closely with parents and carers to ensure the regular communication between home and school remains. In the absence of being able to meet face to face with staff it might mean an increase in email communication.

#### Contacting the school via email:

Supporting the young people in our care and managing the wellbeing and work load of our staff team is paramount. We also want to continue to support our parents and carers by responding to parental queries at the earliest opportunity. Whilst our Headteachers, teachers and associate staff are prioritising the smooth running of our schools and the reintegration of our young people, they may not be in a position to respond to emails straight away. Also, for the wellbeing of our staff, we do not expect staff to check or respond to work emails during their personal/family time.

#### Expectations for email communications between parents / carers and our staff:

Emails from parents/carers will be responded to during school working hours (8am-4pm). Our staff will respond to you as soon as possible and within three working days. This does not include weekends or holidays. Part-time staff may take longer to reply. If an urgent response is required, please contact the school office.  
*We will continue to monitor our approach to email communication to improve the process further and welcome any feedback you may have.*

## WORSHIP



For worship-related activities this week, visit:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/i-am-looking-for/public-copies/worshipathome31may>

This webpage is updated weekly, with a different Bible story and activities for children based on the story.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass	0345 678 9021
Early Help	<a href="https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/">https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/</a>
Parenting Team	01743 250950
SEND Local Offer	<a href="https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/">https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/</a>



### PE & Sports Apprentice

An exciting role has become available within The Marches Academy Trust for a PE & Sports Apprentice. The role will see the apprentice support both Lower Heath C of E Primary School and Tilstock C of E Primary School, with the possibility of travel to other schools within the Trust. For full details please [click here](#). Applications close - 21/06/2020.

## WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#).

## FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook @[tilstockprimaryschool](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news, competitions and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow the @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#) page.

