



# Morley CE VA Primary School



Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Laura Green

*Work together, learn together, grow together...*

## Newsletter 07 - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

### Value for life - Thankfulness

#### Upcoming events

Break for half term 17/10/18 3.15pm  
INSET Day 18/10/18  
Bags2School Collection 01/11/18 9am  
Flu Vaccination Yr R - Yr 5 02/11/18  
KS2 storytime 02/11/18 2.50pm

#### Current Clubs

Football club KS2 3:15- 4:15  
11 /09/18 - 16/10/18  
Multi sports club KS2 8:10/8:40  
11 /09/18 - 16/10/18  
Learn, Play, Grow 3.15 - 4.15 14/09/18 -  
06/12/18  
Premier Sports Gymnastics KS1 & 2 3.20 - 4.20  
20/09/18 - 13/12/18  
Mad Science KS1 & 2 3.20 - 4.20 26/09/18 -  
17/10/18

Dear Parents / carers

#### Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Forum Meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. For those who may have missed the minutes attached to last week's newsletter, they are included again below. It is really helpful to get your views and ideas. If you haven't attended one of these meetings, please try to get along to the next one on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

#### Wear it Pink Day

Wow, Morley turned pink for the day last Friday! Thank you to everyone who supported the Wear it Pink campaign and then the Macmillan tea, coffee and cake afternoon. It was a hugely successful day which raised an impressive £436 for the two charities. Additionally the charities will be able to claim £58.75 through Gift Aid donations. Many thanks to Jodi Lamb for signing up to Wear it Pink and to Claire Cooper and her band of helpers and bakers for organizing the Macmillan Afternoon.

#### Lost Property

We no longer have a lost property bin as we try to reunite items of clothing with their owners straight away. I will just let you know that any unidentifiable items of clothing we find during the week following the half term break will be put into the Bags2School collection on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

#### Willow Class reading café

Please note that Willow Class will be holding a Reading café on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 9am - 10am.

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Sam Bartram (Education, Health and Care Plan coordinator) will be in **Tacolneston** School for the day. If you would like to speak with him directly regarding an EHCP application for your child please book a slot by email ([Senco@morley.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:Senco@morley.norfolk.sch.uk)).

#### Reminders

##### Phonics & Reading Evening

There will be a phonics and reading evening at school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 6-7pm. This is aimed at parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Bags2school**

The FOMPS have organised a Bags2school collection on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9am. This is a great opportunity to have a sort out in cupboards and wardrobes during the half term break and recycle any unwanted clothes and textiles. Your child has brought home a bag and an information letter which provides details of what items they can accept.

Not only does this prevent unnecessary waste ending up in landfill, it also raise funds for the school.

### **Autumn / Winter school lunch menu**

The Autumn & Winter Norse lunch menu is now available and a copy has been sent home to each family this week. This menu starts on our return after half term.

### **Key Stage 2 story time**

Key stage 2 story time will be on a Friday at 2.50. You are all very welcome to come and share a story with us. Please feel free to come in and pull up a chair! Any brave parents who would like to read one of your own favourite stories with the children (or read one we provide) please let the office know and we will get back to you. See you there!

### **Drop and Go arrangement on zig zag lines**

At the Parent Forum last week, we discussed the drop and go arrangement. It was felt that now that we have a soft start in the mornings the drop and go on the zig zag lines should no longer be necessary. Therefore, **please note that from the first Monday after the half-term break (29th October) stopping at the zig zag lines will no longer be permitted.**

### **Sunday dinner**

Some of you may have seen Mr. Culyer, one of our governors giving out leaflets in the rain on the carpark on Monday afternoon.

If you know of anyone, a neighbour, relative or someone in your village, who might like to come to the lunch on Sunday November 4 please put them in touch. A few year six pupils are helping with this event and it promises to be a lovely get together. Mr. Culyer's mobile number is 07765174951.

### **Change to Friday Newsletter**

We would like to announce a change in the way we will be sending out the Friday newsletter to parents and carers.

Until half term we will continue to send the weekly newsletter out by email as we have done previously and also post the newsletter on the website.

After half term we will only be posting the Friday newsletter on the website. We will no longer be sending a weekly email.

We intend to make the website the 'go to' place for all information regarding your child's time at school. We are introducing this with the newsletter and intend, at a later time, to include diary dates, announcements, letters home, class activities etc.

Please have a look at our new website. We would welcome any comments and should you find any problems please let the office know so we can pass them to Mrs Gowing, who is maintaining the site.

[www.tacolnestonandmorleyfederation.co.uk](http://www.tacolnestonandmorleyfederation.co.uk)

### **100 club**

The 100 Club annual payment is now due. Each number costs £5 per academic year.

Anyone who had a number last year will automatically be included in this year's 100 Club list unless we hear otherwise so please send in your payment as soon as possible. If any new parent would like to buy a number and be in with the chance of a cash prize each term, please ask at the school office

Have an enjoyable half term break  
Laura Green

### **Attachments:**

**Whole school attendance: 92.6%**

- School Diary
- Parent Forum Minutes
- Happy Sports half term club @ Morley School

# PARENT FORUM

## MORLEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Attended by:

Laura Green – Head Teacher  
Sarah Cunningham – Y2  
Ellen Leary – Y2  
Suze Hollander – Y3  
Sarah Jones – Y1  
Helene Coates – Y1/2  
Diane Higgs – Y3/6  
Jill Blake – Y6  
Alison Braden – Y1/6  
Fleur Pull – YR/2  
Gabi Righetti – Y3  
Tabitha Botting – YR/2/5  
Linda Murray – Y2

### Items Discussed:

#### Parking:

- The 'soft start' is working well and parents are happy with this change to the morning routine. Teachers report that it has improved the start to the day for teaching and learning as children have time to organise themselves prior to the register and first lessons.
- Parents who cycle to school would like us to stop the 'drop off' arrangement on the zig zag lines now that the children are coming into school at an earlier time.
- Parents are noticing that there isn't always a member of staff at the entrance in the mornings. Laura explained that we have to rely on the good will of staff to carry out this function as support staff officially start work at 8:45 and teachers have to get prepared for their lessons first thing in the morning. We will try our best to ensure that there is an adult available at the entrance from 8:40 in the mornings.
- Parents have noticed that staff are driving in and out of the car park during the prohibited times (8:30 – 8:50 and 3:10 to 3:30)
- Parents asked what is happening about the banner for the bus bay. This is being made by one of our parents on a voluntary basis. Laura to chase-up.

#### Communications:

- There was a discussion about the proposed change to the way in which parents access the newsletter after half-term. Some parents are worried that they won't remember to look at the newsletter unless they are prompted to do so by the weekly email. However, the majority of parents said that they are happy to look at the website for the newsletter as long as it is prominently positioned and easily readable from their phones etc. Laura agreed that we will continue to send an email prompt with a link to the website until the end of the Autumn Term.
- Parents asked if the website is up-to-date. Laura reassured them that it is as up-to-date as possible and that many of the documents on the site are a mandatory requirement and are therefore updated each academic year.
- Parents would like any changes to the school calendar to be prominently displayed on the website as they have often pre-booked dates with employers. They would also like easier access on the website to information about school uniform.
- Ellen asked if FOMPS could have a page on the website. Laura said that this should be possible, although uploads would need to be arranged via the website administrator (Helen Gowing/Lindsey Ralphs).

- Laura explained the ongoing work to get faster internet access for the school. We have now been promised a service that will provide 100mbps. We are exploring this and other offers and should be agreeing a new contract for this service within the next month
- Parents requested that we move to an online payment system as very few of them use cheque books now. Laura said school will look into this.

### **Story Time:**

- Parents who have been attending Story Time, reported that they enjoy having this opportunity. Some parents find it difficult to attend due to work commitments. Can the days be alternated each half-term? Laura agreed that this could be arranged and she would speak to staff.

### **School Lunch:**

- Some parents are unsure if the price of school lunches has increased. Laura to check and ensure that this is clarified in the school newsletter.
- Parents like having the opportunity to come in for lunch as was happening last term. Laura agreed that this would continue.

### **Photographs:**

- The majority of parents prefer the traditional group photographs – only one parent at the meeting said that she liked the more casual style of photos that we have been providing. Laura said that we can look into making a change for this academic year.
- It was noted that with the individual photos coming up shortly – could we make sure that the head shots included the school logo on the pupils' jumpers.
- Does the school get any commission from the sale of photographs? Laura to check.

### **Book People:**

- Parents have noticed that The Book People leave a crate of goodies for staff to purchase and wondered if they could also have access to this. Ellen offered to organise this by taking the crate outside during pick-up times. Does the school earn commission? Laura to check.

### **Clubs:**

- Parents said that it is difficult to organise activities for their families if they are not told about new clubs in advance. They would like more notice if possible. Can school issue a club timetable in the previous term? Laura said that this should be possible for Coach Ian's clubs. We have introduced the Mad Science Club this term after seeing that the children enjoyed the assembly visit in early September but we will try to give more notice in future.

### **FOMPS:**

- Ellen asked how FOMPS could support school. Laura said that the priorities for school are books and ipads/android tablets. By 2020, current Y3 pupils will be sitting statutory tests for times tables. School has purchased a Primary Rock Stars license for online resources to help all of the children to learn their times tables but the daily test practice requires a lot of paper. It would make sense to do this practice on tablets. Parents said that their children enjoy learning their times tables with Primary Rock Stars.
- A parent mentioned that there had been a news story this week about a school in Lowestoft who have introduced foot pedals to classrooms. Laura said that she would want to see research and evidence into the benefits of this prior to taking any further action.

### **School Trips:**

- Ellen mentioned that FOMPS used to subsidise a trip to the Norwich Theatre Royal Panto each year. Laura to discuss this with staff and get back to FOMPS.
- Disappointment was expressed at the cancellation of the Gressinghall Trip. Laura explained that this was due to transport difficulties. We couldn't make a booking for a coach that would get us to the event at the time that we had booked with Gressinghall and Gressinghall were unable to offer us a different time. We often have problems with booking coaches either due to the timings (coach companies prioritise their bookings for school drops and pickups) or due to the fact that they are prohibitively expensive. It was suggested that we hire a bus from Wymondham College but Laura explained that before we could consider this, our staff would have to undergo training and be licensed to drive a school bus.

# MORLEY SCHOOL DIARY 2018-2019

## Autumn Term 2018



October	18 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
	18 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bags2School Collection
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phonics and reading evening 6pm - 7pm
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flu Immunisation for Reception - Year 5 children
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dress Down day for a jam jar 'fine'
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumn tidy up 8.30am - 10.30am
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class Reading Café 9-10am
	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Willow Class reading Café 9-10am</b>
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Photographer in school for individual photos 9am
	10 <sup>th</sup>	W/ham College Autumn Fayre with FOMPS stall
	12 <sup>th</sup>	FOMPS AGM - 7pm Morley Methodist Chapel
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class Reading Café 9-10am
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Sycamore Class Reading Café 9-10am
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rowan Class Reading Café 9-10am
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Music Assembly 9am School Hall
December	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christingle Service for children - 2.15pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	FOMPS Christmas Bake sale
	13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Service 7-8pm (Church to be decided)
	14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity - School Hall 2pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	FOMPS teas & coffees & lottery squares at KS1
nativity	17 <sup>th</sup>	FOMPS Christmas Disco
	18 <sup>th</sup>	End of term Service - Deopham Church 9am
	19 <sup>th</sup> - January 1 <sup>st</sup>	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

## Spring Term 2019



January	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Spring Term
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Oak Class Reading café 9-10am
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sycamore Class Reading Café 9-10am
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Class Reading Café 9-10am
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Rowan Class Reading Café 9-10am
February	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pine Class Reading Café 9-10am
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 8.30 - 11.30am/3.30 - 6.00pm
	18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	HALF TERM
March	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week (Stories Around the World)
	7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
April	5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service - Deopham Church 9am
	8 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	EASTER HOLIDAY

## Summer Term 2019



May	6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY
	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 residential to Eaton Vale
	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 residential to London
	13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs week
	27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF TERM
June	8 <sup>th</sup>	FOMPS Stall at Morley Festival
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Photographer in for class photos 9am
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
	24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential to Isle of Wight
July	8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wyndham High / College transition days
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

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## HALF TERM SPORTS CLUBS FOOTBALL AND GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTICS 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2018, 9:30-15:30

FOOTBALL 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018, 9:30-15:30.

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