



Morley CE VA Primary School



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Work together, learn together, grow together...

Newsletter 34 - Friday 7th June

Value for life - Wisdom

Upcoming events

08/06/19 Morley Beer Festival
11/06/19 Bikeability level 1 yr 3 & 4 (group 1&2)
12/06/19 Bikeability level 1 yr 3 & 4 (group 3)
14/06/19 Parent Forum 9 - 10am
16/06/19 Open Garden event - Old Rectory
18/06/19 Sports Day
19/06/19 Bikeability level 1&2 yr 5 (group 1)
20/06/19 Bikeability level 1&2 yr 5 (group 1 - day 2)
21/06/19 Pine Class assembly 9am

Current Clubs

Learn, Play, Grow 3.15 - 4.15
26/04/19 - 12/07/19
Premier Sports Gymnastics KS1 & 2 3.20 - 4.20
25/04/19 - 18/07/19
Football club KS2 3:15- 4:15
04/06/19 - 16/07/19
Multi sports club KS2 8:10/8:40
04/06/19 - 16/07/19
Handball club KS2 3.15-4.15
05/06/19 - 17/07/19

Dear Families

Attendance at school and legal intervention

The national average for primary school attendance is 95%. Between 95% and 100% is equivalent to less than 10 days absence for the academic year. At Morley, we aim to achieve 97% and manage this in most years. However, at the end of May we were at 96% with 38% of our pupils having an attendance rate below that figure.

We accept that children need to take time away from school for illness, however, we are receiving more and more requests for time off for family holidays during term time. Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. The aim of our schools is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

This letter is to remind all parents/carers that the law requires them to ensure that their child attends school regularly. The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

The Local Authority operates a system where any pupil will meet the criteria for legal intervention through the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice where they have:

1. 10 consecutive sessions (the school day consists of two sessions) of unauthorised absence where some or all of the absence may be attributed to an unauthorised holiday in term-time (for absences from 1 September 2018); or

2. 15% unauthorised absence over a period of 6 school weeks for reasons other than unauthorised term time holiday.

Any pupil in our schools, who meets either of the criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued it is a fine of £60 per parent per child which must be paid in one payment within 21 days. If a Notice is unpaid within 21 days, the fine will double to £120 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. If a fixed penalty notice fine is not paid in full within the timescale set out above, the Local Authority is required to start legal proceedings against the parent(s) in the local Magistrates' Court for the offence of failing to ensure their child has attended school regularly.

I hope we can count on your support in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely
Laura Green
Executive Head Teacher

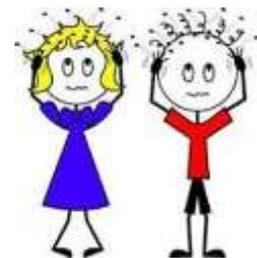
Spree Books

Each family will receive a Spree book today. This is an annual fundraising opportunity for the school. Each book contains hundreds of money off vouchers for local restaurants / shops / beauty treatments and much, much more! The book costs £20 and if you are able to sell five books to friends, family or work colleagues, you get the sixth book free!

As an added bonus this year, the first few books sold will receive a copy of the 2018-2019 Spree book FREE OF CHARGE! This is valid until October 2019 so plenty of time left to enjoy the bargains.

Head lice alert!

Despite the half term break, we have already been informed of new head lice cases in the school. Please can I ask you to check your child's head over the weekend and treat accordingly. It is not necessary to spend a fortune on head lice products, a large dollop of conditioner and a nit comb every evening for a few days is just as effective (cheaper too!)



NEW LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

We are really grateful to our kind parents who have volunteered to man the library after school to enable children to come and return and select a library book with their parents at the end of the school day.

This is in addition to time during the school day.

Alison Braden and Diane Higgs have kindly offered to man the library on a Tuesday after school (from next week) and Chantelle Hurrell will be manning the library on a Thursday (from September)

THANK YOU

If any other parents would like to get involved, please speak to Lindsey or Karla in the office.

Stationery sale

Our School Council are holding one of their popular stationery sales in the foyer of the school hall next Wednesday, June 12th at the end of the school day. Remember to bring in a bit of cash if you want to stock up on any of your stationery needs!

Shoe box request

Mrs Cooper in Pine Class would be very grateful to receive any shoeboxes which you may have lurking in a cupboard; preferably ones with a removable lid. If you can help, please bring them in to the school office or direct to Pine Class. Thank you.

Tombola donation request

Some of our Year 6 children are organising a tombola for the Open Garden event on June 17th. Any donations towards this would be hugely appreciated (Toiletries or tin of biscuits for example). Please leave any contributions at the school office.

Woodland walk

Please can I remind anyone who has not yet collected their sponsor money to try and bring it in by early next week. We should be able to give you the grand total in next week's newsletter.

Open Studio

Thanks to all those who took the time to visit the children's artwork in the Open Studio day on Thursday. Your warm feedback has been very much appreciated.

Sports day

Our Sports day is on Tuesday 18th June with KS1 participating in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon with parents and children enjoying a picnic lunch in between! The FOMPS have very kindly offered to provide an ice lolly for each of the children. It is likely to be a rocket lolly or something similar and therefore suitable for any child on a dairy-free or gluten-free diet. Please let us know, however, if you would prefer your child not to have a lolly. Thank you.

Cycling proficiency

The children in Year 3 and 4 will be participating in cycling proficiency sessions next week (on Tuesday & Wednesday). All those who have returned their consent form will have been given a slip letting them know which session they will be attending. Please contact the school office if you have not had the slip.

REMINDERS

Open Garden afternoon

Not sure what to do for Father's Day this year? Well we have that covered! Our Chair of Governors, Robert Culyer is opening up his gardens at The Old Rectory, Deopham Road, Morley on 16th June from 12-4pm. There are seven acres of garden, although some of it is pasture, and there is also a working kitchen garden which is used to grow fruit, vegetables and cut flowers for the house. There will also be a variety of stalls; refreshments, plants, cakes, books etc. and our very own team Captains are currently organizing a stall for each of our house teams as they want to be part of the fundraising too. As a special treat for Dad there is a free cup of tea! There will be a stunning flower demonstration every hour, as well as the opportunity to see a honey bee hive in operation.

Our FOMPS are also kindly helping out on the day and the event proceeds will be donated to Morley Primary. So, please do come along and support us, we would love to see our families join us in what will be a super day out.

Admission is £4.50 /adult and children are free. Gates open at 12 noon and we close at 4pm.

School Twitter

The school are trying to grow their Twitter account and hope you can help by following us. We are sharing some of the children's work on there so check us out - you can follow us @MorleyPrimary. Thank you!

Parent Forum

If you are able to spare the time, I would really love to see as many of you as possible at our next Parent Forum meeting. Babies and toddlers are welcome - our meetings are quite informal but they are a great opportunity to share views, opinions, concerns and innovative ideas for our schools. Leading happy and vibrant schools is a partnership with parents/carers and I have learnt so much from listening to you.

Our next meeting is: **Friday 14th June, 9am to 10am**

Celebrations



Pine
Samuel
Henry

Sycamore

Willow

Chestnut

Rowan
Oskar P

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Reading Passports		Benjamin			
Reading Passport 4					
Going for Gold					
Merit Badge					
Bronze					
Silver					
Gold					
Platinum					
COURAGE					
TRUTHFULNESS					
RESPONSIBILITY					
SERVICE					
TRUST	Thomas		Amelia		
SELF RESPECT					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP					
RESPECT					
KOINONIA			Henry		Erin S
LOVE & COMPASSION					

PERSEVERANCE	Sophie	Jacob M		Harry	
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					
TEAMWORK					
WISDOM					

Out of school achievements:

Well done to Emilia in Oak for her Gymnastics

Congratulations to Annabell in Sycamore for achieving her Stage 4 in swimming

Well done to Luca in Willow who has been awarded a silver medal for recorder

Whole school attendance: 96.90%

House Points:

Blickling: 1107

Felbrigg: 897

Holkham: 988

Oxburgh: 1017

Wishing you a lovely weekend



Attachments:

- Young Minds support information
- School Diary

Do you worry about the pressures your children face?

YoungMinds have received funding from BBC Children In Need to develop support for parents and carers of 8 to 13 year olds to help their child develop emotional wellbeing.

We will be **co-developing and designing** the programme **based on insights from parents and carers**, and **involving them at every stage** of the project.

We want to reach as many parents and carers as possible to **hear what you have to say**.

If you would like to be involved, we will be holding some **insight gathering groups** in several areas around the country, including **Norwich**.

Workshop details:

Date: Friday 14 June 2019

Time: 10.30 – 12.30

OR

Time: 13.00 – 15.00

Location: St Luke's at 61 Aylsham Rd, Norwich NR3 2HF

Travel costs will be reimbursed and refreshments provided. Spaces will be limited so please contact jen.springall@youngminds.org.uk to confirm your place.

MORLEY SCHOOL DIARY 2018-2019

Summer Term 2019



June	8 th	FOMPS Stall at Morley Beer Festival
	11 th	Cycling proficiency Level 1 group 1 & 2 (yr 3&4)
	12 th	Cycling proficiency Level 1 group 3 (yr 3&4)
	12 th	Recorder Recital School Hall 2.45pm
	14 th	Parent Forum 9am
	16 th	Open gardens at Old Rectory, hosted by FOMPS
	18 th	Sports Day
	19 th	Cycling proficiency Level 1 group 1 (yr 5)
	20 th	Cycling proficiency Level 2 group 1 (yr 5)
	21 st	Class assembly - Pine Class Assembly 9am
	24 th - 28 th	Year 6 Residential to Isle of Wight
	24 th	New Reception transition session 1.30-3pm
	25 th	Cycling proficiency Level 1 group 2 (yr 5)
	26 th	Cycling proficiency Level 2 group 2 (yr 5)
	28 th	Class assembly - Oak Class Assembly 9am
July	1 st	New Reception transition session 1.30-3pm
	2 nd	Music Assembly 9am
	5 th - 6 th	Wyndham College transition days
	5 th	'Move up' day
	8 th - 11 th	Wyndham High transition days
	12 th	Crucial Crew for yr 6 - Easton College
	12 th	New Reception transition session 1.30-3pm
	17 th	Year 6 leavers' presentation 1.30pm
	19 th	Reports out
	19 th	End of Year Service - school hall 9am
	22-24 th	Attleborough Academy Transition days
	24 th	Last day of Term

