



# Morley CE VA Primary School



Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Laura Green

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

**Newsletter 01 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

## Value for life – Trust

### Upcoming events

09/09/18 - meet the teacher Rowan 9am  
10/09/18 - meet the teacher Willow 9am  
11/09/18 - meet the teacher Pine 9am  
17/09/18 - KS2 information session 2.45pm

### Current Clubs

Learn, Play, Grow 3.15 – 4.15 20/09/18 -?

Dear Parents / carers

### **Welcome back for the Autumn Term**

It was so lovely to see all of the children this week – slightly taller, new haircuts, shiny shoes: they were full of their summer stories! We also welcomed new children into our midst on Wednesday and, despite the trauma of changing schools, it feels as if they have always been part of our school. Well done to them for their courage and willingness to accept change.

We send a lot of information to parents at the beginning of the new academic year and our newsletters are posted on our website every Friday, but if there is anything you are unsure about, please ask. It is easy to overlook our new parents sometimes as some of what we do has become second nature, so don't hesitate to speak to one of us or use the red home/school contact book to seek clarification. We also have lots of useful information on our website, eg. school calendar, school brochure, our policies and your child's class information.

If you wish to catch me at any time, I will be based at Morley on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at Tacolneston on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Deputy Head Teacher – Mrs Easter – is available at Tacolneston on Thursday afternoons and all day Friday and she has management time at Morley on Thursday mornings. Our Senior Teacher at Tacolneston – Mrs Diaper – is also able to deal with parent queries if the class teacher is unable to help in the first instance. Our Office Manager, Mrs Ralphs can be contacted at the email address at the top of this letter if you need any information or would like to arrange a meeting with myself or Mrs Easter.

We are always looking for help from our community of parents and relatives and would really appreciate it if you were able to take part in any of the following activities:

### **Friends of Morley School – FOMPS**

We have a very dedicated and hardworking team of parents who support our work in school through their fundraising efforts. They are always looking for more help and would welcome any new members – even if you were only able to give a limited amount of time. The money raised by FOMPS has enabled us to buy books, furniture and play equipment in recent times. Look out for information about their first meetings this term.

### **Parent Forum**

We have had a great turnout for the Parent Forum meetings over the past year and I have found them helpful as a way of gaining understanding of the types of issues that parents are interested

in and are keen to know more about. If you have been one of our regulars, thank you for your continued contribution. If you haven't attended one of our meetings, do try to get along or send your comments and questions with a friend. We're very informal and babies and toddlers are welcome. The next meeting will be:

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9:00 to 10:00**

### **Helping Out**

- One of the most important ways in which you can support us, is by offering a small amount of time each week to **read stories to the children or hear them read to you.**
- Are you a practical person who could be of help in our afternoon **art and design technology** sessions or our **outdoor learning** sessions?
- Are you interested in finding out more about primary school teaching and would like to **support the learning** in a class?
- A small but dedicated team of parents regularly arrange a couple of hours on a Saturday morning for a school tidy up, eg. cleaning and clearing outdoor areas, light weeding, painting fences and play equipment etc. Could you spare a couple of hours once every half-term?

If you do have time to spare and would like to help us, please contact Mrs Ralphs to discuss times etc. Please note, that we have a policy of not placing volunteers in their own child's class.

### **Collective Worship and Our Value for This Term:**

This term, we are focusing on **'Trust'**:

***Trust** yourself; you know more than you think. (Benjamin Spock)*

*Never be afraid to **trust** an unknown future to a known God. (Corrie Ten Boom)*

***Trust** takes years to build, seconds to break. (Anon)*

I hope that you will support us by talking to your children about their thoughts and questions in relation to this Christian value.

If you would like to join us for Collective Worship, you would be very welcome. It takes place every day at 10:30 for 15 minutes. Just give us some notice as, due to timetable changes, we sometimes move it to a different time in the day. Your child's class will invite you to a special assembly later in the year and you will also receive invitations to our learning cafes. We will continue to have 'Come Dine With Me' this year (joining your child in the school hall for lunch), so please see our newsletter for information about this.

It is very exciting to be at the beginning of a new academic year – welcoming our 4 and 5 year olds to the start of their school life and watching all of our children developing and growing in skill, knowledge, confidence and love. Thank you for the **trust** that you place in us to do this work.

Best wishes



## Celebrations

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Reading Passports					
Reading Passport 4					
Going for Gold					
Merit Badge					
Bronze					
Silver					
Gold					
Platinum					
COURAGE		Nicole, Henry B	Mya		
TRUTHFULNESS					
RESPONSIBILITY					
SERVICE					
TRUST	Iris				
SELF RESPECT					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP					Luke
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
LOVE & COMPASSION					
PERSEVERANCE				Jack H	
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					
TEAMWORK					
WISDOM					

### Out of school achievements:

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Norfolk County summer reading challenge. Well done!

### Forms to be returned

Today every child will bring home an emergency information form. Although we have given every child an emergency contact form we only expect one per family to be returned.

### Reminder

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please can you arrange this with the school office. Before school is a valuable time for teachers to prepare resources and organize the classroom so please can I ask you not to 'pop in for a quick word' in the morning unless this has been arranged. Thank you.

### Music lessons

Music lessons will restart next week:

Recorder with Mrs Wensley on Mondays, Piano and/or recorder with Mrs Sturgess on Tuesdays or Wednesdays and Guitar with Mr Frost on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has their instrument and any music on the correct day. All children

requesting to start music lessons should have had a letter at the end of last term with details. Please inform the school office if you did not receive this information. We do still have some spaces available in all instruments. If any child is interested please contact the school office for further information.

### **P.E kit contributions**

If any families have any old sports kit they no longer require (shorts, t-shirts, joggers etc) I would really appreciate them. I would like to set up a spare kit box so on the odd occasion that a child forgets kit or can't find a t-shirt I have something for them so they don't miss their lesson. Miss Snowling.

### **Our Rewards System**

We are often asked by parents how our rewards system works:

**Values Certificates:** Given to children when they do something outstanding that shows an example of one of our values. Your child will receive at least one of these certificates during the year and they are given out during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

**House Points:** These are awarded in line with our Church school values for life and for sporting achievements. Examples might be: helping others; showing good team effort; going the extra distance for other people etc. Children record their house points on a class chart and the house with the most points is awarded a trophy at the end of the school year.

**Merits:** Merits are awarded in class by teachers, teaching assistants and learning support assistants. A merit will be awarded for individual effort or achievement. Examples might be: improving handwriting; getting spellings right; increasing the amount of independent reading that they are doing etc. The children have merit sheets and when they complete the sheets they earn a badge.

### **100 Club**

The winners of the Summer Term 100 club draw were:

1<sup>st</sup> prize £21 - Miss Snowling

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £11 - Mrs Anderson

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £5.50 - Mrs Leary

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. We shall set up a payment option on your school money account so once that goes live you will receive a text notification. If you prefer to pay in cash that is fine but we are not accepting cheques now. If any new parent would like to buy a number and be in with the chance of a money prize each term, please ask at the school office.

Have a lovely weekend

Laura Green

### **Attachments:**

- School Diary

# DIARY DATES 2019/2020



## AUTUMN TERM

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Rowan Class 'meet the teacher' 9am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Willow Class 'meet the teacher' 9am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Pine Class 'meet the teacher' 9am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September - KS2 Information session 2.45

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Sycamore reading café 9am

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Oak reading café 9am

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Festival, Deopham Church 9am

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Yr 6 height & weight screening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Rowan reading café 9am

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October KS1 to the Playhouse 'Oi Frog!'

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Pine reading café 9am

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parent consultations 9.00-11.30 and 3.30-6.00

**HALF TERM - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Willow reading café 9am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Norfolk Children's Book Festival

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Immunisation team

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Hansel and Gretel performance Years 1-5 10am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Willow assembly 9am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle service 2.15pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Performance KS1 2pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Carol Service 6-7pm Deopham Church

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - End of term 3.15pm

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**



## SPRING TERM

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Oak class reading café 9am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Sycamore reading café 9am

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Rowan reading café 9am

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Willow reading café 9am

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Pine reading café 9am

**HALF TERM - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing screening for Yr R

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Parent meetings 9.00-11.30 and 3.30-6.00

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Service at Deopham church (Pine to lead)

**EASTER HOLIDAYS - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**



## SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Eaton Vale residential for Yr 4

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday, School closed

**HALF TERM - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Pine class reading café 9am

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - London residential trip for Yr 5

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Oak class assembly 9am

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Willow reading café 9am

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Oak reading café 9am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Pine class assembly 9am

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Rowan reading café 9am

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Sycamore reading café 9am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Willow performance 2.30pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's service