

Morley CE VA Primary School

Newsletter 1 - 10/09/2021

Work together, learn together, grow together...

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to the school and greet the children who are full of summer stories. It is a delight to listen to them.

We have also enjoyed the 'normality' of whole school collective worship every day as well as seeing all the children together again at lunchtime.

There are a few items that I'd like to remind parents about:

End of day procedure for KS2 children

When the children are brought out of school at the end of the day, please can parents wait until the child is handed over to you? There have been instances this week when parents have removed their child from the back of the line without staff being aware. For the safety of the children, it is important that children are dismissed by school staff.

Break time snack for KS2 children

In line with our Norfolk Healthy School philosophy, children may only bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable if they want to have a snack at break time. Sugary fruit 'winders' do not count!

Care with hair

Please ensure your child's hair is tied back. Headlice are easily transmissible in school with free-flowing hair so let's not make it easy for them!

Wearing PE kit to school on PE days

We will continue with the practice of children coming to school in their PE kit on PE days. PE takes place on the following days:

Pine Class – Mondays and Wednesdays

Oak Class – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sycamore Class – Monday and Tuesdays

Rowan Class – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Willow Class – Tuesdays and Fridays

The use of the adventure play area

Children are not permitted to use the adventure play equipment after school as they are not being supervised by a member of staff. If you are catching up with other parents in the playground, please ensure your child remains on the playground with you and does not use the climbing equipment.

Attendance at school and legal intervention

[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. At Morley CE VA Primary School our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential. This is to remind all parents/carers regarding the law that 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.

In the DfE policy document entitled, 'School Attendance: Guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities' it states, '*Head teachers should not grant leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. **The application must be made in advance** and the head teacher must be satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstances of the case which warrant the leave. Where a leave of absence is granted, the head teacher will determine the number of days a pupil can be away from school. **A leave of absence is granted entirely at the head teacher's discretion***'.

If the school does not receive a request for leave, the head teacher will be unable to consider your individual circumstances and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. There will be no obligation on the head teacher to reconsider authorising the leave if an application has not been made in advance.

The Local Authority operates a system where any pupil will meet the criteria for legal intervention where they have:

- at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) lost to unauthorised absence by the pupil during the last 6 school weeks

The intervention could be in the form of a fixed penalty notice. Any pupil at Tacolneston CE VA Primary School / Morley CE VA Primary School who meets the criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

If a fixed penalty notice is issued the arrangement for the payment will be detailed on the penalty notice. The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of the receipt of the notice. The fixed penalty notice is per parent per child. You should be aware that failure to pay the total amount within the timescale will result in legal action being taken.

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

Other news:

Flu vaccinations

The East

Anglia School Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 15th November
Attached to the letter is a consent form which should be returned to the school office within a week – **even if you do not give consent**. Please look out for this information.

Swimming for Year 4 children

The children in Year 4 will start swimming sessions from Tuesday 14th September for six weeks. Year 4 children should bring a letter home today with more information and a consent form which must be returned to school before the first session.

Music lessons

Woodwind and recorder lessons start on Monday 13th September.
Piano lessons start on Tuesday 14th September/Wednesday 15th September
Children due to start an instrument will have received notification from the school office with further details as to cost and day.

Sycamore
Kay

Oak
Bailey
Nancy



Rowan
Max

Pine
Fleur

Celebrations

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Gold Book Award					
Reading Passports					
Going for Gold award					
KS1 Merit Badge					
Bronze (KS2)					
Silver (KS2)					
Gold (KS2)					
Platinum (KS2)					
COURAGE		Bailey	Alexander		
TRUTHFULNESS					
RESPONSIBILITY		Nancy			
SERVICE					
TRUST					
SELF RESPECT					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP			Anna		
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
JUSTICE					
PERSEVERANCE					Harvey
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					
HELPFULNESS					
CREATIVITY					

Useful Safeguarding links for parents

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online.
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations.
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support.
- [Internet Matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world.
- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online.

- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC and O2, including a guide to social networks, apps and games.
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation.
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services.

How to nurture a child's mental health



And Finally...

Heavenly Father,

Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.

Amen

Kind Regards

Alleen