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1 Peter 4:10*

Our Value for Life this term is Friendship

November 26th 2021

Dear parents and carers

Message from our new Chair of Governors

Hello everyone!

I thought I would take the opportunity to say hello and introduce myself. I am Alan Kent and I have been elected as Chair of the Governing Board for Tacolneston and Morley Primary Schools.

My granddaughter attends Morley School (and my grandson is at pre-school there) and I recently joined the Board as a (grand)parent governor -- some 20 years after a similar role elsewhere when my daughters were at a first school in Norfolk. I have a background in finance and my career has been mainly working in and with the NHS. I have lived in Norfolk for about thirty-five years. I am semi-retired now although I am on a Community NHS Trust Board and I still do some consultancy work mainly for primary care (GPs) and community care providers.

Main ways of relaxing are gardening and trying to play guitar (not that my wife finds that very relaxing!). Also, I am a lifelong supporter, and season ticket holder, of Lincoln City Football Club – an experience of many highs and lows.

I feel very privileged to be involved as Chair and I will do my best to ensure that, as a Governing Board, we enable everyone involved with the two schools to deliver the best possible education and learning environment for our children. I am sure you will join me in thanking Robert Culyer for his hard work and many achievements in his time with our schools as a Governor and Chair.

Kind regards
Alan Kent



Mastermind Quiz

We held the Mastermind quiz on Monday morning and it was wonderful to see how knowledgeable the children are on the things they have been learning in their classes. Our overall winner was Laura in Rowan class. But, it was hotly contested by Thomas in Oak and he was only just pipped to the post.

Scarlet from Pine, Edward from Sycamore and Eden from Willow certainly knew their facts too and were confident in front of the whole school - so congratulations must go to them all.

Baking events – 01.12.21

We have two events involving cake on Wednesday 1st December! The FOMPS are giving children the opportunity to take part in a Christmas Bake Off. Children are challenged to bake at home and bring their cakes in to school. A judging team will give awards for best in class and overall best bake. Every child who takes part will also receive a prize. We very much look forward to seeing your children's creations – maybe we have the next Nadiya Hussain among us!

The FOMPS are also holding a Christmas Bake Sale after school. This is a return to a much loved event after such a long time of not being able to host these sales. We would welcome any of your own cake donations on the day. You can bake it or fake it – FOMPS greatly appreciate any contributions.

Girls football event

On Tuesday this week, 8 of our Y5 and Y6 girls took part in a football tournament in Norwich. Thank you to Milena for the following write-up:

It was an amazing first game. We won one or two nil every game, except one. We ended up coming 5th place but we did win 'The Most Spirited School Football Team' award. Amelia did some fabulous penalties. Milena and Eden were great at tackling. Pippa and Yasemin were great midfielders. Emilia, Ebbany and Yasemin scored excellent goals. Emma was a fantastic goalie -she only let in one goal! Overall this was an amazing experience for us and we hope we can go again and try do even better! Thank you Mr Smith and Mr Clements for planning this for us! Congratulations to Tacolneston for coming 4th place in the tournament!

Attached to this newsletter is information about the Wildcats Girls Football centres.

Christingle

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your Christingle collecting 'candle'. Our Christingle Service is next Friday, December 3rd so any donations should be in by then please.

The collection goes to the Children's Society who reach and support children who have nowhere else to turn, help them to have their voices heard and give them hope for their future. Please help support this important charity by putting a donation in the 'candle' and returning it to the school. The children will present the candles at the service.

Christingle Oranges

Your child will be making their Christingles on Friday morning so they need to bring in an orange during next week. Please can you also make sure your child's hair is tied back as we will have lit candles.



Music Assembly – 24th November 9am School Hall

It was lovely that so many children put themselves forward to play in our music assembly. It was such an enjoyable event and it was wonderful to be able to welcome parents and carers to share it.

Well done to all the children who took part and of course to Mrs Sturgess and Mrs Wensley, our piano and woodwind teachers.

Charity hair donation

Katie in Rowan class is having her hair cut on Dec 4th and donating it to the charity - The Little Princess Trust who provide free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Katie's mum has set up a Just Giving page to raise some money towards the cost of making the wig (which is £550 per wig!). Anyone can donate to this if they would like to support this wonderful charity.

Please use the link below to donate or to find out more:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/linda-murray7>

Nativity Costume request

In the spirit of sustainability, reusing and recycling, we are hoping to create a 'wardrobe' of outfits for KS1 Christmas Nativity performances. Every year, children in Pine and Oak need some form of costume and this can be quite stressful for some time-strapped parents to organise. So if anyone has an outfit / costume their child has grown out of suitable for a nativity play we would be delighted to take it off your hands and start our collection. We would gladly accept shop bought or home-made outfits. Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you

Sugar Appeal for the homeless

Thank you to those parents who have already donated a bag of sugar. We now have **53** bags! Can we top this? There is just a week or so to go before the sugar is collected so if you haven't yet brought in a bag, perhaps you could pop a bag in your trolley at your next supermarket visit.



Christmas News

Christmas lunch

We shall be having our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December and this is the menu:



The cost of the lunch is £2.30 and payable in the usual way. There is no charge for children who are entitled to free school meals. We hope that most children will have a lunch on this day but if you know your child will definitely **not** want a school lunch or if your child would prefer the vegetarian option please can you inform the school office so the kitchen will have an idea of numbers.

Menu change

On Thursday 16th December, the kitchen will be cooking Christmas lunch for Tacolneston School so they need to adapt the menu for Morley on that day. Please note the choice available:

Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice or Vegemince bolognese with pasta (V)
Peas & sweetcorn

Ice cream tub

All will be allergy adapted if required.

There will be no jacket potato option on 15th or 16th December

Christmas Hamper

We hope to raise some funds for our Defibrillator campaign by offering hamper squares in the run up to the end of term. With this in mind, we would love to put together a fantastic hamper if possible with loads of high end goodies to tempt people into buying a few squares. To do this, however, we will need donations for the hamper. We would be so grateful if you have any good quality items you could donate. Items we are looking for:

- Preserves (jams & chutneys)
- Pate
- Biscuits (sweet & savoury)
- Posh napkins
- Festive candles
- Wine
- Spirits
- Chocolate
- Pickles
- Olives
- Festive nuts
- Mustard
- Mince pies
- Crackers
- Cheese (with a long shelf life!)
- Panettone
- Festive tea & coffee
- Fudge
- Anything else that you consider would make a Christmas hamper special



There will be a box in the reception area of the school for you to leave any yummy offerings!

Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun

The Festive HAF scheme is due to run during the Christmas holidays for 4 days from 20-23rd December for children aged 5-16 who are eligible for means tested free school

meals. The scheme will combine lots of fun activities to help keep children and young people busy before Christmas. Parents will be able to book places from 8th November using our school specific code which is **HAF238**

Click on the following link [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#) so you can start booking activities.

There are also activities available for families not eligible for free places.

EDP Books for Schools

The Eastern Daily Press are starting up their Books for Schools scheme again. We are registered to take part so please start saving the tokens and drop them in to the school office.



There is now a collection box in the school foyer for your tokens

100 Club – School fundraiser – it could be you . . .

For just £5.00 per number for the whole school year you are in for a great chance of winning cash prizes every term. If we can sell all 100 numbers we will have £60 every term to give away as well as raising money for the school. **Prizes of £30, £20 & £10.** Anyone who had a number last year will automatically keep their number(s) for this year and payment should be made on the SchoolMoney portal.



If you would like to buy a number (or two!) please contact the school office to find out which numbers are available to purchase.



FOMPS NEWS

Friends of Morley Primary School (FOMPS) are a group of parents and staff working together to fundraise much needed money to support extra resources for our students. This term we have a few events organised which we would like you to support.

01/12/21 - Children's Bake-Off cake challenge

01/12/21 - FOMPS Bake sale 3.15pm (Donations gratefully received!)

14/12/21 - KS1 Nativity Play Tea, Coffee and Mince pies available 9am

15/12/21 - Christmas Jumper Day (£1 'fine')

17/12/21 - FOMPS Children's disco KS1 6-7pm

17/12/21 - FOMPS Children's disco KS2 7.15 - 8.15pm

Further details to follow.

Celebrations

Pine Class
Evelyn



Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Star Readers			Anna Mark		
Going for Gold Award		Quillan			
Merit Badge				Heather	
Bronze					
Silver					
Gold					
Platinum					
EFFORT					
HELPFULNESS					
COURAGE					
SERVICE					
SELF RESPECT					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP	Darla				
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
LOVE & COMPASSION					
PERSEVERANCE		Sophie	Ella Elisa		
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					Amelia
CREATIVITY				Laura	
BRAVERY					

Out of school achievements:

Congratulations to Mark in Sycamore who has achieved a boxing trophy. Well done Mark!

House points

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh
302	289	285	320

And finally...

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God's varied grace
Amen*

Laura Green



Executive Headteacher

Newsletter additions:

- FOMPS Bake Off and Cake Sale posters
- Morley Out Of School Breakfast Club World Breakfast poster
- Attleborough Carnival poster
- Wymondham Abbey Fair poster
- Morley St Botolph Church event dates
- Diary Dates



FRIENDS OF MORLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
**THE GREAT MORLEY
CHRISTMAS
BAKE OFF**
1ST December

We invite all children to enter THE GREAT MORLEY BAKE OFF
if your child would like to enter then please bring their bake to the
school hall on the morning of the 1st Dec.

Prizes for best in class and
best overall bake

Every entry will receive a prize



FRIENDS OF MORLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
**THE GREAT MORLEY
CHRISTMAS
CAKE SALE**

Wednesday 1ST
December

3.15pm



¡Feliz Navidad! Frohe Weihnachten! Joyeux Noël!



Morley Out of School Breakfast Club

**Come and join us for a Christmas
Celebration Breakfast from around the world.**

Thursday December 16th

07:40- 08:40

**Usual terms and conditions apply
Please book through Staff at Preschool
By Friday 10th December 2021**



ATTLEBOROUGH CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

28th November 2021 1pm-6pm

Father Christmas

Arrives at Grotto: 2pm

Lights Switched on at: 4.15pm



Crafts

Fun Fair

Gifts

Food

ABBEY DAYS 

Live Music
Stalls & Gifts
Bar & Mulled Wine
Lantern Parade
Street Food

CHRISTMAS FAIR
at WYMONDHAM ABBEY

 Saturday
27th Nov
from 10



ST BOTOLPHS CHURCH, MORLEY ST BOTOLPH, NR18 9TH

HIGH OAK CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 11TH – SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER
10.30AM – 4.30PM**



**Display of Christmas Trees from the
organisations/churches/schools and residents of the parish
of High Oak**

Sunday 2.30pm - 1st Wicklewood Guides Carol Concert

Light refreshments / Childrens craft table / Raffle

Sunday 12th - 6pm - Christingle Service

All Welcome

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

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- 01/12/21 – Children’s Christmas Bake-Off
- 01/12/21 – FOMPS Bake sale 3.15pm
- 03/12/21 – Vision & Sight screening for Year R
- 03/12/21 – Measurement screening for Year 6
- 03/12/21 – Christingle Service 2pm School Hall (children only)
- 14/12/21 – KS1 Nativity Play 9am
- 15/12/21 – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 ‘fine’)
- 15/12/21 – Carol Service 9am
- 17/12/21 – Termly Progress reports sent out
- 17/12/21 – FOMPS Children’s disco KS1 6-7pm
- 17/12/21 – FOMPS Children’s disco KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm
- 17/12/21 – End of Autumn Term

Spring Term

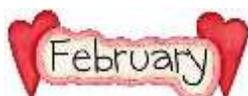


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January

- 06/01/22 – Children return to school
- 22/01/22 – FOMPS disco for adults
- 28/01/22 – Oak Class Reading Café - 9am



- 01/02/22 – Pine Class Reading Café – 9am
- 10/02/22 – Sycamore Class Reading Café – 9am
- 14/02/22 – 18/02/22 HALF TERM
- 23/02/22 – Rowan Class Reading Café – 9am



- 02/03/22 – Willow Class Reading Café – 9am
- 09/03/22 - Parent session on online safety – after school (times tbc)



- 01/04/22 – Termly Progress Reports sent out
- 01/04/22 – End of Spring Term

Summer Term



20/04/22 – Children return to School

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09-12/05/22 – KS2 SATs

19/05/22 – Sycamore Class Assembly, School Hall 9am



07/06/22 – Attleborough Academy Passport Day

20–24/06/21 – Residential visit to the Isle of Wight

21/06/22 – Attleborough Academy Transition day

22/06/22 – Attleborough Academy Year 6 parents evening

23/06/22 – Pine Class Assembly, School Hall 9am

29/06/22 – Oak Class Assembly, School Hall 9am



01/07/22 – Sports Day & picnic lunch

01/07/22 – FOMPS Summer Fair

05 – 07/07/22 – Wymondham High Transition days

08/07/22 – Wymondham College Transition Day

09/07/22 – Wymondham College Transition Day

11/07/22 – 13/07/22 – Year 4 residential to Horstead

19-21/07/22 – Attleborough Academy Transition days

22/07/22 – End of term

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