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1 Peter 4:10*

Our Value for Life this term is Friendship

December 3rd 2021

Dear parents and carers

The Great Children's Christmas Bake-Off

What a magnificent turn out for our first Morley Bake-off challenge! Children rose to the occasion by producing a wonderful array of cakes, muffins, cupcakes and biscuits. It made judging a very difficult task as it was obvious how much effort the children had put in to making their festive offerings.

The class winners were:

Willow – Evie
Rowan – Lilly
Sycamore – Ella
Oak – Ollie
Pine – George



It was decided the overall winner was Ella in Sycamore.
Well done to you all!

The After Bake-Off Bake sale!

The FOMPS set up a stall for the cakes to be sold at the end of the school day and despite the weather (gazebos needed to be hastily assembled), sold all the bakes contributed plus additional offerings that had been brought in by parents. I am delighted to let you know the FOMPS raised a whopping amount of **£229.60**.

Thank you as always to our hard-working and dedicated FOMPS for organising this very successful event; particularly Nicola B, Nicola S and Yvette who spent much of Wednesday trolleying cakes back and forth! Thanks too to those parents who supported the event by encouraging their children to bake and of course to those who bought any of the goodies. All the empty cake tins and boxes are in the school entrance foyer. Please come and collect any time.

Sugar Appeal for the homeless

Thank you to those parents who have already donated a bag of sugar. We still have **53** bags! Can we top this? The sugar is being collected in the morning of Tuesday 7th December 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 Hamper

Thank you to all those who have generously contributed to our Christmas Hamper. There is no doubt we shall be able to put together more than one hamper!

If you would still like to donate an item, we are still hoping to include;

- Mustard
- Festive nuts
- Crackers
- Pickles
- Festive tea lights/candles



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

Hamper Squares

Your child brought home a sheet of hamper squares at the beginning of the week. It would be really appreciated if you could sell some squares for the chance to win a lovely hamper.

Please bring the sheet and any money raised to the school office.

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>

Christmas food vouchers for children eligible for means-tested free school meals

We are delighted that Norfolk County Council will continue to use the grant from the government's DWP Household Support Fund to work with food voucher company, Edenred, to provide support for all families with children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals.

The amount will be a one-off payment of £55 per eligible child and the voucher will be issued on Monday 20th December

The £55 is based on the usual £15 per child per week for the 2 weeks of the holiday, plus an additional £25 per child to help families free up household finances in advance of an anticipated rise in energy costs in January and to try and help children enjoy a better Christmas than they might otherwise have.



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Assistance Scheme

Are you worried about getting through the winter financially?

We can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water and other essentials.

Do you fall into any of these groups?

- Reduced income
- Redundant – reduced working hours
- Unexpected expenditure
- Recently lost employment
- Struggling with utility bill arrears
- Need transport to get back to work



The fastest way to apply is online: www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS

If you do not have internet access, call **0344 800 8020**

To discuss an open application, call **01603 223392 OPTION 5**

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

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.



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

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.

FOMPS are also part of the Big PTA Christmas Raffle (poster with all the details at the end of this newsletter). To purchase any tickets please use the following link:

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/morley-va-school-nr18>

Celebrations

Pine Class
Eva



Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Star Readers		Orla Frankie			
Going for Gold Award					
Merit Badge	Scarlet				
Bronze					
Silver					
Gold					
Platinum					
EFFORT					
HELPFULNESS					
COURAGE					
SERVICE	George				
SELF RESPECT					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP					
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
LOVE & COMPASSION					
PERSEVERANCE	Bill	James	Martha	Katie	Verity
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					
CREATIVITY					
BRAVERY					

Out of school achievements:

Congratulations to Polly and Baxter who both earned Blue Peter badges for drawings they sent in.

Well done to James in Sycamore who won a gymnastic competition recently.

House points

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh
325	317	310	341

And finally...

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God's varied grace
Amen*

Laura Green



Executive Headteacher

Newsletter additions:

- Santa's Grotto event
- Happy Sports Christmas Sports Camp
- The Big PTA Christmas Raffle Poster
- Morley Out Of School Breakfast Club World Breakfast poster
- Morley St Botolph Church event dates
- Diary Dates



MORLEY PRE SCHOOL

Where Learning meets play

Saturday 18th December 1-5pm



Santa's Grotto

Morley School Hall

Santa's Grotto, storytelling, Christmas crafts, refreshments and more!

Book your slot with Santa here: <https://www.picktime.com/MorleyPreschoolSanta>

Each child will receive a gift and there will be opportunities for photos. If your preferred slot is booked, there will be further capacity on the day!

All proceeds in aid of Morley PreSchool, Registered Charity no. 1036636



Happy Sports Christmas...

SPORTS CAMP MULTI SPORTS

20th DEC

Hockey, Gymnastics, Capture the flag

21st DEC

Football, Dodgeball, Floorball

22nd DEC

Basketball, Hockey, Handball

23rd DEC

Benchball, Football, Festive activities

Morley Primary School | 9am-3pm | £12pp per day

Book now by emailing coach Mike: Happysports@yahoo.com



Parentkind



**Bring a little sparkle
and festive cheer this year!**

WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- ★ Help boost PTA fundraising
- ★ Tickets cost just £3
- ★ 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- ★ PLUS! A special prize draw worth £2,500 for all PTAs selling 120 tickets or more!



BUY TICKETS

Don't delay – buy your tickets today!

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Christmas Raffle will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 12th Dec 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

¡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**





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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- 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

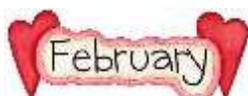


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January

- 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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