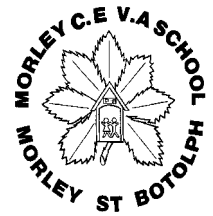


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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

Our Value for Life this term is Friendship

December 10th 2021

Dear parents and carers

St. Benet's Academy Trust

The governors and I have received news from the Regional Schools Commissioner this week telling us that we have been given the go ahead to join St. Benet's Academy Trust. In terms of timescale, we are aiming for this to take place by May 2022. This is wonderful news for us. We have been working with the St. Benet's team this term, as associate members of their trust, and have benefitted from some excellent training and support. We are very excited about the improvements that our relationship with the St. Benet's family of schools will bring for all of our children and our community. I will continue to provide updates on this venture in the new year.

KS1 Nativity

The children in Pine and Oak Classes will be performing their Nativity play on Tuesday 14th December at 9.15am. There will also be a final dress rehearsal on Monday 13th December at 9.15am. Up to two parents of children in those classes are invited to ONE of the performances. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available from the FOMPS refreshment stall.

A face covering must be worn throughout the performance and hands sanitised (there is a dispenser in the hall foyer). We would also ask that you take a lateral flow test before coming into school.

KS2 Carol Service – 15/12/21

Unfortunately we are not able to hold our Carol Service at Deopham Church this year. We shall, therefore, host the service in the school hall at 9am on Wednesday morning. The service involves the children in Rowan, Willow and Sycamore classes and we warmly welcome up to two family members of KS2 children to attend. Please ensure you wear a mask, use sanitizer and take a lateral flow test prior to arriving at school.

In order for us to get an idea of numbers for these performances, I would be grateful if you would click on the link below and indicate your performance choice. This form covers both the Nativity performance and Carol Service. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/r/c6qhpxQM9s>

Cuddly toys

Chloe in Willow has recently had a sort out and has decided to rehome her large family of cuddly toys! These will be available in the school hall foyer next week to anyone who can give them a new home. There will be a donation box for our defibrillator fund so if you take a toy or two, you might want to pop a few pennies in the box. Thank you to Chloe for coming up with this great idea!

Sugar Appeal for the homeless

Thank you to those parents who donated sugar. We had a total of **58** kilos which has now been collected. The charity organisers wanted me to pass on their very grateful thanks to all those who contributed.



Tissues

Please can we ask parents to provide their child with tissues to use in school; there are many children in school at the moment with colds and runny noses. Thank you.

Christmas Hamper

Thank you to all those who have generously contributed to our Christmas Hamper. We have been able to put together 3 hampers which will be on display in the hall foyer from Monday.



Hamper Squares

Your child brought home a sheet of hamper squares last 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 by Wednesday 15th December.

Christmas lunch

Don't forget it's Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December! If you haven't already done so, please can you email the office if your child wants the vegetarian option or if you know your child will **NOT** be having a school dinner on this day.

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 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.

Wow and thank you.

In October, Reverend Lydia set a competition for the local schools to produce some new lyrics to go with the music of a chosen Christmas Carol.

Each class then submitted the lyrics for their chosen carol as well as a vocal recording. On Sunday, the Upper Tas Valley Benefice Congregation turned into the Strictly Music panel and had a brilliant time listening to the carols.

Reverend Lydia asked the congregation what they wanted to say to the children and some of their comments were:

'A big well done and thank you'

'Congratulations'

'Very enthusiastic singing'

'Well done - and also thank you to the teachers for enabling it to happen'

'The lyrics were nicely thought through'

'The coming of Jesus at Christmas is very important to us and the carols added to our enjoyment and excitement'

'The carols were all full of joy and hope and looking forward'

'The lead singers were robust'

The prizes are for the winners' carols to be sung at a Carol Service - with the first prize being sung on Christmas Eve.

In 4th place - Oak Class at Morley with

'We three Kings of Morley''

This will be sung at the Candlelit Carol Service at Wreningham at 7pm on Tuesday 14th December - we hope it's alright to change the Kings' home to 'Wreningham' for one night only!

In 3rd place - Kingfishers and Robins at Tacolneston with

'The 12 Days of Christmas'

This will be sung at the Christingle at 3.30pm on 19th December at Tacolneston Church

In 2nd place - The Tacolneston School Choir with

'Away in a Village'

This will be sung at Hapton Church at the Carol Service at 3pm on the 18th December

And in 1st place - Eagles at Tacolneston with

'The Presents and the Baubles'

This will be sung at Forngett St Peter Church Carol Service at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve

Well done to everybody for their fantastic efforts with this task. The congregation loved all of your entries and the voting was very close. I am really proud of everybody for the fantastic ideas that you came up with for your lyrics and the way that you sang your carols.

Miss Grant (Federation Music Lead)

Norfolk Assistance scheme



Norfolk 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

APPLY TO THE NORFOLK ASSISTANCE SCHEME!

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**

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.

EDP Books for Schools

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

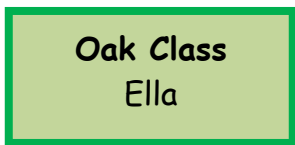


Friends of Morley Primary School (FOMPS) are a group of parents and staff working together to fundraise much needed money to support extra resources for our students. This term we have a few events organised which we would like you to support

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.

Celebrations



| Value Achievements | Pine | Oak | Sycamore | Rowan | Willow |
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| Star Readers | Sienna Scarlet | | | | |
| Going for Gold Award | | | Maiya | | |
| Merit Badge | Aliona-Rose | | | | |
| Bronze | | | | | |
| Silver | | | | | |
| Gold | | | | | |
| Platinum | | | | | |

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| EFFORT | | | | | |
| HELPFULNESS | | | | | |
| COURAGE | Rachel Ella | | | | |
| SERVICE | | | | Martha | |
| SELF RESPECT | | | | | |
| FORGIVENESS | | | | | |
| GENEROSITY | | | | | |
| FRIENDSHIP | | | | | Aamil |
| RESPECT | | Molly | | | |
| KOINONIA | | | | | |
| LOVE & COMPASSION | | | | | |
| PERSEVERANCE | Graciemay | | Alexander | | |
| HUMILITY | | | | | |
| KINDNESS | | | | | |
| CREATIVITY | | | | | |
| BRAVERY | | | | | |

Two further special mentions this week:

Congratulations to Evie in Rowan who has achieved level 2 in touch typing – well done Evie!

A big cheer and round of applause to Martha in Rowan who, together with mum Alison, has been braving the autumnal (and now winter) weather every Thursday afternoon to sell pre-loved books to raise money for our defibrillator fund. Martha has now raised £120 which is a phenomenal achievement and so deserving of the special certificate and voucher presented to her today by our FOMPS.

House points

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| Blickling | Felbrigg | Holkham | Oxburgh |
| 367 | 357 | 352 | 385 |

And finally...

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God's varied grace
Amen*

Laura Green



Executive Headteacher

Newsletter additions:

- Children's Christmas Discos poster
- Santa's Grotto event
- Happy Sports Christmas Sports Camp
- Diary Dates

FRIENDS OF MORLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



DISCO

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

KS1 – 6PM-7PM (WITH SANTA)

KS2 – 7.15PM-8.15PM

PRICE £3.00 – PAYABLE ON THE DOOR

SCHOOL HALL

Tuck shop available for KS2





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

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
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- 17/12/21 – End of Autumn Term

Spring Term

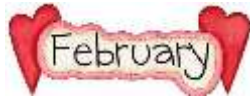


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January

- 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
- 08/03/22 - 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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