



Morley Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Mr Carlyle

This is the end of our first full week of the autumn term and I'm really pleased with the way the children have settled back into the rhythm of school. There is a very purposeful atmosphere in every classroom and a sense of enthusiasm for learning, which comes through strongly when I talk to the children. We are of course very much looking forward to welcoming our reception children in full time from next week – I'm sure a great many of them are raring to go.

As it is the start of term, it is always a good opportunity to check the contact information we have for you, as well as emergency contact details. It's also important that if there is someone different picking up your child from school that you let the office teams know, so this can be relayed to the class teachers.

As you may be aware, the post of executive headteacher of Tacolneston and Morley has been advertised over the last few weeks and I have had the pleasure of showing some prospective candidates round, as well as speaking to others on the phone. The interview process is due to take place next week and I will of course let you know the outcome of that in due course.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle

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Allergies - Updated

We have an anaphylaxis risk to **Sesame** in school. Since this condition could be life-threatening, we are asking parents and carers to help us minimise the risks. Parents and carers should ensure that any food brought into school does not include sesame.

Our lunchtime supervisors will remind children not to share their lunches to protect those with allergies.

We have children in school with allergies so can we remind you that we are a nut-free school. Please ensure that if your child is bringing in a packed lunch, it has no nut ingredients.

We are no longer able to accept birthday treats/sweets to be distributed for a child's birthday. This applies to all classes.

Message for Pine Class

We just wanted to say a big 'well done' to all the new Pine Class children. They have begun their school journey with courage, friendship and trust and we are truly blessed to have them in our school community.

We also welcome Mrs Goodfellow as our Teaching Assistant in Pine. She brings with her lots of experience so we are very grateful that she is with us!

Mrs Easter and Mrs Botting

Message for Year 3 & Year 5 pupils

Please can your child bring in one patterned or multi-coloured sock? This will be used to store the ocarina which they will be playing in music lessons. Please ensure your child can recognise their sock! Thank you
Miss Grant

Helping Out

We actively encourage parents to support us by helping out in school if you have any spare time to volunteer. Here are some suggestions:

- 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.

School App

We have a school app for parents which is useful for reporting absences or other messages, seeing your child's attendance, permissions held and contact details for your child. It is also a useful tool for the school if we need to send parents a message. If you would like to use the App, it can be downloaded from your usual App store (the App is called Scholarpack). You will need a link-up code to activate the App which is generated by the school office. Please let us know if you would like a link-up code.

Anxiety in children workshop

We continue to work with the Mental Health Support Team in Schools (MHSTS) in the year ahead. The team have previously worked with parents/carers to support children with mild to moderate anxieties. This year they will be increasing their support further by delivering staff training, leading assemblies and facilitating workshops in school for pupils and parents/carers.

Coming back to school can bring a range of mixed feelings and those morning drop-offs can be tricky to begin with. Some children find it harder to leave their family members and settle back into school life and need a little help at the gate to say goodbye. Others find the change of classroom, teaching staff and new routines more difficult to manage.

Does this sound familiar? If so then why not attend our first event for parents/carers on Wednesday 20th September 2 – 3pm in the school hall at Morley. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

In this session the MHSTS team include topics such as;

- What is anxiety?
- What causes anxiety?
- When does anxiety become a problem?
- What will we see at home/school?
- How to help an anxious child

If you would like to take part in this workshop please let the school office know and they will add your name to the list. Alternatively you can follow this link to a very short Google form. <https://forms.gle/CLJ5rwUF5LJ3sUiH6>

There is no limit on numbers to feel free to bring a partner, friend or relative.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards
Laura Ketley
Deputy Head and SENCO

Design Technology Contribution

During the year your child/children will have the experience of cooking, other culinary experiences and the involvement in all aspects of **Design Technology**, such as clay model making, using electrical circuits and various art and craft materials. Due to the ever increasing pressure on school budgets, we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 (*per child*) for the whole year to cover the cost of purchasing extra items needed for Design Technology. We have set up the payment on the SchoolMoney portal.

Mr Smith's After School Sports Clubs

As you may already be aware, Mr Smith's role has changed slightly and therefore can only offer his after school sports clubs on a Monday and Tuesday this academic year. He will change the sports each term.

For this term, the sports will be:-

Monday (KS2) football 3:15-4:30 (£3 per session).

Tuesday (All classes) Dodgeball 3:15-4:30 (£3 per session).

Book via email at: happysports@yahoo.com

Green Halloween

Wymondham Abbey is holding a Green Halloween event on Tuesday, 31st October starting at 4:30pm in the churchyard. There will be bat, moth and bug hunting led by Wymondham Nature Group and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust members. Dusk is at 5pm so bring your torches!

Enjoy home-made pumpkin soup and hot chocolate in the café, and lots of craft activities inside the abbey until 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome (no unaccompanied minors), donations appreciated. To find out more contact Hilary on (01953) 605672 or see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

Friends of Morley School – FOMPS

We have a very dedicated and hardworking team of parents/carers 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.

Rowan Class
Ollie

Oak Class
Fleur



Celebrations

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Star Readers					
Reading Passport					
Going for Gold Award					
Merit Badge					
Bronze					
Silver				Frankie	
Gold					
Platinum					
EFFORT					
HELPFULNESS					
COURAGE					
SERVICE					
SELF RESPECT					

RESPONSIBILITY					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP					
RESPECT		Hattie			
KOINONIA					
COMPASSION					
PERSEVERANCE			Penelope	Mikey	
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					Blake
CREATIVITY					
BRAVERY					
JUSTICE					
TRUST					

Out of school achievements:

Congratulations to Evie in Willow and Hermione in Rowan who won horse rosettes – well done to you both!

House Points

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
Amen

Additions:

- Green Halloween Poster
- CB Drama Classes poster
- Diary dates



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HALLOWEEN

Tuesday 31 October



4.30 – 6.30 p.m.



Join us for a nature-themed Halloween event for all ages

in the Wymondham Abbey church and churchyard

- ❖ Starts 4.30 pm with a blessing of the churchyard
- ❖ Craft activities inside the church
- ❖ Bat, Moth and Bug-hunting with WyNG (Wymondham Nature Group) & NWT (Norfolk Wildlife Trust) members.
- ❖ Homemade Pumpkin Soup to enjoy
- ❖ Come in old clothes and bring a torch, waterproofs and wellies for exploring our amazing churchyard wildlife

To find out more, contact Hilary on 01953 605672



FREE event - no need to book – just come along and enjoy yourselves !

Wymondham Abbey, Church Street, Wymondham NR18 0PH

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Wymondham Abbey Church

CB DRAMA'S Class at Spooner Row Village Hall

Thursdays at 5:15-6:15 pm

CB Drama specialises in teaching drama to children of all ages and ability. It aims to teach and mentor students to the highest levels in the subject it covers. Using a structured and creative approach to training and teaching in the following areas;

- Drama, building confidence, role play, dressing up.
- Movement, mime, poetry, speech.
- Television and film technique.
- LAMDA examinations.

If interested please contact Carl Bradley on 07810263938 or via email: carlbradleyckb@gmail.com

For more information, please take a look at CB Drama's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Diary Dates Autumn Term

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20/09/23 – Child anxiety workshop – school hall, 2-3pm



09/10/23 – RWI/Phonics Parent Workshop – Pine Class 8.50am
w/c 16/10/23 – Harvest Festival (date TBC)

23/10/23 – 27/10/23 – HALF TERM

w/c 30/10/23 – Parent Consultations



10/11/23 – School Photographer in school (Individual & siblings)
14/11/23 – Pine Class Reading Café 9am
15/11/23 – Willow Class Assembly 9am
16/11/23 – Pine Class to Norwich Playhouse
23/11/23 – Pine Class Parent workshop – Fine Motor/Mark Making 8.50am
24/11/23 – Flu Nasal Immunisation for all year groups



w/c 04/12/23 – Christingle (date TBC)
05/12/23 – Vision & hearing check for year R & year 6
20/12/23 – Last day of term

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Spring Term



January

04/01/24 – Children return to school
18/01/24 – Maths parent Workshop – Pine Class 8.50am
26/01/24 – Willow Class Reading Cafe



06/02/24 – Safer Internet Day
07/02/24 – Sycamore Reading Café 9am

19/02/24 – 23/02/24 HALF TERM

w/c 26/02/24 – Parent Consultations



05/03/24 – Parent Writing Workshop – Pine 8.50am
07/03/24 – World Book Day
27/03/24 – End of Spring term 3.15pm