



## Morley Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Message from Mr Carlyle

With one more week to go before half term, I'm struck by how quickly this term is progressing. The children are very much into the rhythm and flow of their learning and I have seen a number of fantastic pieces of work over the last few days. It's always a pleasure to give someone a 'headteacher's award' sticker and to hear them talk about what they have been doing.

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for the parents' consultation evenings for the week after half term. Hopefully this will provide a useful insight into some of the areas of the curriculum that the children have been studying and will provoke conversations at home with your children. Talking about their learning is a really effective way for the children to recall key pieces of knowledge, which in turn will be valuable for future lessons.

The attendance at Morley for this academic year so far is 95%. Having high attendance is a key predictor of positive academic outcomes and this is borne out in the data at a national level. For the last academic year, looking at outcomes across the country, pupils at the end of key stage 1 (year 2) were far more likely to have achieved the expected standard for children of their age in reading, writing and maths if their attendance was close to 100%. The data shows us that 68% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths if their attendance was either 99% or 100% for the year. This drops to 56% achieving all three if their attendance was 95%. If the attendance was 90% then only 46% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. There is a similar picture at the end of year 6. 71% of children nationally achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths where their attendance was 99% or 100%. Where the attendance was 95% for the year then the percentage achieving the expected standard was 61% and for 90% attendance attainment in all three areas fell to 48%. Outcomes for year 6 are an indicator of potential results at GCSE too, so it is vital that we all work together to ensure that our attendance figures are as good they can possibly be.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing many of you at the harvest service next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mark Carlyle

#### Morley C of E Primary Academy

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## Parent Consultations

Face to face Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 31st October and Thursday 2nd November, from 3.30pm - 6.30pm (finish times might differ slightly between classes). Please make your appointment/s using the class sign-up sheets in the foyer by the school office. Thank you.

## Christmas Sugar Appeal

Many of you will know that each year, at this time, we ask each family to donate a bag of sugar for a local charity that supports the homeless. In previous years you have been very generous to this worthwhile charity so we would like you to support it again this Christmas by sending a bag (or 2!) of sugar to the school office.



## Harvest Festival

This year, our Harvest Festival Service will be held in the school hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Parents and carers are warmly welcome to join us for this lovely service which will be led by Oak Class. We would like to support the Wymondham Foodbank so any contributions of non-perishable goods on the day would be hugely appreciated. We have been in touch with the Foodbank to ask which items they need the most:-

**Tinned meat- especially Fray Bentos**  
**Tinned fish**  
**Soup**  
**Pot noodles**  
**Pasta**  
**Pasta Sauce**  
**Long life dairy milk**  
**Long life oat milk**  
**Tinned fruit**  
**Tinned custard or creamed rice**  
**Microwave rice in packets**  
**Wet and dry food for cats and for dogs**  
**Shampoo**  
**Conditioner**  
**Shower gel**  
**Toothpaste**  
**Roll on deodorant**

We hope that even in these costly times, you might be able to donate an item from the above list for a very worthy and local cause. Thank you.

## Trip payment reminders

The deposit payment of £25 for the Year 4 trip to Horstead is due. This is payable on the SchoolMoney portal.

Payment for the Pine Class visit to the Norwich Playhouse in November is also available on the SchoolMoney portal

Thank you to those who have already paid.

### **Autumn/Winter menu**

Norse have sent us their Autumn/Winter menu. The new menu will run from October 30<sup>th</sup> and a copy is attached with this newsletter. If your child is registered for a modified menu, a copy will be sent to you as soon as it becomes available.

### **Mesozoic Maths at The Forum**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, join the Outreach Team at The Forum in Norwich for a fun-filled day of interactive mathematics activities. Visitors can try their hand at a range of T-rrific tasks with members of Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form's excellent teaching team to be in with a chance of winning a roar-some prize. There's no need to register for this event, details of which can be found on [The Forum website](#).

### **Message from Friends of Morley School – FOMPS**

Thank you to everyone who completed the FOMPS survey, we have confirmed dates for this term which have been added to the School calendar - please come along and support the events you can!

Events to look out for:

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Non-uniform day, (please bring a donation for the Rainbow Raffle)
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Winter Fayre 12-3pm
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Family quiz 4-6pm
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Childrens Bake-off and after school Bake sale

As part of the Winter Fayre we will be having a 'Rainbow Raffle' and 'Barrow of Booze' raffle - please bring your rainbow items and bottle donations to the office before 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you from the FOMPS team

### **Reminders**

#### **Request from Willow Class**

The children in Willow will be making puppets and need kitchen roll tubes and fabric scraps. If you have anything suitable that you can donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. This is a great opportunity to get a 'foot in the door' in terms of working in schools and I hope that it is something that may be of interest.

We are looking for someone to work Monday to Friday 12pm-1.30pm (7.5 hours per week), £10.60 per hour. For an informal chat please speak to a member of the office team.

#### **Nasal Flu Vaccine**

We sent out information regarding the nasal flu vaccine recently. Hopefully you have read the information and used the link to give consent. Please can we urge all parents and carers to log on – **even if you don't give consent**. This will ensure the team doesn't have to chase up missing consents/non-consents. Attached to this newsletter is a parent information sheet. The website to give consent is:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/norfolk>

# Celebrations



Rowan Class  
Ella

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Star Readers					
Reading Passport					
Going for Gold Award					
Merit Badge					
Bronze					
Silver					
Gold					
Platinum					
EFFORT					
HELPFULNESS					
COURAGE					Evie
SERVICE			Josie	Jacob	
SELF RESPECT					
RESPONSIBILITY					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP		Darla			
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
COMPASSION			Josie		
PERSEVERANCE					Evie
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					
CREATIVITY					
BRAVERY					
JUSTICE					
TRUST					

**Out of school achievements:** Martha in Willow competed at Easton at the County gymnastics championships. She won bronze for her floor routine and silver for bars. Also a 4th place position overall out of 16 gymnasts – fantastic achievement Martha!

## House Points

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh
181	161	138	168

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

Additions:

- Plan Bee course information
- Beetle Drive poster
- Diary dates



### **Plan Bee – Understanding and supporting your child or young person with additional needs**

'Plan Bee' is a FREE 3 week course aimed at parents or carers of children or young people with additional needs including **suspected** or **diagnosed Autism or ADHD**.

During the three week course, we will explore:

- Understanding the full range of needs your child may have.
- Developing a plan to support your child in situations they may find difficult which can then be shared with grandparents, schools and others.
- Strategies for creating an environment in which your child or young person can thrive.
- Sharing experiences, challenges and successes with other parents experiencing similar issues and learning from these.



#### **December 2023**

Tuesday 5th December 10.00 12.00 noon

Tuesday 12th December 10.00 to 12.00 noon

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 to 12.00 noon

At

**Banham Primary School- 37 Crown Street -Banham - Norfolk –  
NR16 2EX**

**To book call 01760 725801 or email**

**[Swaffham@family-action.org.uk](mailto:Swaffham@family-action.org.uk)**



# **BEETLE DRIVE**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**



**6.30 pm**



**At Gralix Hall, Deopham**

**Adults £3**

**Primary Children £1**

**Refreshments or bring your own**

**TOMBOLA (donations welcomed)**

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**In Aid of Deopham Play Park Project**

**(contact 07826 498212)**

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## Diary Dates Autumn Term



16/10/23 – Football event for some Y3-Y6 girls – Goals Norwich  
19/10/23 – Harvest Festival (donations for Wymondham Foodbank)  
20/10/23 – Non uniform day (donation for Rainbow Raffle please)

### **23/10/23 – 27/10/23 – HALF TERM**

31/10/23 – Parent Consultations from 3.30pm



01/11/23 - Cross Country Event for some Y3 – Y6 – Langley School  
02/11/23 – Parent Consultations from 3.30pm  
02/11/23 – FOMPS AGM 7.30pm  
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  
18/11/23 – FOMPS Winter Fair 12-3pm  
23/11/23 – Pine Class Parent workshop – Fine Motor/Mark Making  
8.50am  
24/11/23 – Flu Nasal Immunisation for all year groups  
25/11/23 – FOMPS Family Quiz 4-6pm  
30/11/23 – Tag Rugby event for some Y5&Y6



04/12/23 – Children's festive bake off competition and after school bake sale  
w/c 04/12/23 – Christingle (date TBC)  
05/12/23 – Vision & hearing check for year R & year 6  
11/12/23 – Panathlon for some KS2 children  
13/12/23 – Christmas lunch  
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