



Morley Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Mr Carlyle

I wanted to begin by saying a huge 'thank you' to the FOMPS for the winter fayre. It was wonderful to see lots of people in school last weekend and this wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the team. I'd also like to thank the children who helped out on the day – they were amazing! Thank you also to those of you who were able to come – your generosity directly makes a difference to the children in school through the things that that will be able to access as a result of the fundraising.

We have had a slightly disrupted week this week, with the hall being out of action on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I'm happy to say that it is back up and running and normal service has been resumed. We have very much missed the space at lunchtime but also those times when we come together as a school community for collective worship.

Our attendance levels for the term have generally been positive and we hope to continue this trajectory. It is perhaps worth reemphasising that 9 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 6 week period (the equivalent of 4 and a half days) will trigger a referral to the Norfolk Attendance Team, who can then pursue a fixed penalty notice. Information of this can be found here

[Fixed penalty notice for unauthorised absence - Norfolk County Council](#)

If you think that this may be applied and you would like to discuss this then please let the school office know.

Mr Phoenix, the incoming executive headteacher, will be visiting the school next week. We are very much looking forward to seeing him and having spoken to him this week via a Google Meet, I know that he cannot wait to get started.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mark Carlyle

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Christmas News & Dates

The Great Children's Christmas Bake-Off 04/12/23

We have two events involving cake on Monday 4th 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.



The FOMPS will then hold a Christmas Bake Sale after school which will be your chance to buy some of the wonderful Christmas bakes. We would also welcome any of your own cake donations on the day – FOMPS greatly appreciate any contributions.

Christingle Service – Friday 8th December

Today your child will bring home a collection 'candle' prior to our Christingle Service which will take place on Friday 8th December in the school hall during the afternoon (this service is just for children). 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 from Monday. The children will present the candles at the service. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch

We shall be serving Christmas Lunch to the children on Wednesday 13th December. We would love all the children to have a Christmas lunch but if you know your child definitely **won't** want one, please notify the school office as soon as possible for ordering purposes. This year, the menu will be:



Roast Chicken, Cocktail Sausage & Stuffing or Quorn Fillet,
Veggie Sausage & Stuffing (V)
with
Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy

Pudding is a festive Cup Cake

The cost is the usual price of £2.30 payable on the SchoolMoney portal. There is no cost to those who usually receive free school meals. The meal will be adjusted for any child who is registered with dietary needs. Please note there will be no other menu option on this day.

On Tuesday 12th December, the Kitchen will be cooking Christmas Lunch for Tacolneston School. Due to the oven space required for this, Mrs Peters needs to change to advertised menu for our lunch to the following:

Chicken and Tomato Pasta

Or Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese

Mixed Salad

Fruit Yoghurt

Jacket potatoes will not be available on either 12th or 13th December

Pine and Oak Class Nativity

The children in Pine and Oak Classes will be delighting you with their nativity performance on Tuesday 12th December at 9.00am. Parents and Grandparents are very welcome.



Christmas Sugar Appeal



Thank you so much to those who have brought in some sugar for the homeless charities. Last year we topped 50kg – it would be amazing to match (or better) that amount! We are collecting all through November so if you could pop an extra bag of sugar in your shopping it would be hugely appreciated.

This week's sugar total – 40kg!

Friends of Morley School – FOMPS

Events to look out for:

- Monday 4th December - Childrens Bake-off and after school Bake sale
- Thursday 14th December – Whole school trip to The Hippodrome
- Friday 15th December – End of term disco

Thank you from the FOMPS team

Important information from Out of School Club

From Wednesday 6th December the after school club will close at 5.30pm each day.

To clarify, we will be open as follows:

Monday

Breakfast club open as before

After school club open until 5.30pm

Tuesday

Breakfast club open as before

After school club open until 5.30pm

Wednesday

Breakfast club open as before

After school club open until 5.30pm

Thursday

Breakfast club open as before

After school club open until 5.30pm

Friday

Breakfast club open as before

After school club CLOSED AS BEFORE

High Oak Music Group

On Thursday, some members of the High Oak Music Group joined us in Collective Worship. They played some wonderful music and got the children involved! If your child is interested in joining the group, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for further details.

Reminders

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.

Celebrations

Oak Class

Evie

Toby



Rowan Class

Lauren

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Star Readers					
Reading Passport					
Going for Gold Award					
Merit Badge					
Bronze					
Silver					
Gold					
Platinum					
EFFORT					
HELPFULNESS					
COURAGE					
SERVICE					
INDEPENDENCE					
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FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP					
RESPECT					
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COMPASSION	Tavonga	Theo			
PERSEVERANCE			Aliona-Rose		Harry
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS	Tavonga	Theo			
CREATIVITY				Delilah	
BRAVERY					

JUSTICE					
TRUST					
DETERMINATION					

House Points

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh
315	292	279	337

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

Additions:

- High Oak Music Group
- Christmas Lights switch on in Hethersett
- Attleborough Christmas carnival & Fair
- Norfolk Hoopstars basketball Club information
- Bingo poster
- Diary dates



The High Oak Music Group
welcomes new members

Do you like singing?
Are you learning to play a musical instrument?
Do you fancy playing the Hand Chimes?
Would you like to make music with other people?

THEN READ ON...

The High Oak Music Group is for all-ages and experience.

The Apprentices' section of the group is for those with little or no musical experience (both children and adults), and opportunities arise to play hand chimes, percussion, members' own instruments and to sing.

Parents can come along with children if they wish to join in too.

The main section is for those who already read some music and just want to join in music-making with others

The Group meets on Fridays, in school term time, in the Gralix Hall, Deopham, (next to Deopham Church) with Apprentices from 4.30 to 5.30 and the main group from 6.15 – 7.15. Sometimes we all meet together at 6.15

There is no membership fee but commitment is required.

If you are interested please contact me, the group's leader, and I will send you further information and plans

Katherine Gray 01953 604954
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Finnbar's Force Children's Cancer Charity

Christmas Lights Switch On!

Throughout December, we're lighting up Park Green in memory of Finnbar, creating a spectacular Winter Wonderland!

If you'd like to join us for the big switch-on, it will be in

Park Green

(Hethersett, NR9 3GL)

5.30pm

Sun 26th Nov

Festive Music, Warm Mince Pies & Mulled Wine.

Event begins from 4.30pm.



Hoopstars Basketball club

Welcome to Norfolk Hoopstars, we are a local basketball club who are delivering a local session near you at Wymondham Leisure Centre.

Community Hub Sessions Details:

- **Location:** Wymondham Leisure Centre
- **Timings:**

Wednesdays:

4pm-4.45pm - Year 1 - Year 4

4.30pm-5.30pm - Year 5 & 6

5.30pm-6.30pm - Year 7 & 8

6.30pm-7.30pm - Year 9 - Year 13

Signing up is easy, log your interest here - <https://www.norfolkhoopstars.com/wymondham-hoopstars-form> to find more information and register for the sessions.

Alternatively, email at info@norfolkhoopstars.co.uk for any inquiries or registration assistance.

Pricing:

- *£5 per session (when paid upfront for the entire half-term)*
- *£6 per session (when paid weekly)*

BINGO

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Gralix Hall, Deopham

Doors open 6.30 for 7.15 pm start

Adults £5

Children £2.50

Refreshments/ Raffle/Tombola

Donations welcomed

In Aid of Deopham Play Park Project

Contact - 07826 498212

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Diary Dates

Autumn Term



30/11/23 – Tag Rugby event for some Y5&Y6



04/12/23 – Children's festive bake off competition and after school bake sale
08/12/23 – Christingle Service (children only)
05/12/23 – Vision & hearing check for year R & year 6
11/12/23 – Panathlon for some KS2 children
12/12/23 – Pine & Oak Class Nativity 9am
13/12/23 – Christmas lunch
14/12/23 – School trip to The Hippodrome
15/12/23 – End of term disco (KS1 6-7pm, KS2 7.15-8.15pm)
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

Summer Term



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15/04/24 – School starts



06/05/24 – Bank Holiday – School closed

w/c 13/05/24 – Year 6 SATs week

27/05/24 – 31/06/24 – HALF TERM



03/06/24 – School starts

04/06/24 – Attleborough Academy Passport day

18/06/24 – Attleborough Academy Transition Day



01-05/07/24 – Year 6 residential visit to Isle of Wight

12/07/24 – Attleborough Academy Transition Day

15-17/07/24 – Year 4 residential trip to Horstead

19/07/24 - End of School Year 3.15pm