



## Morley Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Message from Mr Carlyle

Preparations for the nativity are in full swing and there is a genuine sense of enthusiasm and anticipation from the children. I have no doubt that they will do their very best and I know that the audience is going to really enjoy it.

I had the pleasure this week of welcoming Mr Phoenix into school. He spent some time in the classrooms, as well as having a lengthy meeting with me and also speaking to staff. He is very much looking forward to starting in January and cannot wait to begin his headship at both Tacolneston and Morley. I am sure that he will be made to feel very welcome.

This week Miss Grant and I took a small group of children from both schools to the Norfolk Record Office at County Hall in Norwich. Whilst there, we were able to go behind the scenes to look at how documents are catalogued and stored, as well as having the opportunity to look at some old documents that related to the schools from well over one hundred years ago. We learned a huge amount and there will be a follow up visit next term, which I am sure will be equally as interesting.

Many thanks

Mark Carlyle

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## **An update from your Governors**

The Tacolneston & Morley Local Governance Committee (LGC) met on Tuesday last week. Firstly a quick reminder of who your school governors are:

Parent Governors – Katie Brown (Morley) and Sophie Brewster (Tacolneston).

Trust Governors – Roger Cordey, Kathleen Flowerday, Alan Kent, Serife Kher, Gemma Lawrence and Sherry Locke.

School – Mark Carlyle (Executive Headteacher, Laura Ketley (Staff Governor).

Several of the Trust governors have children at our schools – Sherry at Tacolneston, Gemma at Morley, and I have two grandchildren at Morley. We had hoped that our new Headteacher Andrew Phoenix would be able to join us at the meeting ahead of his start next term but unfortunately he was unwell on the day.

Our discussion focussed on issues under Academy Improvement including pupil attainment, attendance, behaviour, safeguarding and progress against the Academy Improvement and Development Plan (AIDP). You may recall that Mr. Carlyle sent out a “pupil-friendly” version of this document which is much easier to refer to! We also reviewed the risk registers for the two schools.

One of the first areas that Mr Phoenix will be looking in the Spring Term at will be to revisit the Vision and Values of our school federation and I am sure this will involve discussions with both pupils and parents/carers. I am sure you will be pleased to know that another priority will be to undertake a significant overhaul of our school websites which we are aware has (rightly) had some criticism from parents.

The whole-school trip to the Hippodrome in Great Yarmouth in December was warmly received and we wish to pass on our thanks to FOMPS whose funding support has made this possible – and I know many of you were also fundraising at the Autumn Fayre recently so thanks to you too.

Finally we expressed our gratitude to Mr Carlyle for his invaluable input over the last two terms. He has been with us only for a short time but he has provided a very smooth transition and has put in place many new initiatives on which we can all build over the rest of this school year.

We have a Governor’s meeting every half-term and our next meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Alan Kent, Chair of Governors

# Christmas News & Dates

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

We have two events involving cake on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to those who have already returned their collecting 'candle' for the Children's Society. Please remember to return them before the Christingle Service next Friday as the children will present the candles at the service. Thank you.



## Christingle Oranges

As part of the children's Christingle Service on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, your child will be making their Christingles during that morning. Please can each child bring in an orange during next week? Please can you also make sure your child's hair is tied back as we will have lit candles?



## Christmas Carol Service – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Our end of term service will be in the form of a Christmas Carol Concert. It will take place in the School Hall at 9am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We looking forward to seeing you!

## Pine and Oak Class Nativity

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



## Christmas Sugar Appeal – LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!



Thank you so much to those who have brought in some sugar for the homeless charities. We are close to last year's total of 50kg and I am hopeful we might get a final rush of sugar bags after the weekend! The organisers are collecting all the donated sugar on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the morning so if you would still like to donate, please drop in your bag of sugar before then. Thank you.

**This week's sugar total – 43kg!**

## Christmas Lunch

We shall be serving Christmas Lunch to the children on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> December**

## Jewellery reminder

For safety reasons, children must not wear any jewellery during PE lessons. This includes earrings. Unless there is a genuine reason to keep earrings in, please remove them on PE days. Thank you.

## Carol Service (Authentic Church)

Authentic Church are a Church Group that use our hall every Sunday for their weekly service. They are holding a Carol Service on Christmas Eve in the school hall at 6.30 and warmly welcome any families wishing to attend.

## Friends of Morley School – FOMPS

Events to look out for:

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

Thank you from the FOMPS team

## Reminders

### 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

#### 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

**Pine Class**

Tavonga  
Yaroslav



Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Star Readers					
Reading Passport					
Going for Gold Award					
Merit Badge					

Bronze				Thomas	
Silver				Valentyn	
Gold					
Platinum					
EFFORT					
HELPFULNESS					
COURAGE					
SERVICE					
INDEPENDENCE					
RESPONSIBILITY					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP					
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
COMPASSION					
PERSEVERANCE	Melody	Charlie	Jack	Isley	
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					Daisy
CREATIVITY					
BRAVERY					
JUSTICE					
TRUST					
DETERMINATION					

### House Points

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh
336	321	280	368

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

Additions:

- Attleborough Christmas Tree Festival poster
- Carol Service poster
- Diary dates



## Second Annual Christmas Tree Festival

1<sup>st</sup> Attleborough Scout Hall,  
Station Road, Attleborough, NR17 2AS  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1pm

Vote for your favourite tree

Tasty treats

Fun FREE Craft

SANTA

A few slots still available £7.00







# CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 24th December  
6.30pm

at Morley Primary School  
NR18 9TS





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## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term



- 04/12/23 – Children's festive bake off competition and after school bake sale
- 05/12/23 – Vision & hearing check for year R & year 6
- 07/12/23 – Sycamore Class to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
- 08/12/23 – Christingle Service (children only)
- 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 – Carol Concert/end of term service – school hall 9am
- 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