



Morley Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Mr Phoenix

This week has seen some changes I have introduced to improve children's experience at playtimes and lunchtimes. Firstly, having seen how well the children play together and lovely examples of older children looking out for younger children on the playgrounds, we are trialling free-flow use of the wooden play equipment. So, as long as it is not wet or slippery, any children may use the wooden climbing equipment at any time during playtime and lunchtime. We have adults supervising, and I have already been able to observe the children playing considerably and responsibly on the equipment, watching out for each other and making sure there is safe space to play.

Secondly, I have introduced a new lunchtime prayer. The aim of this is to ensure the children come into the dining hall in a quiet and orderly way ready to share in the lunchtime prayer together as a whole school before being served their meals. Lunchtime is a really important part of every child's day, so I composed the prayer to help the children think about the value of both food and friendship as well as the importance of being thankful for what we have.

The prayer is:

Dear Lord,

Thank You for bringing us together today

Please bless this time as we eat and play.

May our food nourish us and our friendships enrich how we live,

Help us to be thankful for all that You give.

Amen

My other challenge for the children this week has been for them to respond as quickly as they can to our whole-school signal for quiet and attention. The signal has been established a long time, and is a member of staff raising their hand, with children responding by doing the same while being quiet and listening. Having a refreshed focus on the signal this week has enabled some classes to get super-fast at responding! It is really helpful to have a signal common to the whole school as it enables any member of staff to gain everyone's attention whenever this is needed.

There has been lots of great learning taking place this week. I have seen some wonderful RE work with thought and reflection on how ideas from religion can apply to everyday life.

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Music has also been a feature of this week - not only in Collective Worship, where Y5 and Y6 challenged me to accompany the school singing 'Sandy Land' (which I hadn't played before and had to quickly learn!), but also in music lessons. Sycamore Class created a great performance within their music lesson, and I was able to capture a recording of their singing and glockenspiel playing. Do check on the website 'Latest News' page to listen to their music.

I must also say 'well done' to our group of children from Y2, Y3 and Y4 who took part in the 'Spirit of the Games' sporting event at the UEA this week. They came back very enthusiastic about the activities they had done - which included archery, basketball, curling and various athletic and team games.



Have a good weekend
Mr Phoenix

Occupational Therapy Digital Library

Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board have produced the Occupational Therapy Digital Library – a new digital resource for parents, carers, educators and health and social care professionals seeking expert guidance and tools to support children's success in everyday activities.

Please follow this link:

[Occupational Therapy For Parents & Carers \(justonenorfolk.nhs.uk\)](https://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)

Here you can find an extensive collection of articles, videos, interactive activities and downloadable resources that cover topics such as personal care, toileting, using cutlery, skills for learning and play, sensory and emotional regulation and much more.

Reminders

Photo consent form

Thank you if you have already returned your child's photo consent form, however we are still missing a few. If you have mislaid the form sent home last week or if your child was away when they were given out, please contact the school office for another copy.

Oak Class trip to Norwich Synagogue

Thank you to those parents who have already paid for this trip and returned their slips to order a snack pack. If you have not yet returned your slip, please can you do so after the weekend? It would also be hugely appreciated if you could contribute to the trip on the SchoolMoney portal if you haven't already done so.

Change to the menu

Please make a note that the main lunch option on week 3 Thursdays has changed to chicken and tomato pasta and dessert will be apple flapjack. There are no changes to the vegetarian option.

Celebrations

Oak Class
Theodora

Rowan Class
Baxter



Willow Class
Martha D
Daisy

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
PERSEVERANCE	Forest		Sophie Eloisa Aliona-Rose Penelope	Clara	Justin
KINDNESS					Sebastian
FRIENDSHIP			Bailey		
COURAGE		Blake			

Out of school achievements: Congratulations to Josie in Sycamore for gaining a medal in Gymnastics, Charlie in Oak for his swimming certificate and Blake in Willow for achieving his sporting certificate. Well done to you all!

House points:

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh
481	448	439	524

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

Diary Dates Spring Term

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06/02/24 – Safer Internet Day

06/02/24 – Some children to Norfolk Records Office

07/02/24 – Sycamore Reading Café 9am

07/02/24 – Oak Class trip to Norwich Synagogue

13/02/24 – Oak Class Reading Café 9am

19/02/24 – 23/02/24 HALF TERM

w/c 26/02/24 – Parent Consultations

29/02/24 - Some Y5-Y6 children at UEA Sportspark



04/03/24 – Well-being workshop for Yr 6

05/03/24 – Parent Writing Workshop – Pine 8.50am

07/03/24 – World Book Day

15/03/24 – Rowan Class Reading Café 9am

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 – 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