



## Morley Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Message from Mr Phoenix

It has been a very busy week at Morley this week!

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, and we reflected in Collective Worship on the importance of the things we say and do, and how our words and actions impact other people. Just as in day-to-day life, it is equally important for us all to be positive and kind in the way we interact online. For advice as parents with online safety, there are lots of resources and ideas on how to support and protect your child/ren

here <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

This week, some of our older children joined with their peers from Tacolneston to visit the Norfolk Records Office, as part of a project centred on history and heritage at Deopham church. The Records Office staff were impressed by the engagement and interest the children had, and their skills in piecing together what life was like, from maps, census data, records and a school log book. Because of the level of maturity and respect the children showed, the staff were able to trust them to handle and look first-hand at actual historic documents, which is a great privilege.

On Wednesday, the children in Oak Class visited the Norwich Synagogue as part of their RE learning. The synagogue volunteers who showed them round were really impressed with the children's behaviour and their prior knowledge about Judaism. The children loved

experiencing the atmosphere in the synagogue, the scrolls and tasting shabbat food!



It's not just the children but our teachers and support staff have been extra busy this week too! In staff training evenings, all staff have been working with colleagues in school and across St Benet's Trust to share best practice in teaching and learning. We have been exploring strategies to check that children really understand what they have been taught,

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to ensure there is support in place to help everyone reach their goals, and how sharing examples of work can inspire and challenge children in their own learning.

It's great to have such a committed staff and expertise we can share as well as new ideas to learn and explore. Thank you also for your commitment to school as parents. One indicator of that commitment to education is children's attendance, which currently stands at 93% over this academic year to date. Interestingly, in the 1860s school logbook we saw at the Record Office, the headteacher wrote one week "Everything is in perfect order, with attendance at 93%". I'm not sure 93% attendance is 'perfect' but attendance is important and let's keep it up - to be at least as good as, and hopefully better than, the Victorians!

Have an enjoyable weekend  
Mr Phoenix

## Message from Mrs Osborne

A big thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Sycamore Reading Café this week. The kind and generous comments on your feedback forms are hugely appreciated. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as the children!

## Parent consultations

These will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February for Sycamore Class) from 3.30pm. Sign-up sheets are available in the school foyer for you to book your slot.

If your child has an EHCP, please contact Mrs Ketley or the school office to make an appointment for a combined interim review and parent consultation.

## Violin lessons

We have the opportunity for an individual, or small group of pupils, to try some violin lessons after half-term. The first few lessons will be offered free of charge to introduce the child/ren to the instrument and to see how they get on. We would encourage parents to ensure their child is serious about learning to play and would also point out that there would then be a charge for lessons continuing after Easter.

If you would be interested in your child taking part in these trial sessions, please let the office know before next Thursday and Miss Grant will arrange for them to meet with the violin teacher.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.  
Miss Grant

## Uniform

There has been an increase in children who are wearing items of clothing which are not on our uniform list. In particular, branded hoodies. Please can parents and carers ensure their child has the correct uniform as per our uniform policy below:

*All children are expected to wear school uniform. Grey trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores can be worn with any of the following:*

*School Sweatshirt Choice of colour with school logo*

*Polo Shirt* *White*

*T-Shirt* *White – round neck*

*Zip-up fleece*      *Choice of colour with school logo*

*Plain white, grey or blue socks or tights should be worn*

# Celebrations

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
PERSEVERANCE				Maiya	
FRIENDSHIP	Jayden		Ella P		
SERVICE	Jayden				
KINDNESS					Travis
RESPONSIBILITY		Athina			
Going for Gold Award		Oscar E (Silver)			

**Out of school achievements:** Congratulations to Jack in Sycamore for achieving his 3B swimming certificate. Well done Jack!

**House points:**

Blickling	Felbrigg	Holkham	Oxburgh
587	523	524	647

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

# BEETLE DRIVE

## SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY



6.30 pm



**At Gralix Hall, Deopham**  
**Adults £3      Primary Children £1**

**Refreshments or bring your own**

**TOMBOLA (donations welcomed)**

**FUN FOR ALL - FAMILY-FRIENDS-NEIGHBOURS**

**In Aid of Deopham Play Park Project**  
 (contact 07826 498212)

## Diary Dates Spring Term

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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



02/05/24 – KS1 Cricket festival

**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 – Y5/6 Dynamo cricket event

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