

Date: 9th October 2020

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I popped into each classroom to monitor teaching and learning. It was lovely to see all the children settled to their learning. There is a very calm atmosphere in classrooms—with children cooperating, listening to teachers, playing with equipment sensibly and sharing learning together. We have really enjoyed getting to know all the children this term and look forward to discussing how they have settled in with our parent consultation calls next week.

Our Governing Body is looking for 2 new members. If you are interested in support the strategic development of the school, please see the advert on the following pages. Two of our current Governors are often at pick up and drop off and would be happy to speak to you—Matthew Milne with a child in Nursery and Karl Evans with a child in Year 1.

With the weather getting colder and the Covid situation, we are trying to make our drop off and pick up lines a bit quicker! Therefore if a teacher needs to catch a parent, we will call you to ask you to come to the front office just before or after pick up, or have a chat by phone.

Covid reminder—if a person in your household goes for a test, all members of your household should isolate until the result.

We hope you have all had a great start to the academic year. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please do let us know.

Mrs J Fraser

Headteacher



Reminders:

- YR—we will now provide fruit for Sunflower and Bellflower class each day, so children do not need to bring in a piece of fruit from home. Thank you for providing it this term.
- PE days: Tulip—Mon & Thurs Bellflower—Wed & Fri Sunflower—Tues & Fri Nursery—Wed or Thurs
- Please find a link to your parents consolation zoom meetings on the ILD log ins.

PTA Dress Up

On the last day before half term, Wednesday 21st October the children are invited to come into school in a Halloween or Autumn costume. Please could they bring a donation to give to our PTA (suggested donation £1).

We look forward to seeing your fun costumes!





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Tadpole Garden Village Community Project - Remembrance Day



William Morris Primary School have been invited to help decorate the Tadpole Garden Village for Remembrance Day. Tadpole in Bloom originally were just decorating the Village with knitted and crocheted poppies, but this has become a wider project where the Schools in Tadpole have been invited to join in.

The two things we have been asked to make at school are:

- **Decorate pebbles/rocks with poppies.** These will be placed by the seated gravel area in The Stray in front of the lake before being placed permanently with the Village Memorial.
- **Poppies for lampposts.** Using the bottom of bottles, we are going to paint them red and attach string. These will be placed on every lamppost starting from Sainsburys, continuing up to William Morris Primary School.



To support us with this project please could you send your child in with a rock/pebble and a bottle by

Thursday 15th October 2020.

Thank you for your continued support.



EXCITING NEWS—new theme nights at After School Club!



We offer a variety of activities including arts and craft, board games, outdoor play in large playground, along with special themed nights:

- ⇒ **Monday – Sports night**
- ⇒ **Wednesday – Cookery night (next week we are making Halloween cupcakes)**
- ⇒ **Thursday – Messy play night**

Sunset After school club provides a safe, friendly haven for children to learn and play after school.

We provide a snack for short session and a light tea if children are staying till 6pm.

Please see attached flyer for prices and times.

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Nursery Poppy and Daisy Classes

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Harvest. Our story this week has been 'The Little Red Hen'. We have had lots of fun learning to re-tell the story and we have even made our own bread. We have also been very busy making our own playdough, learning harvest songs and printing using fruit and vegetables.

We have now started to get changed for our PE sessions. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and that each item is clearly labelled with their name. It would be great if you could support your child at home to practise getting dressed too.





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**Do you have skills in financial planning, premises, risk
Management or an interest in SEN? If so, your school needs you!**

We are looking for 2 new Governors to join the William Morris Governing Body

What do School Governors do?

The local governing body has a range of duties and powers and a general responsibility for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement, managing the school's finances, ensuring a balanced curriculum, appointing staff and reviewing staff performances. Governors are strategic leaders who work in partnership with the Senior Leaders by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Raising the standards of achievement
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school, ensuring money is well spent
- Ensuring policies, including safeguarding, are in place and reviewed regularly

Governors are expected to:

- Attend 6 meetings a year with the Governing Body
- Work as a member of the Governing Body in the best interests of the school
- Be a support for the Headteacher and school staff
- Show an interest in school/academy activities
- Become well-informed about education and their school in particular
- Become familiar with the statutory requirements of school governance
- Keep up to date with changes in education legislation
- Attend training courses where appropriate
- Recognise and celebrate the achievements of the school
- Be linked to a specific area, e.g. English, Science, Health and Safety or Child Protection
- Visit the school at least once a term
- Write up and share notes of the visit

What we hope you can offer:

- Time
- A willingness to learn
- A listening ear and enquiring mind
- The ability to assimilate information and think strategically
- The ability to work as part of a team

Please let Mrs Fraser know if you are interested in this role.

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YR Sunflower & Bellflower Classes

Reception have had a fabulous fortnight learning more sounds with 'The Phonics Fairy'. Last week we enjoyed baking Gingerbread People, we hope you enjoyed decorating them at home and of course eating them! This week we have been reading the story of Little Red Riding Hood and beginning to look at Autumn changes and Harvest. In Maths we have learnt numbers 3,4,5 and 6 and have explored different ways of representing them. We have continued our PE lessons where we are encouraging the children to independently get changed and dressed again. In PE we have been practising throwing, catching, bouncing, and rolling. Please continue to support us by encouraging your children to get changed independently at home. Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday!

Miss Cooke and Miss Bailey



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Year 1 Tulip Class

Year 1 are convinced that the Gruffalo is still nearby our school! At the beginning of the week, the children wrote shopping lists of ingredients so that we could make a treat that we know that the Gruffalo loves. We followed a recipe to help us make 3 lots of Gruffalo Crumble! This weekend, we're hoping that he will sniff out and nibble on the delicious treats that we have left out for him. The children have also looked at repeating patterns, adding 2 amounts, doubling and properties of shapes in maths. Wildflowers and weeds were the topic of conversation in science, the children even helped us to find weeds around the school and dug some of them out of our outside area! There has been lots of fun and some excellent learning in Year 1 over the last few weeks. Well done!





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Sunset After School Club

LEARN
PLAY
ENGAGE

FUN ACTIVITIES DAILY

Arts and crafts

Cooking

Games

Physical play

**Providing a safe haven for children
to learn and play after school.**

Fully trained, qualified and DBS
checked staff

Monday to Friday

Short session: 3pm to 4.30pm

£6 per child per session

Long session: 3pm—6pm

£11 per child per session

HURRY : SPACES LIMITED : CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE TO REGISTER

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School Diary

October

Week 5th Harvest festival donations
Week 12th Parent consultation evenings
19th Oct Individual photos
19th & 20th Y1 tree planting day
21st Halloween Dress Up Day
21st break up for half term
22nd — 30th October Half term holiday

November

2nd TD INSET DAY
3rd Children back to school
9th Anti bullying week
13th Children In Need
16th Online Safety week
19th Governors meeting
24th Nov Flu vaccinations

December

11th Christmas Jumper Day
Week 14th Nativities?
17th Christmas Lunch
18th Break up for holidays
231st Dec—5th January 2020 Christmas holiday

New dates added in red

Reminder of future Teacher Training Days when the school is closed for the children:

- ⚡ Monday 2nd November 2020
- ⚡ Monday 4th January 2021
- ⚡ Thursday 1st April 2021
- ⚡ Monday 5th July 2021