

Date: 24th June 2022

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer has begun!

What another busy and sunny fortnight it has been. It feels like Summer has well and truly started and this couldn't be more true for the year 2 children who got to feel the sand between their toes when they visited Weston-super-Mare beach. As well as having lots of fun, this trip also provided them with countless learning opportunities and inspirational experiences which are detailed alongside their happy photos.



External visitors

This week has felt particularly busy behind the scenes for staff, we have had our QAR Blue Kite Trust visit, Blue Kite Trust writing moderation meetings and Y2 Swindon moderation visits! I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work for these events and for keeping a smile on their face during this slightly pressured week!

QAR visit—Every 2 years the Blue Kite Trust carries out a Quality Assurance Review for each school. This is like a mini Ofsted and consist of a day's visit by Headteachers and Leaders from other Trust schools. The focus is on quality of education.

There were lots of positives comments from the day eg

- Our team is very positive, motivated and forward looking
- There were engaging lessons with stimulating activities
- The children were a delight, happy and engaging
- Evidence of excellent behaviour management and clear expectations
- Phonics is being taught well with our new scheme
- Children were very happy and loved being in their environment
- There was lots of adaptations to provision for SEND children

Also with the strengths, there were also areas for improvement, which we will be using as the basis for our School Development Plan next academic year.

Writing moderation—Class Teachers visited others schools to discuss children's writing assessments on Tuesday after school. Teachers share examples of writing and why they have given a certain level. This ensures that our writing judgements are in line with other schools.

Y2 Swindon moderation—on Thursday morning we had 2 moderators meeting with our Y2 Teachers to discuss the Teacher Assessment (TA) grades for our Y2 children. After their SATs tests, Teachers then decide upon TA grades for each child in Reading, Writing and Maths. A moderation visit ensures that schools are grading their children's learning correctly and in line with other schools nationally.

William Morris staff are off for a well deserved weekend, we hope you have a lovely weekend too.

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Headteacher



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Class Reps Meeting

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who attended the most recent class reps meeting. We really value your feedback, ideas and questions. All of the meeting minutes were emailed to parents earlier in the week, so we hope you have had chance to read them.

School Dinners

One question that was raised at Class Reps was about the sizes of school dinners. Our catering team ensure that the DfE guidance regarding portion sizes of different food groups are adhered to very closely. It is important to note that in addition to their main meal, children are given a choice of puddings as well as having a selection of crudités which stay on the lunch tables for children to help themselves. Please find photos of our nutritious school dinners on the next page and William Morris packed lunch guidance for Nursery children or others needing to provide a packed lunch.

Sports day timing

Timing for our sports day on Wednesday 20th July will be during the morning, timing to be confirmed next week.

Online Games

If your child has access to online games, please consider whether they are age appropriate and that they are being supervised while having access to them. Some games and apps can contain scary or inappropriate images for young children and we advise that you check the age rating and content before allowing your child to have access to them. We would like to highlight that the game 'Huggy Wuggy' has an age rating of 12+ and has some violent scenes, which are not appropriate for younger children.

Term Time Holidays

We would like to remind you that family holidays should not be taken during term time. Our attendance policy states that if a child takes unauthorised exceptional leave e.g. for a holiday, the Education Welfare Service can be notified who may issue a Penalty Notice of £60 (rising to £120) per child per parent/carer.

Appropriate Summer Clothing

Please can you ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather that is forecast for each day. On sunny days, please ensure sun cream is applied before school and that your child has a sun hat to wear. Please note that almond oils have been added to some brands of sun creams, including Nivea. We have children and adults in the school with severe allergies, so please could you check that your sun cream does not contain almond or nut oils to help keep everyone safe.

After School Club

If you would like your child to attend after school club, please make your booking and payment using Parent Pay. If you need to contact the after school club staff directly then their phone number is 07936741687. Please note that this number is only in use from 3:00—6:00pm. For general enquires please contact the school office.

Examples of our Delicious School Lunches



Lunches

Excitingly this year we started cooking our dinner on site and the children have loved all the new foods. As a healthy school, we aim to provide the children with a well-balanced meal at lunch time, along with a healthy snack, which is provided by the school at break time.

As a school we encourage parents to try their children on the school lunches, we provide a range of meals, including a main meat meal, vegetarian meal, jacket potatoes or sandwiches, which are then all followed with a pudding. Hot dinners can be easily booked online on the parent pay app, where you can pick and choose what your child has for lunch each day. Please see the photos on the next page of examples of our school lunches.

School kitchens must adhere to very strict nutritional guidelines about what can and cannot be included in school meals. This includes any salt, sugar and saturated fats. This means that although the children will have puddings or cakes for example, these are sourced and cooked in a healthier way and are presented as part of a balanced menu over the week.

As all parents/carers are aware, a healthy meal is important because it will help children to:

- ⇒ Be fitter and healthier now and later in life
- ⇒ Learn quicker and show positive behaviours
- ⇒ Maintain a healthy mental health, leading to a happier life
- ⇒ To help maintain good oral health

PACKED LUNCHES RULES

Packed lunches cannot include any:

- **Nuts this includes: nutella, pesto, peanut butter and chocolate spread**
(This is to ensure the safety of staff and children with severe nut allergies)
- Sweets / chocolate bar/ cakes

Where lunch provided by the school is not possible, a child's pack lunch could include:

- One portion of pasta salad, sandwich, bread roll or pitta bread
- Cooked meat, cheese or jam as a filling in a sandwich
- One portion of fruit and vegetables e.g. carrot/cucumber sticks, tomatoes, apple, banana etc
- One portion of yoghurt or cheese
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Examples of a healthy packed lunch

Example 1-

Ham/cheese/egg/pasta/jam/tuna sandwich
Yoghurt
Apple/banana/grapes (cut up)
Rice cakes/moat loaf

Example 2-

Pasta pot
Cheese squares
Carrot sticks/Orange/grapes (cut up)
Rice cakes/malt loaf



Gold Book

Well done to all of the children who were in the Gold Book this week and last week — we are very proud of you and your achievements!



Also a certificate for the whole William Morris staff team, after a busy, successful week!



WILLIAM MORRIS SUMMER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY JULY 16TH
11AM - 3PM

JOIN US FOR...

- ◆ LIVE LOCAL MUSIC ◆
- ◆ LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS ◆
- ◆ BOUNCY CASTLE ◆
- ◆ GAMES ◆
- ◆ BBQ ◆
- ◆ DRINKS AND MORE...

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KIDS GO
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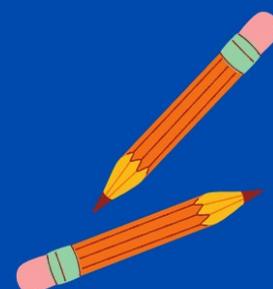
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Only 3 weeks until the William Morris Summer Festival!

In just 3 weeks the first ever summer festival at William Morris will be taking place! We have lots of exciting things happening but to make sure it is a success we still need help from volunteers. Please contact us if you are able to help on the day, even if it's just for half an hour. We need help with some of the stalls including bottle tombola, lucky dip and hook a duck. If you can help at all we would be very grateful! Below is a spreadsheet showing the gaps we need to fill... as you can see there are still a lot of gaps!

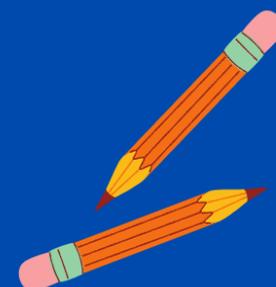
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2 volunteers needed for each time slot	11:00-11:30	11:30-12:00	12:00-12:30	12:30-13:00	13:00-13:30	13:30-14:00	14:00-14:30	14:30-15:00
Reception Volunteers								
Bottle Tombola	Amy K & Claire H	Marta W & Rebecca D	Freya & Craig					
Lucky Dip	Michelle & Sarah		Silvia & Inoka					
YR1 Volunteers								
Hook a duck	Emma T	Danielle	Dean	Caroline	Caroline & Hella	Tiki		
Teddy Tombola			Kathryn					
YR2 Volunteers								
Tin Can Alley	Danni F	Danni F						
Guess the weight of the cake /Guess the name of the teddy	Alice	Gemma L'S					Rachel	
Beat the Goalie	Stuart	Stuart	Stuart	Stuart	Stuart		Stuart	Stuart
PTA Volunteers								
Ticket entry on the gate	Richard, Kevin							

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BBQ - 4 volunteers needed	Set Up	Set up- Jon H, Tom & Pete	Jon H, Sarah S & hubby	Jon H, Sarah S & hubby	Jon H & Richard & Kevin		Jon H	Clean up- Jon H
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PTA Volunteers								
Drinks Station- 2 volunteers needed	Emma P & Heather	Emma P & Heather	Emma P & Vicki	Emma P & Dawn	Emma P & Heather	Emma P & Vicki	Emma P & Dawn	Emma P
Golden Bucket 2 volunteers needed	Dawn	Dawn		Vicki	Vicki			
Set up Volunteers	9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00	9:30-11:00
Vicki, Jon & Jack	Dawn	Emma P	Emma T					
Clean up Volunteers	15:00-finished	15:00-finished	15:00-finished	15:00-finished	15:00-finished	15:00-finished	15:00-finished	15:00-finished
Vicki, Jon & Jack	Dawn	Travis						

If you are able to help at all or have any questions please email us at pta.at.williammorris@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

Raffle tickets !

We also have an amazing raffle at the festival with prizes including £100 in cash, an Amazon Kindle and a weeks family pass at David Lloyd as well as lots of other amazing prizes! Raffle books will be coming home this week and will also be available in the school office. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book. Good luck!

Thank you for your support,

The William Morris PTA team



Nursery—Poppy and Daisy Classes

What have we been learning in Nursery?

Last week the children enjoyed the story 'Mr. Gumpy's Outing'. We learnt lots of new vocabulary about boats and thought of the different journeys we could go on. The children really enjoyed singing 'Row, Row, Row your Boat!'

Whilst learning about boats, the children investigated floating and sinking, beginning to make simple predictions. In Maths we focused on using language 'heavy' 'heaviest', 'light' and 'lightest'- the children did a fantastic job of helping decide which animals could go on Mr. Gumpy's boat without it sinking!

This week we have been on a space adventure through our story 'Whatever Next!'. The children have enjoyed re-telling the story using props, painting rockets on foil, using recycled materials to build rockets and making cakes using playdough. We have really enjoyed listening to the children create their own stories using a wide range of vocabulary.

In PE this week we have continued exploring and using different apparatus. Our focus skills this week has been throwing beanbags into a target hoop and different types of rolls. We will be continuing to practice different skills ready for our Sports Day at the end of the term.

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs. Rawlins our student teacher in Poppy Class good luck! Mrs. Rawlins has successfully completed her teaching training and starts with her own class in September. Mrs. Rawlins will return towards end of the term for school risers graduation day for the children to say their final farewell!

A few reminders:

- If your child brings a packed lunch to school please ensure that they do not bring nut products, chocolate or sweets and instead save treats for home.
- Please ensure your child brings a hat to school everyday, they all have a drawer and are welcome to leave it at school if you would prefer.
- Almond oils have been added to some brands of sun creams including Nivea. We have children and adults in Nursery with severe allergies, so please could you check that your sun cream does not contain almond or nut oils to help keep everyone safe!

Thank you for your continued support,
Nursery Team :)





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Reception - Sunflower and Bellflower Classes

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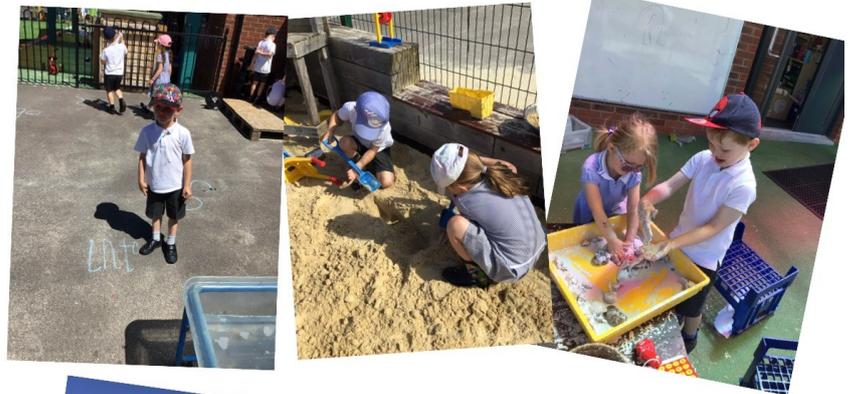
We have been enjoying the sunshine and spending lots of time taking our learning outside for the last two weeks. We have been enjoying role playing the story of 'Whatever Next!' – see the photos for all the fun in cardboard space rockets!

Sunflower and Bellflower classes have been working really hard on their reading, writing and maths assessments for the last few weeks, we are so proud of all the progress they have made this year! Watch out for a few more photos on your ILD app as we have more time to share your children's individual WOW moments.

Please continue to ensure you apply suncream to children before school and send them with a hat and water bottle every day,

Many thanks

The Reception Team



So much fun in the sun this week, climbing, building and working as a team!



Reception - Sunflower and Bellflower Classes



Wonderful role play with rockets and cardboard boxes!



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Super control of the hammer and nails to make pictures!



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Year 1—Lily and Tulip Classes

What have we been learning in Year 1?

It has been lovely to finally have some good weather and so we have been making the most of our outside area with lots of hands on learning over the last couple of weeks.

We have been focussing on our new topic of 'Kindness in the community' and have been innovating our very own friendship poem! At the beginning of this week the children created a potion - where they were able to throw some ingredients in that they would like to see in a good friend. There were some lovely ideas such as; gentleness, fun, happiness, caring and I think in the end we really did create the perfect friend!

In maths we have been thinking about mass and have been using some balance scales to compare the weight of different items. The children have really enjoyed finding different objects around the classroom to compare and it has created lots of discussions as the children's predictions were sometimes proved incorrect.

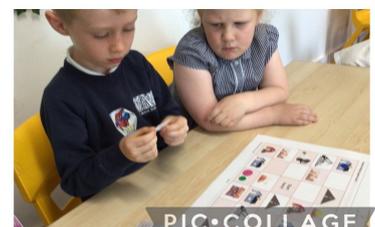
In our topic we have been thinking about the four compass points and the children even created their own maps and compasses, which they are very proud of. We also played a game in groups where we moved our counter depending on the compass points.

As we prepare the children for their transition into year 2 our morning will begin to look a little different. We are going to introduce a more formal approach to learning, following a similar timetable to that of Year 2. We are sure the children are ready for this and will rise to the challenge!

Please continue to send your child with a hat as hopefully the good weather will continue and also a water bottle so that they can stay hydrated.

As always, thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated!

Year 1 team.



Year 1—Lily and Tulip Classes



Year 2 - Willow and Clover Classes

What have we been learning in Year 2?

The Year 2s have been really enjoying our new Coastlines topic! We had a wonderful time on our school trip, learning all about seaside holidays past and present and using this to inspire our writing. We've also been learning about physical and human geography and creating art using the sand we brought back from the beach! In our lessons we have been learning about:

English – We have been writing recounts about our school trip and showing off all of the fantastic grammar and punctuation we've learnt this year. We included lots of detail about the coach trip, where we guessed riddles and played I Spy, as well as the interesting talk and breaktime on the beach. This week, we've begun looking at adventure stories all about the RNLI. On Monday, we had an exciting time pretending to be volunteer coastguard officers rescuing children who were 'stranded at sea' in our playground. We used this to help us think about how the volunteers must feel.

Maths – We have been having lots of fun measuring over the last two weeks! We've been using metre sticks and trundle wheels to measure length and height. We worked well in teams to measure the length of the trim trail and the hall using trundle wheels. It was great fun!

Art – we finally finished our William Morris prints, transferring our amazing designs onto polystyrene squares and creating repeating patterns in the style of our school's name sake.

This week we've been reflecting on just how far the children have come this year and we are all very proud of the progress they've made and their attitude to their learning.

Well done Year 2 :)





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School Diary

June

30th Class photos

July

4th TD day

13th July Moving up morning

14th Reports to parents

14th Governors meeting

15th Open House

15th 1:30pm Nursery graduation

16th William Morris Summer Festival

18th Moving up afternoon

18th Infant Music festival

20th Sports Day am

21st Rain off Sports Day am

22nd Children break up

[New dates in red]

TD Days 2022-23

We have 6 school closure days for staff development each year. The ones which are already confirmed for next academic year are:

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023

TD INSET Days 21-22:

- 4th July 22
- 25th July 22