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Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are starting to feel very festive at William Morris! When I walk around the school I hear the lovely sound of the children practising their Christmas songs, we are very much looking forward to sharing the class Christmas productions with you on the school Youtube channel when they have been filmed. The link to access the video will be posted on ILD for families to access during the last week of term. We have a busy two weeks ahead before the Christmas break with class Christmas parties, a Christmas jumper day as well as lots of learning and fun planned.

As we approach the last week of term, please can we ask families to err on the side of caution and if your child seems unwell, do not send them to school; that way we can do our best to ensure that everyone can have a happy and healthy Christmas.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

With best wishes, Mrs Fraser

Attendance— Well done to everyone in Reception and Year 1—we had our first day with 100% attendance this week which is wonderful, we look forward to lots more days like this! It is really important that children have good attendance in school, as missing school affects the amount of learning time they have and can affect progress.



Late arrivals—for any children who arrive at school after 9am, from Monday 7th December 2020 the School Office will ask parents to sign a late slip to sign their child into school and to provide a reason for the late arrival. Please try and ensure that your child is here before 9am so that they don't miss out on their learning. Thank you for your co-operation.



We would like to say a big welcome to Miss Mazzotta who joined us this week to work in the William Morris School Office in the mornings. She has many years experience of working in a pre-school environment, is a mum of 3 children and is always happy to help.

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Life Skills Survey Results



Thank you to everyone who completed the life skills survey, please see below.

We received some great suggestions and ideas and will be looking at how we can include them in our curriculum planning going forwards. Teachers have begun working on this and will continue to do so on our teacher development inset day in January. We will share further curriculum updates next term.

Experiences

Pantomime	Museum	Zoo
Community work	Theatre	Residential
Sporting event	Meet an author	Big city
Hospital	Court House	Visitors
Conservation area	Emergency Service	Parliament
Team Sports	Fund Raising/Charity	Care Home
Planetarium	Orchestra trip	Work Place

Skills

Riding a bike	Cooking	Sewing
Decision Making	Presenting	Map reading
Gardening	Art	Swimming
Conversation	Money	Debating
Time Management	Fitness	First aid
Forest School	Animal Care	Acting
Musical Instrument	Team Sports	Road Safety
Craft	Language	Computing
Household Chores	Handle an emergency	

Characteristics

Resilience	Self Confidence	Team Work
Independence	Self-Belief	Positivity
Loving	Caring	Kindness
Gratitude	Enthusiasm	Patience
Morality	Motivated	Honest
Problem Solving	Critical Thinking	Justice
Perseverance	Value Education	Empathy
Emotional Literacy	Respect	Politeness
Calmness	Bravery	

Achievements

Learn coding	Cook a meal	Run 3K/5K
Build an animal feeder	Perform on a stage	Swim
Team sport	Learn Basic First Aid	Sewing
Pay in a shop	Learn from mistakes	Language
Hold a conversation	Community Service	Grow Food
Money Management		

Reception Induction Survey

We would love to receive feedback from parents on how you found the induction process for your child starting William Morris Primary School in Reception this year. Please look out for an e-mail that will be sent shortly asking you for your views. All feedback is much appreciated and helps us know what worked well and what we can improve for next year.

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Nursery children - applying for Reception Places for September 2021

For all parents of Nursery children who are due to go to school in September 2021, please don't forget that you need to apply for a school place online at https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions



Applications **must** be completed and submitted by midnight **15th January 2021**. Applications need to be submitted for ALL nursery children who will be school age in September 2021.

William Morris Primary School Video and Parent Zoom Meetings

If you have friends or neighbours who are looking at schools for Reception places in September 2021, please do share with them our new school video which can be found on the front page of our web site at www.williammorrisprimary.co.uk. We also have a zoom information meeting with Mrs Fraser for prospective Reception parents at 10am on Friday 8th January 2021, places can be booked by calling the School Office.



HM Government

Got any coronavirus symptoms? Isolate and book a test.

Use the NHS COVID-19 app
or go to gov.uk/coronavirus



High temperature



New continuous cough



Change/loss of smell/taste

STAY ALERT
CONTROL THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES

Covid 19 Reminder

For more information, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>.

If your child or anyone in your household has 1 or more of the symptoms listed (including if they just have a temperature), **please do not send your child into school** and book a test or seek medical advice if unsure by calling 111 or your GP.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Nursery Poppy and Daisy Classes

We have had a wonderful time in Nursery in the past two weeks. Last week the children were in charge of planning a special birthday party for 'Bertie Bear' who they named and decided was 4 years old. Poppy class organised a class party for Bertie, designed and wrote birthday party invitations, made sandwiches, iced fairy cakes and then held an actual birthday party for Bertie, complete with party games! They practised their throwing and catching skills in the hall whilst playing with balloons. This week Poppy Class has learned all about the special birthday of baby Jesus and the nativity story, they have been very busy practising the songs for their Christmas production!



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YR Sunflower & Bellflower Classes

Reception have had a great two weeks learning about their topic of Autumn into Winter. We made binoculars and went out to the school pond to look for different animals as we have been learning about hibernation and about nocturnal animals. We have also been enjoying decorating Christmas trees and making decorations to put around the school. In PE we looked at positional language (under, next to, on top etc) by following instructions to cross our obstacle course in PE. We also looked at ice and how it melts when it warms up which links to our Winter topic. We are busy learning songs and lines for our Christmas nativity and are starting to practise on the stage. In maths we have been learning about '1 more' and adding numbers together to find a total. We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we will see you on Monday!

Miss Cooke and Miss Bailey

Reminders for next week: Please help your child practice doing their coat up so they can do it independently

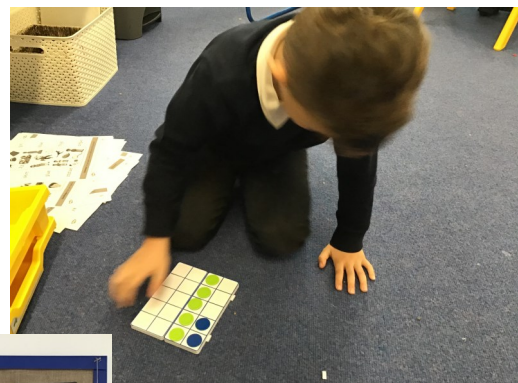
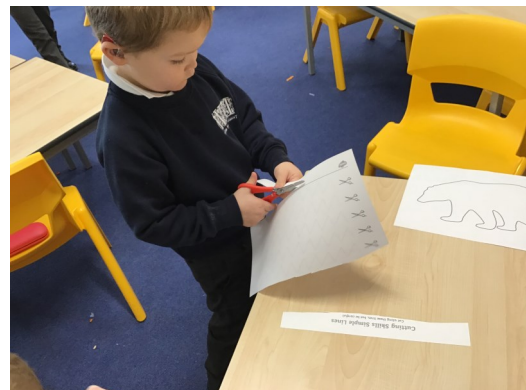


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Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting few weeks continuing our learning about The Frozen Planet. The children have written some excellent stories using the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. Rather than a penguin getting lost, the children innovated their own versions to include polar bears and other arctic animals. We have been recognising 2D shapes and have started to do some addition and subtraction this week too in our maths lessons. In Science, we have been learning very long words! The children now all know the difference between carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

We can definitely feel Christmas getting closer every day and the children are doing a fantastic job at learning the actions and songs for their nativity play. We can't wait to show it to everyone. Over the next few weeks, we will be getting even more 'Christmasy' and we're sure that the children will almost as excited as the adults!



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Christmas Hampers Raffle - The Parents & Friends of William Morris will be holding a Christmas raffle to raise money for school. Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations for the Christmas hampers. We have received lots of lovely gifts and bottles which will make fantastic hampers! Please take a look below at just some of the things that will be in them!



In order to make the raffle as covid safe as possible, next week we will be sending home a sheet of blank raffle tickets with each child, that parents can complete with their details and return in a named envelope to school with the money if they would like to buy any tickets. Tickets will be 50p each

(this is a voluntary activity and there is no obligation to take part). *Thank you for your support—all money raised will be benefit all children at William Morris.*



School Diary

December

4th Reception 2021 zoom tour
11th Christmas Jumper Day
Week 14th Nativities
17th Christmas lunch & Class parties
18th 3pm Break up for holidays
231st Dec—5th January 2020 Christmas holiday



January

4th Teacher Development Day—school closed to children
5th Teacher Development Day—school closed to children
6th Children back to school

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
- ⚡ **Tuesday 5th January 2021**
- ⚡ Thursday 1st April 2021
- ⚡ Monday 5th July 2021

