



Executive Headteacher: Mrs J Fraser

William Morris Primary School
William Morris Way
Tadpole Garden Village
Swindon
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SN25 2PP

Date: 12th March 2021

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have all of the children back in school this week - we are very pleased with how they have settled after the lockdown period and they have very much enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers again.

We would like to say a big well done to all families for your home schooling efforts during lockdown, we know it wasn't always easy!

If there have been any changes that may effect your child or if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office to arrange to have a chat with a member of staff so that we can support families.

Please can we ask that adults continue to adhere to social distancing and wear masks at all times at school drop off and collection. Please keep your child off school if they or anyone else in your household has any covid symptoms and please arrange testing. Covid cases in SN25 have risen recently and we all need to continue to be as careful as possible—thank you for your support with this.

We have lots of exciting and fun learning planned for this term as well as participating in Red Nose Day, and the Tadpole Garden of Hope initiative, please read this newsletter for more information about both.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend!

Mrs Fraser

Headteacher



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



Well done to the children who were **Gold Book** in Gold Book on 26th February;

Year 1—Sophia C, Adah, Lydia & Victoria

Reception— Theo, Jack, Logan & Freddie

Nursery—Tom and Lily

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Tadpole Farm Garden Of Hope

William Morris Primary School and Nursery will be participating in and supporting the Tadpole Farm Garden of Hope Initiative. Each class will be making symbols of hope to display around the village. Please see the information below if you would like to support at home as well.

NEW LIFE AND HOPE

As a group of schools in Tadpole Garden Village, we would like to ask our children, their families and our community to help us build our Easter Garden of Hope. After a difficult time for us all, we are beginning to see a ray of hope and to look ahead to a brighter future. We want to celebrate this positivity by creating a garden full of symbols of new beginnings, hopes and dreams.


It will be situated in the green area, by the big tree just outside Tadpole Farm Primary School. There are many ways you can decorate it so please join us in our community celebration.



As a community we would like everyone to tie a small piece of fabric to the metal fence to create a piece of artwork to display unity and hope.

#TadpoleFarmGardenofhope

IDEAS FOR SYMBOLS OF HOPE



LOLLIPOP CROSS

DIY Daffodils

FLOWERS

PAPER PLATE OR HANDPRINT DOVES

EGGS, CHICKS OR BUNNIES

The symbols you design need to be weatherproof to prevent littering and for longevity.

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Book donation

Thank you so much to Cohen & Rae for the book donation to our school library.

The children have enjoyed reading the books this term.



Laptop donation



We have received a very kind donation of laptops to help home learners.

Thank you to the Wiltshire Digital Drive, set up by Priority IT and Naturally Social, both based in Wiltshire, alongside Bath based accountants, Turner and Partners. During the first lockdown they realised that not every family could afford a laptop or get help from the Government for a free one, to help with their child's online learning.

By receiving donations of unwanted laptops and tablets from members of the public and companies in the community, the not-for-profit organisation is now refurbishing them and distributing them back out to schools and organisations to help bridge the digital divide.

William Morris was very grateful to receive 5 laptops to help support our children with home learning.

Information on how to donate is on their website www.wiltshiredigitaldivide.co.uk

Parents Evening

Over the next few weeks once the children have settled into school, we will be assessing their learning and then will be offering parents consultation evenings. This will be a time for you to discuss your child's learning with their classteacher and feedback on any area that they found challenging during lockdown. We will send out the dates next week.



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Red Nose Day 2021

On Friday 19th March 2021 it is Red Nose Day. At William Morris Primary School we would like you to join in and have some fun to raise some money.

This year it is all about having fun and laughter. Please dress up in either a **red top** or something **Disney**.

To collect donations for dressing up we will be doing this **cashless**. **We will not be accepting any cash**. To donate you £1 please use the link below to donate.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3113>



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Nursery

Poppy Class!

Welcome back! It is so lovely to have all of the children back together so that we can now continue our adventures in school. We are all so proud of all of the children for their hard work and fantastic learning during the last lockdown. A big thank you to all of you for supporting your children and bringing their learning to life at home!

This term in Poppy Class our topic is 'Adventure Awaits!' So far we have adventured into the forest to meet the Gruffalo and been on a bear hunt. This week we have had an exciting pirate adventure that started when Pirate Pete left his treasure in our outside classroom. We have had a great week filled with map making, junk modelling boats, making pirate hats and counting treasure. Next week we will climbing aboard our rockets and zooming into space!

A few reminders now we are all back in school:

- *Please label all of your children belongings e.g. jumper, shoes, coats.*
- *If your child's feet have grown please send new wellies into school, so that we can continue to enjoy the outside without wet feet!*
- *You do not need to send snack into school unless your child attends 30hours. Children attending 30hours will need a fruit or vegetable snack for the afternoon session*



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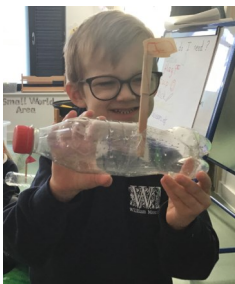
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Reception

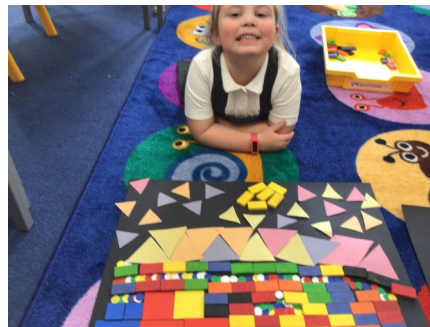
Wow! What a great first week back we have had! We started off with a wonderful pirate day, where we walked the plank to come into school, enjoyed pirate boats for snack, some pirate dancing and a pirate cosmic yoga! We have enjoyed making our own pirate boat and then testing them to see if they float or sink. In maths this week, we have learnt all about 3D shapes, we have loved exploring, playing and building using the shapes. We have burnt lots of energy off in PE this week and we tried really hard to work on our independent skills for getting dressed and undressed. Please could parents continue to help us by encouraging your children to get changed independently at home.

Thank you for your amazing support. We have had a fabulous first week, we hope the children have too! Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you again next week 😊



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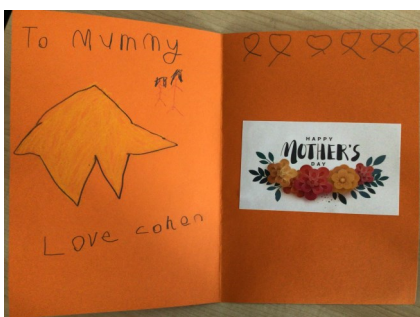
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Year 1

We are so pleased to see all the children back in school and we have had a fantastic first week back after lockdown. We have truly missed seeing them in school and it is great to see them all in the classroom learning and playing together so nicely. They have coped with the change really well and we couldn't be prouder of them.

The children have shown us that they have been working hard in their time away from school and have already produced some excellent learning. We had an exciting adventure on Monday when a Knight visited our school playing field on his horse! The children enjoyed searching for clues and have spent the week writing letters to him and offering their assistance. The classrooms are full of castles banquet tables, armour and crown making materials. This has all kicked off our topic of Knight and Castles, which the children have been learning lots of new facts about. We will be learning lots more about this topic over the next few weeks which we know that the children (and adults!) are very excited about!





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School Diary

March

14th Mothering Sunday

Friday 19th Red Nose Day—dress in red or as something from Disney

April

1st Break up 3pm

5-16th school holidays

19th Teacher training Inset day

20th Children return to school

22nd Class photos

May

3rd Bank Holiday

13th Full Governing Body meeting

31st half term holiday

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

✦ 19th April 2021

✦ Monday 5th July 2021