

# William Morris Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016



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I can't believe just how quickly the end of the year is approaching. I feel like it was just yesterday when I started on my 1<sup>st</sup> day here at William Morris.

# **Summer Fayre**

IT'S HERE!!!! The Summer Fayre has finally arrived, let's hope it brings the sunshine with it! The main gates will be open from 11am for 'Car Boot' setup. 'Car Boot' will £5 per car and will be payable at the gate on arrival. The actual fayre will open from 12pm and finish at 3pm. Entrance fee will be 50p for adults and children under 12 are free. IF WET: The Fayre will still go ahead but indoors. Please note that alcohol must not be consumed on school premises. We look forward to seeing you all there and thank you to everyone for your continued support. (Shirley Williams)

# Goodbyes

It is that time of year where we have to say farewells. There are some Teaching Assistants who will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term and so the Summer Fayre will be a good opportunity to come by and say hello. This will be Shirley Williams' last Summer Fayre because she will be retiring. We are going to miss you so much but enjoy your very well deserved retirement after 19 years of dedicated service to the school. Karen Higham and Bev Matin-Hamed have decided to take voluntary redundancy. Mrs Matin-Hamed has worked here for 14 years and has been a pillar in the breakfast club and KS2 and will be sorely missed. We wish you the very best for your future business. Karen Higham has been here for 15 years and has had many roles during her time here. We will miss Karen and we wish her the best in her future endeavours.

## **Attendance**

It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child/ren attend school every day unless there is a reported illness. Please note that the national average for attendance is 95% and above, a significant number of our pupils are below or well below this percentage. If your child's attendance drops below this figure you will receive a notice from the school requiring an increase in attendance. Children are also arriving too late for school, a reminder that the school day officially starts at 8:30am. Children should enter their classes at 8:30 for registration at 8:40. Anything after this time is marked as late. The start of the day is very important for your child as there are morning tasks/activities and class routines they need to be a part of.

#### **Breakfast Club**

A reminder that we have a breakfast club where we encourage as many children as possible to attend. This can help with any 'morning' stress at home as the children can eat their breakfast here at school and do not run the risk of being late for class.

# **After School Care**

Please can you return your parent questionnaires as soon as possible as this is the only way we will know how to best meet the needs in the community. We are exploring the possibility of providing parents with a child-care service that could potentially finish at 6pm and include their evening meal. This would be in addition to and different from the normal after school activity clubs. If you no longer have a questionnaire and want one, please see Ms Wilson or Mrs Denny in the office and they will be able to give you an extra copy.

## 'Moving Up Day'

A reminder that next week is transition week in Oxfordshire. Year 6's go to Banbury Academy on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and those going to NOA move up on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July.



And so, the rest of William Morris will have our own 'Moving Up Day' on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Arrangements for the day:

**8:30am** - Children will arrive at school as normal to their current class teachers. The children will stay with their class teachers until 9:30am. This is to allow you the opportunity to come in the school hall and meet some of the new teachers if you wish to.

**9:30am** - the new teachers will move on to their new classrooms to meet their new pupils, a very exciting time for everyone!

#### **Logo Competition:**

The logo competition is well under way! We have had a huge number of submissions for the children with some very exciting and inspiring designs. It's wonderful to see how enthusiastic our children are at being a part of reshaping William Morris into a brand new school.

#### **Uniform:**

We still have lots of children coming to school in the wrong school uniform. Please note that teachers are going to begin reminding your children daily about the correct school uniform and if your child is in the wrong school uniform, you will be sent a note to ask you to make sure the correct uniform is worn the next day. If your child repeatedly does not wear the right uniform, then you will be asked to bring it in to school or take your child home to get changed. It is really important that our children understand how to dress and wear their school badge with pride.

#### Stars of the Week

Nursery: Charlie Leonard and Callum Milligan

Foundation Stage: Dawid Atkins

Year 1: Dawid Pilch
Year 2: Kayla Houston
Year 3/4: The whole class
Year 4/5: Jack Robinson
Year 5/6: David Tran





#### Olympic week

During the last week of term all children will be put into four teams and will take part in an Olympic tournament. There will be an opening and closing ceremony led by the Sway dance group. Stickers and Gold medals will be given out on the Wednesday morning and parents will be able to see photos of our fun on the school website. We are really looking forward to it.

## **William Morris Nursery**

Please spread the word that our lovely nursery still has a few places available for September 2016. Contact office for more details.

#### **Dates for Next Week**

| Date                  | Activity          | Time      | Place       | Notes |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Mon4 <sup>th</sup>    | F1&Y1 Lego        | 3:15-4:15 | Y2          |       |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Football          | 3:15-4:15 | Field/ Y5/6 |       |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Activities        | 3:15-4:15 | Y2          |       |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Multi-Skills      | 3:15-4:15 | Hall/Field  |       |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Sway street dance | 3:15-4:15 | Hall        |       |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> | Lego              | 3:15-4:15 | Hall        |       |

Important date: We are giving you advance notice that we will be closing at **1:30** on the last day of term Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016. This will bring us in-line with the majority of primary schools in the local area.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday

Julie Hiddleston and the school team