

William Morris Newsletter

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Welcome back to all our pupils and parents after what was hopefully a lovely Easter break. The end of the Easter Holidays, as much as we enjoy them, signals and ushers in the welcome return of the Summer Term! This is going to be a packed term with lots to do, but we will hopefully have lots of sunshine on our side to help us power through.

This has been an extremely busy week in what was my first at William Morris. I am thrilled to be here and I know I speak for Ms Price, the Deputy Head teacher, when I say that she is delighted to be here too. On Tuesday in assembly I shared with the children the reason why I chose to come to William Morris School. I explained that when I came on my very first visit back in December 2015, I was overwhelmed by the welcome I received with the friendliest faces and biggest smiles and I had ever seen. I knew instantly that this was the place I wanted to be so thank you to children, staff and parents for being so welcoming.

The **Year 5/6** class have been hard at work this week taking the reins of the school and upping their game considerably in their mission to earn more responsibility. They are pleased to report that they have managed to organise an assembly schedule that is already running like a well-oiled machine after just three goes. Year 6's also have the esteemed privilege of sitting on the benches during all assemblies. What a credit to the school. Congratulations to the following children for acquiring the position of:

Ushers: Ilona and Charlie

Lighting Technician: Marc

Label Manager: Maddy

Class Leaders: Gracie, Natasha, Ellis, Mallory, Conrad, Rhys, Kiara, Rebecca, Anneliese, Shakeela, Ellie, Summer, Aaron, Paige,

Computing and Sound Technicians: David, Ellie-May

Bench Co-ordinators: Archie, Caitlin, Ryan

Chair Co-ordinators: Ben, Brendan, Adam, Benjamin

Friday Specialist: Georgina

All the classes have been working hard to create their class rules or code of conduct. This is an agreement whereby each member of the class inputs into their 'class rules' and everyone agrees by signing their names. Ms Price has been slaving away at her sewing machine to create the characters our school uses to represent each rule. Each week the whole school will focus on one particular rule, this week it is '**Respect**'. We have a very exciting new **Golden Ticket Challenge** where Ms Price and I have to guess which class has a '**Golden Ticket**' meaning that they try extra hard to keep this week's rule. Ask your children how their class are trying to win points for this challenge! There will be a big class prize at the end of term for the class who collect the most points **and** for the class which has been voted for by all the staff to have been trying their best to win the challenges.

Friends of William Morris will be having their next meeting on **Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 3:30pm**. We are desperate to raise funds to replenish our book stocks in the school library. We know books do not come cheaply so we need as much support as possible to help us. Everyone is welcome and we will be sharing tea, coffee and biscuits.

Years 1 and 2 had an amazing time at Broughton Grounds Farm on Thursday morning. The children saw lambs being born which was very exciting!

Going forward...

On **Thursday 5th May 2016, 6pm – 7pm**, I would like to invite all parents and carers to a 'Vision and Ethos Evening' at school. This will be an evening where we gather together to share in the creation of a new vision and direction for our school. William Morris School is beginning a new journey as a brand new academy with a new leadership team and it is important that you are part of the direction of that journey. I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend that meeting and take the opportunity to have your say in the rebranding of your child's school. Tea,

coffee and biscuits will be provided from 5:45pm with a **prompt start at 6pm**. To give us an accurate estimation for refreshments, please return the reply-slip below by Friday 29th April if you intend to join us.

Notices

A reminder to parents to **not let their children run down the banks** upon arrival in the morning. We are creating a growing pathway of mud down our lovely grass hill.

It is extremely important that your children **arrive at school on time**. Learning begins very promptly in the mornings with the **first lesson of the day beginning at 8:45**, preceded by the register as soon as they enter the classroom.

Arriving on time is vital so your child can begin the day by getting ready for learning with all the other children in classroom.

If you misplace your paper copy of the newsletter, it will also be electronically available on the website.

Good byes

We were very sad last term to say goodbye to Maureen Hutchins and Sharon Hall. Maureen has worked at William Morris and was a part of the William Morris family for over 20 years. We thank her for all she gave to our school and we wish her all the best in her new ventures. Maureen will be missed for all her dedication in the Foundation Stage and the Nursery which she helped to set up.

Sharon Hall has worked across the year groups at William Morris for several years. She will be particularly missed by staff and children in Year 4/5 and as a member of the Breakfast Club team.

Dates for next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 18 th April	Foundation Stage/Year 1 lego club	3:15 – 4:15	Foundation	
Mon 18 th April	Arsenal Football	3:15 – 4:15	Playground/hall	
Tues 19 th April	Multi-skills	3:15 – 4:15	Outside	
Wed 20 th April	Guitar Lessons	morning	Year 5/6	Remember your guitars
Wed 20 th April	Sway Dance Club	3: 15 – 4:15	Hall	
Thurs 21 st April	Lego Yr 1-6	3:15 – 4:15	Hall	
Friday 22 nd April	NO Activities			

Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday morning.

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



William Morris Vision and Ethos Evening

I _____ parent / carer of _____ in year _____ will be

Attending the Vision and Ethos Evening on Thursday May 5th 2016