

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Beech:** Beech Class had a visit today from Thames Valley Police. We learnt about the uniform the Police wear, the vehicles they use and how their job is all about keeping us safe. Some of the class were lucky enough to try some uniform on and looked jolly smart!

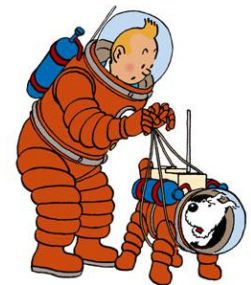


**Willow:** We have been learning all about the rainforest, the children have acted out a poem about the rainforest and been learning some tricky vocabulary and facts all related to our topic. Related to that we have been learning about the artist Georgia O’Keeffe and have produced our own interpretations of her flower paintings. For science this week, we have started our observation experiment and planted seeds...watch this space to see how they grow!



**Elm:** Our new topic is Volcanoes; the children have been creating volcanic explosions using a mixture of acid (half a cup of vinegar) and alkali (2 teaspoons of baking soda). This forms bubbles of carbon dioxide, which are released like a pyroclastic flow. The class thoroughly enjoyed this science experiment and might want to do some more at home!

**Cherry:** we have started our new book for the term: *Tintin – Explorers on the Moon*, which is a graphic novel. We are keeping our Space topic for this short term, as there is so much still to learn and this book slots in wonderfully with that theme. The children were thrilled to discover this was going to be our text for the term and have thoroughly enjoyed reading the opening few pages together. Already we have written predictions about the story and written, in role, as either Tintin, Captain Haddock or Snowy. We can’t wait to find out what happens next as we have left the story on a cliff hanger as Captain Haddock has just decided to walk out of the rocket during its flight to the moon; but don’t worry, Tintin is on his case!



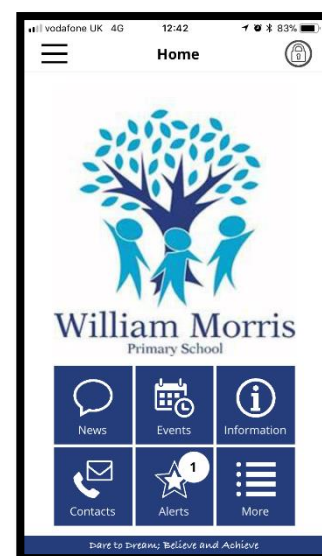
**Redwood:** We have had an amazing and very positive start to Term 3. Our new topic is called ‘Frozen Kingdom’ and the text we will be reading is *The Call of the Wild*. We had our WOW day on Wednesday where we worked in groups to design and construct fantastic shelters. The children also took part in an Arctic treasure hunt and built an enormous campfire. The day was finished off by enjoying yummy hot chocolate and marshmallows. Great job Y6!

**Important:** Letters went home last week about attendance. It is vitally important that your child spends the maximum amount of time at school. Research shows that an average of **only 20% of a child's outcome in life is down to schooling**. Please ensure that you are bringing your children to school as near as 100% of the possible sessions available to ensure that we can maximise the time spent with a skilled and highly trained professional teacher. We are thrilled to say that already, attendance has improved and is improving so keep it up.

You may see from time to time, your child comes home with a 'punctuality sticker'. This sticker will be awarded on a random day of the week to every child who is in school on time. If your child arrives after 8:40am, he/she will not receive the award that day.

**Census Day:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January it is Spring Census day. The data from attendance, how many pupils in total, as well as lots of other information sent to the government, is taken from this day. Following on from the letter home yesterday, we are making next Thursday 'Burger Day' – everybody's favourite! **We really do urge parents to book their child in for a hot dinner that day. This is because the more students having hot dinners, directly affects the funding the school receives from central Government.** This money has a huge impact throughout the school and on your children. The more money we get, the better resources we can provide.

**William Morris Mobile App:** We are very excited to announce that we have a smart new mobile app, specifically designed for parents and carers! Our FoWM parents have already been road testing this and have reported that it's easy to use and so we are now ready to roll it out to parents throughout the school. In the near future, we will be asking you to register your devices; this will be so that we can tailor information to parents. However, in the meantime, please download it from the App Store (for Apple devices) or Google Play for Android devices – there is a link from the news article on our website homepage. **It is important that you begin using this App as it will eventually replace the texting service.** If your device is not registered, you will not receive up to date information about the school, events and your child's learning. This will not be an App open to public use and can only be used by registered devices on our database. More details will follow soon.



**Key Dates for your Diary:**

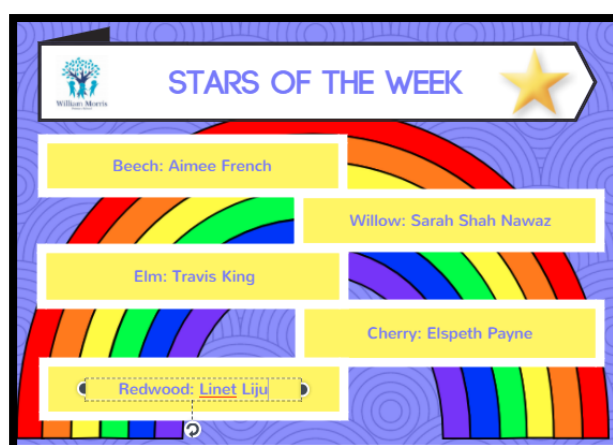
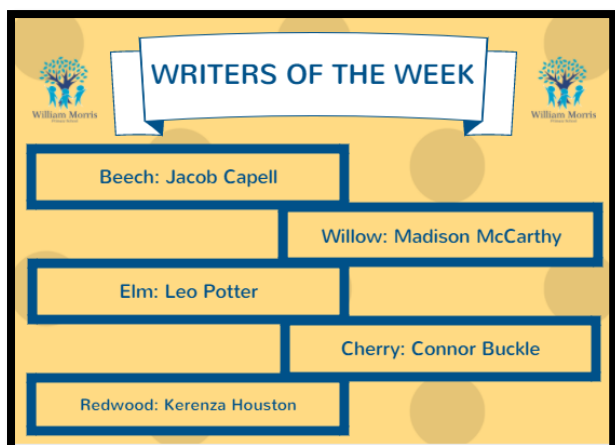
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Census day
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 6pm – Year 5 Parent Meeting re. Yr 6 Residential 2018
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Break Up Day (normal finish at 3:05)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup>–Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – HALF-TERM



Have a great weekend

*Hiddleston*

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





# CLUBS

at William Morris  
Primary School

All clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Football - £3</b> (all years)	<b>Sway Dance Club - £3</b> (all years) led by Ms Whitehead	<b>Youth Club - £1</b> (Cherry and Redwood) led by Ms Rees	<b>Change4Life Club</b> (invite only) led by Mr Johns
<b>Ninja Number club</b>  Open to existing members initially (waiting list in operation) led by a Ninja Volunteer			

## Free Trial Piano Tuition

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunities to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder. **Not sure if your child will take to it? Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?**

All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email [MJmusicervices@aol.com](mailto:MJmusicervices@aol.com)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:**

## Free Trial RugbyTots – 3-7 years only

RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises. Cost £3.00 per session.

**Please book with school office ASAP to avoid disappointment**