# WILLIAM MORRIS NEWS

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**Beech:** This week we have been continuing our topic on Bright Light, Big City by learning about the Tower of London and the magnificent Crown Jewels. We have also been constructing obstacle courses and building pirate ships outside. We have all been drawing pirate treasure maps and labelling them. We have had lots of fun making pirate hats!

**Willow:** We have been learning all about money by trying to buy items from our pretend shop. We have also been continuing to learn all about the life cycle of a plant in science. In art, we have continued to learn about Georgia O'Keeffe and have started making our own flower collages.

**Elm:** This week we have been journalists writing newspaper reports about the day Elm class created a volcanic explosion and caused the school to shut. We have used Read Write Ink actions to help us write eyewitness accounts to use inverted commas correctly.

We have been reading our class book 'Vacation under the Volcano' to find out what Annie and Jack are going to do in the Magic Tree House and if they are going to make it in time!

**Cherry:** This week in Cherry Class, the children have been working hard on their fractions. We started the week counting in hundredths then moved on to focusing on fractions that equal

one. We have finished the week converting between improper and mixed number fractions. The children have been using Cuisenaire rods to help them with their

fractions, as using visual representations of fractions is one of the best ways to learn them. The children really enjoyed making their Cuisenaire rods equal 1, showing the parts and the whole. They then used them to create mixed number fractions.

**Redwood:** This week Year 6 have been planning short stories based on The Call of the Wild. They have described their main characters and the story setting. The children have also created some beautiful art based on the story using watercolours. I can't wait to read their finished stories!

## Important:

Please remember that all pupils need to have **P.E kits at school**. These need to be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

Once a week all children on time for school will be awarded stickers for punctuality. This could be any day of the week so it's best to be on time every day!









#### Important:

**SSB Parent Member Appointed:** We are delighted to announce the election of Rebecca Payne as William Morris' SSB Parent Member. As a member of the SSB, Rebecca will be involved in planning and many strategic decisions with respect to the successful running of our school. It's an incredibly rewarding and important role and we look forward to welcoming her input over the next three years.

**Sports Report:** Last Friday, William Morris sent a team of budding Tag Rugby players to Cropredy Primary School for a fixture. It was a fantastic game, with end to end action and the result was a very fitting draw. Best of all, the game was played in a brilliant spirit. All players shook hands before and after the game and showed great sporting behaviours throughout. Watch out for some of the team pulling on an England shirt in the future!



## Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Break Up Day (normal finish at 3:05)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – £50 deposit for next years Y6 residential to Green Park to be paid (current Y5 children)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 – Wear Red Day in aid of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. £1 donation. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - FOWM Film Night – letter to follow next week Monday 12<sup>th</sup>–Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – HALF-TERM Have a great weekend

Giddleston.

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Football</b> - £3 (all years)	<b>Sway Dance Club</b> - £3 (all years) led by Ms Whitehead		<b>Youth Club</b> - £1 (Cherry and Redwood) led by Ms Rees
Ninja Number club 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 **MJmusicservices@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