

16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Beech:** Spring has come to reception class this week, and we have been learning about animals that hibernate through the winter and wake up once it gets warmer! We have been learning about the seasons and have been looking at the trees outside, but only tiny buds are showing so we want the weather to warm up! We have also been learning about different shapes, ask your child what shape your front door is! Ask them to look for different shapes as they walk to school, they love shape hunting!

Year 1 have worked really hard this week as well as having lots of fun with a treasure hunt in the playground finding jungle animals. In maths, we had fun with whole and half turn practice. Well done everyone!

**Willow:** Willow class have embraced science week this week. We have tested bottle rockets to see if they will fly better with colder or warmer water. We have also been experimenting to see how the surface area of boats that we created can affect whether they float or sink once our toy passengers hop on board. We have also had lots of fun creating Easter hats ready for the bonnet competition next week.



**Elm:** In Elm to celebrate Science week we are having our own Bird Watch. We have collected natural materials to create nests and making fat feeders. We are tracking different birds who are visiting our bird boxes and feeding stations in our quad area in school to see if any of them will use them as create nests as Spring is just about here! In Maths we have been using cuisenaire rods to calculate fractions and answering questions such as if  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a whole is 23 what is the whole. Stone Age is our history topic this term and we have been finding out how our ancestors in the past hunted for food and are writing explanation reports.



**Cherry:** As usual it has been another fantastic week in Cherry class. The highlight had to be making Ancient Egyptian Canopic jars. These were jars the Ancient Egyptians used to store the organs of mummified pharaohs in. We didn't take it quite as far as the Ancient Egyptians but using clay the children sculpted their own Canopic jars with lids depicting wild animals or mythical creatures as was done in Ancient Egypt. Next week, once the clay is dry, we will spend some time painting these jars, and include some of the photos in the newsletter.

**Just a reminder** – it would be brilliant if you could send in with your child some toilet rolls, to enable us to have our mummification afternoon. At the moment we don't have enough to do this.

**Redwood:** Redwood class have had a blast this week, celebrating Science Week by designing posters and creating bug hotels. We have created minibeast inspired artwork, and explored our school grounds to find minibeast habitats.

The children had a fantastic lesson with Mr Wright developing their computer science skills, and enjoyed an energetic session with Mr Pemble. We have gone fraction mad - working all week ordering, multiplying and simplifying improper and proper fraction. I am very proud of this super class!

**Sports Relief:** On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March we will be supporting Sports Relief. Children are allowed to come to school in sports gear and donate £1. During the day we will be running skip-a-thons and dance-a-thons. All money raised will go directly to Sports Relief.

**Year 6 SATS drop in:** Mrs Martin will be holding a SATS drop in meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 2:00-3:30pm for parents to discuss points to focus on. Please see Mrs Martin or the office for a time slot.

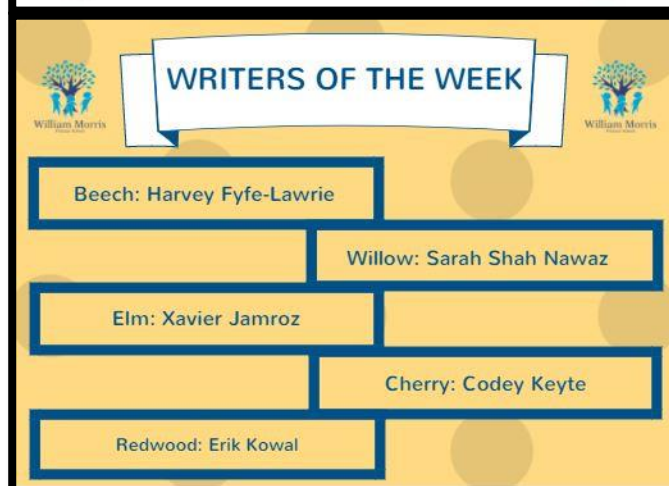
**Key Dates for your Diary:**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 and Reception parent meetings, see class for appointment sheets
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Early Years and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks – School Nurse
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 and Reception parent meetings, see class for appointment sheets
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – FOWM PTA meeting – 3:15pm (all welcome)
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2.00 - 3:30pm – Year 6 SATs drop in, with Mrs Martin
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2:00-3:30pm – Year 2 SATs drop in, with Mrs Connelly
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, from 3:15pm – Easter Eggstravaganza!
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00-3:30pm – Year 1 phonics drop in, with Ms Munoz and Ms Price
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term, finish at 1:30pm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER BREAK
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, return to school
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day, no children in school

Have a fantastic 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
<p><b>Football - £3</b> (all years)</p>	<p><b>Sway Dance Club - £3</b> (all years) led by Ms Whitehead</p>		<p><b>Youth Club - £1</b> (Cherry and Redwood) led by Ms Rees</p>
<p><b>Ninja Number club</b></p> <p>Open to existing members initially (waiting list in operation) led by a Ninja Volunteer</p>			<p><b>Rugby Tots</b></p> <p>For ages 3-7</p> <p>£3.00 per session</p>

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