



WILLIAM MORRIS NEWS

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Bring it on 2019 – we are ready for you!

WOW! What an amazing start to the year – I would even go so far as to say it's been the best start we have had since joining GLF! What an incredible way to end of 2018 with every year group and every single child in the school making excellent progress. Of course, it goes without saying that 2018-2019 will be even better than that! This is going to be our Ofsted inspection year and we can't wait to show off the progress and improvements that we have made. The entire school has such a positive, enthusiastic and exciting vibe and that's down to you the parents, all the staff and of course the children. It has been especially impressive to see the 4s, 5s and 6s settle so quickly into some very high-level work. They are already a shining example of calm, dedication and hard work. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new faces to join our WM family! Lots of new children's faces as well as adults, we wish you all every success in your time here at William Morris.

Full STEAM ahead!

This year is so incredibly exciting with our amazing **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) agenda in full swing. You will have received a letter this week regarding the 1st project for the term which has an **ENGINEERING** focus and we really need your help with bringing in your plastics for reuse and the teachers would really appreciate volunteers for when it comes time to build the shelters. All the teachers and classes are VERY competitive this year and so.... MAY THE GAMES BEGIN! The winning class will receive an entire extra playtime as well as special involvement in the actual building works due to commence on site soon.

Class teachers have said how pleased they are to be chatting to you in the mornings and they are really enjoying getting to know you and your children. Next week you will receive Term 1 curriculum letters from your teachers where they will explain more about how the year will work in their classes. To give you an opportunity to hear it all in person and ask questions, we are offering "get to know your teacher" sessions:

Shakespeare Class – Friday 14th September, 3:05pm – 3:30pm

Da Vinci Class – Friday 21st September, 3:05pm – 3:30pm

Valentina Class – Thursday 20th September, 3:05 – 3:30pm

Seacole Class – Wednesday 19th September, 3:05 – 3:30pm

Kandinsky Class – Tuesday 18th September, 3:05 – 3:30pm

Darwin Class – Thursday 13th September, 2:30pm – 3:05pm

The Building:

A huge thank you to all of you for being so understanding and flexible regarding the 'strange' arrangements this term while we prepare for the building works. We are SO EXCITED about the remodelling of the structure. Ms Cumming and I have been working hard over the summer holidays meeting with engineers, architects and more contractors than we care to count! Things are well underway now and the architects have completed the drawings with the structural engineers also completing their full surveys of the site. Things are moving smoothly and according to plan with a projected start date in October. In the meantime, engineers and contractors will regularly be visiting site to begin with site preparation. The projected completion is by the end of December, ready for the new year, but we would be wise to take that with a pinch of salt as building works rarely run entirely smoothly! The children are

coping so incredibly well with the temporary arrangements you would never think it was anything out of the ordinary looking at them.

The hut had essential work done in the holidays to prepare it for use for the Autumn Term and the UKS2 classes have certainly done an amazing job at getting stuck in right from the get go.

Dojo Points, The Houses and Certificates:

We have reworked our reward system this year and house points are no longer in the form of 'house points'. Children earn points for their house by earning a Dojo Point (DP in books). It's very important that you download the Dojo app and get linked in. Teachers are in the process of being allocated iPads which will mean you can receive live updates about the day as and when it is posted. Dojo points will be collected on a Friday before Celebration Assembly and the totals recorded in the children's tally which is kept in their homework books. Their points accumulate every week where they can earn certificates. The Dojo points for the week are then cleared electronically and each child has a fresh start every Monday morning.

Uniforms:

The children are all looking SO smart, when they are sitting at their desks they look like they mean business! Please be aware that the full school uniform is compulsory. A school tie **MUST** be worn every day all day, black school shoes and no trainers with markings and a reminder that **HOODIES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ALL**. Hoodies are not considered to be coats and so cannot be used as a coat at school. Coats and school branded jumpers are the correct uniform. Please refer to the school uniform policy available on the website if you have any questions. If your child has a hoodie they will be asked to remove it and will not be allowed to wear it. If it is a cold day and your child only has a hoodie they will be asked to stay indoors as they will not be permitted to wear it at all during the day.

PE Kits are a very important part of the school kit. All children **MUST** have their PE Kits at school every day. They need to arrive on a Monday morning and go home on a Friday for a wash. We are a healthy school and so PE is a big part of our curriculum therefore they need to be able to change as when needed during the week.

Toys:

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. This is a distraction and it can cause issues throughout the day. Special permission needs to be granted by the class teacher or a member of the Inclusion Team if it is for a special need or short period of time. Toys brought to school will be kept by the teacher and returned at the end of the day.

Healthy Schools:

A reminder that we are a healthy school. This year we are working towards gaining our healthy schools mark which is something the Pupil Parliament (School Council) will be working on. This means that packed lunches cannot contain sugars/chocolate and fizzy drinks or drinks with sugar content are not allowed. Please encourage your child to drink water. All children should bring a water bottle to school every day. A hydrated body means a higher functioning mind.

Reminder: Our school day starts at 8:40am and finishes at 3:05pm, this is the case for all classes and age groups. It is incredibly important for children to be arrive on time and be ready to learn. Even being just a bit late, can have a negative effect for the remainder of the day. Thank you for your support in this.

Friends of William Morris (PTFA) and Parent Forum:

Tuesday 18th is the first PTFA meeting where the group will be planning for the first event of the year... The William Morris Pub Quiz in October. Please please do attend these, we have a very active parent group but we are always looking for more volunteers.

Tuesday 9th October 5:30 – 7:30: The WM Pub Quiz. Chips, hotdogs, alcohol and soft drinks on sale. This is an adult's only event so please begin arranging child care now!

We also have a Parent Forum who regularly meets with members of the SLT. A very important part of our school is making sure that we regularly gather parent voice and hear your views. This is a positive meeting where school and parents discuss issues and talk about how to improve and move things forward. The first meeting for this will be **Tuesday 9th October 8:40am – 9:10am**. See you then!

Key Dates for your Diary:

- Parents evenings: Wednesday 31st October (3:15-5:00pm) and Thursday 1st November (4:00-7:00pm)
- Year 6 residential: Monday 1st October – Friday 5th October
- Break-Up Day – Friday 19th October
- INSET Day – Monday 29th October
- School Opens – Tuesday 30th October

Have a fantastic weekend!



Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

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CLUBS

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All clubs for this term, from now until December run from 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir Yrs 3-6 Free of charge	Cross Country Running Yrs 2-6 Free of charge Football £3 per session	Oxford United Football Ladies Invitation only, date to be advised	Tag Rugby Yrs 2-6 Free of charge Dance Club £3 per session

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 opportunity 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

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