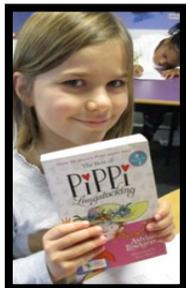




The Grand Opening Of Our Jungle Book Library

Thank you s much for your generous book donations to mark the Opening Of our very special library.



The children and staff had a wonderful day as all children took part in a variety of reading activities and workshops. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Jessica Kingsley and Rosie Hudson for organising some wonderful storytelling and performing workshops for our children. I think the Jungle Jamboree lunch was a favourite of many of the children as everyone sat together in



their pyjamas to enjoy a variety of sandwiches, cakes, scones and fruit. The lunch hall looked beautiful, themed to the Jungle Book with carefully designed bunting and helium balloons.

Thank you also for sending in a



photograph of your child reading in an extreme place. Staff also had to send in a photo of them reading in

Dear Families,



an extreme place too. All of these photos will be on display in our Reception area in Tower Hill and in our library.

Our library is now fully equipped and ready for regular access. We would really welcome some support from any member of our Singlegate community in volunteering some time to work with children in the library and in keeping it tidy and organised. If you think you could spare a few hours or would like to talk to me about this kind of support, please do make an appointment to meet with me by contacting our office. Any form of support would be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime our children will continue to access the library during the school day with a member of staff.

Thank you.

WELCOME MRS HICKMAN

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Hickman as our new Inclusion Leader at Singlegate Primary School from January 2018.

Mrs Hickman has been working at William Morris Primary School as our Inclusion Leader for the last year and a half and has successfully supported many children, staff and families in managing and supporting children with identified special educational needs.

Mrs Hickman will be an asset to our team and I look forward to her wonderful work this coming January.



IT'S Christmas TIME.....

Please don't forget to 'dig out' your child's Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory to wear this Wednesday for their Christmas lunch. The staff and children will eat together.



Don't forget to purchase your performance programmes for the performances of A Midwife Crisis (Year 2 and 3) and Humph The Camel (Nursery and Reception).

7th December at 2.00 pm—Humph The Camel to the afternoon Nursery, Bank and Archway Class families

8th December at 9.30 am — Humph The Camel to the morning Nursery and Angel Class families

14th December at 2.00 pm — A Midwife Crisis to Year 2 and 3 families

15th December at 9.30 am—A Midwife Crisis to Year 2 and 3 families

18th December from 3.00 pm—Christmas Food Market

19th December—Christmas class parties

19th December—last day for the Nursery children

20th December at 2.00 pm—school closes for the Christmas holidays



Dear Families,

Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's personal, social, academic or physical development then please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you feel that you require further assistance with any matter then please make an appointment to see either of the Assistant Headteachers who are Mrs Pitt in the Foundation Stage and Mr Bostock for Years 5 and 6. Mrs Newman as a newly appointed phase leader may be contacted if you have a concern about your Year 2 child and Mrs Wozniak if you have a concern about your Year 1 child. Miss Bloxsome in her capacity as Acting Deputy Headteacher will have direct responsibility for Years 3 and 4. If you still require further assistance please contact Mrs Hart our Associate Headteacher or myself. We would prefer that you come to see us as soon as a concern arises so that we can respond immediately to support a successful solution. The office team will be available in the school office to answer any immediate queries and will also be able to make appointments for you with our staff.

Timetabled family consultations will take place in **November after the half-term holiday.**

Head and Deputy Head Boy/ Girl

Our newly elected team are:

Head Boy: **Mikey Stovold**

Head Girl: **Iara David Lamb**

Deputy Head Boy: **Ellis Kennedy-Nunez**

Deputy Head Girl: **Bianka Drozd**

Please do make sure that you check our Federated website on www.swmf.org.uk for up to date information regarding up and coming school events and Federated successes.

Main events/dates for this term will be available to you all by the end of this week.

Extra-curricular activities

All extra-curricular activities start the week beginning 18th September. You will receive a ParentMail in the next few days detailing the choices for your child.



PE kits and uniform

Please do make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day of the week ready for washing at weekends. Your child must be dressed in a smart school uniform every day leaving hoodies and brightly coloured jumpers/cardigans at home. Trainers are to be worn for PE lessons only so please make sure your child is wearing shoes on a daily basis. Trainers may be changed into for lunchtime play if necessary. Please do support your child in their organisation of resources for the school day to avoid any unnecessary upset because of regular reminders from staff.

Online homework (Mathletics)

Please be aware that you will all soon be receiving details about our newly revised online homework plan for this academic year. You will all have the opportunity of working more closely with your child in completing Mathematics tasks with your child that match exactly what the children are learning in the classroom with much improved access and challenge.

Information sent to you via ParentMail will include your child's specific password and instructions for access. We can't wait to launch this new programme and we welcome your feedback.

Reviewing our Behaviour For Learning Management Strategies

This September all staff have been involved in a review of our behaviour management strategies which we launched last year.

As part of this review we have developed a series of progressive sanctions as well as reviewing how we celebrate and reward excellent behaviour choices. **Our Choices** that we expect all children to adhere to have been revisited and consist of the following:

- we choose to work hard and try our best
- we choose to be honest and take responsibility
- we choose to be proud of ours, and others', achievements
- we choose to ask for help when we don't understand
- we choose to listen to others
- we choose to keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- we choose to look after each other, the school and resources
- we choose to take risks and be brave
- we choose to be grateful and appreciative

We will be reminding the children of these expectations and rewarding the children every time they follow Our Choices consistently. The following rewards will continue to support the choices our children make:

- verbal praise
- visiting a member of the Senior Leadership Team to share and celebrate the excellent behaviour choices
- receiving an 'ask me what I have achieved today' sticker/certificate from either Mrs Inglis, Mrs Hart or Mrs Bull
- receiving a 'WOW card' from the classteacher/teaching assistant
- additional minutes at playtime/ lunchtime, lining up first etc.

Our school website will include information about the children who receive 'WOW cards' or achievement certificates. Please do check this weekly.

If your child's choices concern us we want to make you as fully aware and as involved as possible.

It is our priority to maintain a consistent approach to managing our high expectations of behaviour both at school and at home in partnership with you.

Mrs N Bull