



## Dear Families,

### CONGRATULATIONS Mrs Evans!



We are so thrilled to hear of the news that Mrs Evans will be expecting her first baby next April 2018.

I am currently in the process of recruiting a classteacher for the summer term to ensure a carefully planned transition from one member of staff to another.

We are so excited for you Mrs Evans!

### THANK YOU and FAREWELL Mrs Hickman

After just over a year, Mrs Hickman our Inclusion Leader will be leaving William Morris Primary School at the end of this term.

We are all so thankful for the wonderful support she has provided for our children, staff and families. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the children in our school with additional need have the appropriate resources to support their needs and accelerate their progress. She has also worked carefully with staff to ensure that they feel skilled and equipped with the strategies required for supporting our most vulnerable children. I know Mrs Hickman has enjoyed working with so many families, supporting you in understanding how we can support your child.

Mrs Hickman will not be far away as she welcomes her new post as Inclusion Leader at Singlegate Primary School. She will be handing her responsibility to Mrs van Manen until a newly recruited Inclusion Leader is in post. With systems so robust and carefully organised, we feel that this transition will be a smooth and successful one.



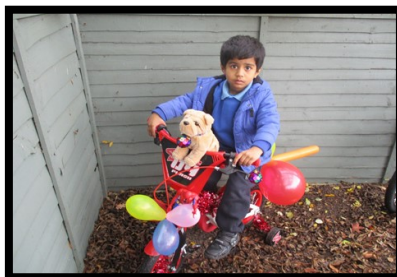
We will of course say a very special goodbye to Mrs Hickman and I know you join me in saying a very big 'thank you' for all that she has done for us. Mrs Hickman will soon make additional contact with key families before she departs. Good luck Mrs Hickman.

### BRIGHTEN UP YOUR BIKE—WINNERS

Well done to some very creative children who have worked hard to 'Brighten up' their bikes during this festive season.

Our winners are:

**Jalal** from Holmes Class



**Luiza** from Hamilton Class

**Marissa** from Farah Class



### IT'S Christmas TIME.....

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



Don't forget to purchase your performance programmes for the performances of Baubles (Year 1 and 2), The Ordinary Ox (Years 3-5) and Humph The Camel (Nursery and Reception).

Thursday 7th December at 9.30—Baubles to families

Friday 8th December at 2.00 pm—Baubles to families

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30 am — The Ordinary Ox to families

Wednesday 13th December at 5.00 pm — The Ordinary Ox to families

Monday 18th December at 2.00 pm—Humph The Camel to families

Tuesday 19th December at 9.30 am—Humph The Camel to families

Tuesday 19th December—class Christmas parties



## Dear Families,

### 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 Parent-Mail 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.

### School Lunches

Please remember that the cost of school lunches has now increased to £2.00 per child per day. This can be paid daily, weekly or monthly. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive Universal Free School Meals under the Government scheme. Payment for lunches can be made in cash via the post box in the office or via bank transfer. Please speak with a member of the office team if you have any questions.



### 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 will take responsibility for everything we say and do
- we will strive to be the best we can be
- we will enjoy and embrace our experiences
- we will be proud of ours, and others', achievements
- we will listen to others
- we will look after each other, the school and resources
- we will learn from our mistakes and never give up
- we will ask for help if we need it

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 van Manen or Mrs Bull
- receiving a 'WOW card' from the classteacher/teaching assistant
- additional minutes at play-time/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