



Dear Families,

Welcome back!

I do hope that you all have had a super sunny, restful, fun-packed summer break! I would like to warmly welcome all of our new children and families as they begin an exciting educational journey with us.

This summer holiday has been fairly quiet. Mr Parsons has painted Crusoe's Cabin, the basketball lines, one of the gazebos, repaired and painted the fence at the front of the school, the walkway into the school from the car-park and the pillars at the front of the school. We have also had new urinals fitted for the Key Stage 2 children's toilets.

A warm welcome

I would personally like to extend a warm William Morris welcome to Miss Adusei (Holmes Class) and Miss Dunn (Armstrong Class), as newly appointed class teachers. I would also like to welcome Mrs Simms and Mrs Belaidi, our newly appointed teaching assistants in the Foundation Stage.

Before the end of this month we will be welcoming Mrs Evans back to the William Morris team after her maternity leave. She will be working with Miss Aktar in Year 3 teaching whole class sessions as well as small group targeted sessions. A great addition to our Year 3 team.

I would also like to welcome Mrs O'Donoghue, formally known as Miss Gravestock, following her very special wedding this summer holiday.

I am really looking forward to working with new and existing staff and I wish them all a wonderful, successful experience with us.

Head and Deputy Head Boy/Girl

Our newly elected team are:

Head Boy: **Aaron Villanueva**

Head Girl: **Aimee Yeboah**

Deputy Head Boy: **Tariq Hakim**

Deputy Head Boy: **Tyrese Williams**

Deputy Head Girl: **Stacia Jackman**

Deputy Head Girl: **Fabijana Brizinskaite**



Our main school priorities this academic year are:

To provide support and improve the social, emotional and mental health of our school community and across the Federation.

To improve the Good Level Of Development in the Foundation Stage from 67% to at least 70%.

To continue to improve Communication and Language opportunities through our language rich outdoor environment and focused teaching opportunities.

To accelerate the progress of targeted children in making 4 steps of progress across the year in Mathematics to ensure a greater percentage achieve the aged related expectation.

To close the attainment gap of non pupil premium children and pupil premium children in writing.

To review our planning for guided reading to ensure that all children have opportunities for deepening their understanding of an enriched language which will support the children's ability to infer subtleties in meaning more successfully and engage the reader when applying in their writing.

To ensure that at least 75% of our Year 1 children meet the expected standard in phonics.

To develop outstanding leadership and Governance across the Federation in support of improved standards of learning and teaching.

To develop effective, learning partnerships in support of improved learning experiences for the children and an evaluation of staff workflow.

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 Smith in the Foundation Stage and Miss Masters for Years 1 and 2. Miss Holliday will have direct responsibility for Years 3 and 4 and Miss Thomas will have direct responsibility for Years 5 and 6. If you still require further assistance please contact Mrs van Manen our Associate Headteacher or myself. We would prefer that you came 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.**

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 **17th September**. You will receive a form 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 week-ends. 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 your child's Mathletics homework will be set from **Monday 10th September**. New children to our school will have their login and access details sent to them via parentmail by Monday 10th September too. Please keep tackling those challenges and certificates of success will come your way too.

School Lunches

Please remember that the cost of school lunches has now increased to £2.05 per child per day. This can be paid daily, weekly or monthly. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will 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'. 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.

You may receive a text from us informing you of the inappropriate behaviours being managed or a text informing you that your child has a lunchtime detention. Again, this text will let you know what the detention was for.

If your child has three or more texts sent home across the course of the first term, then a meeting will be arranged with yourselves, the classteacher and a Senior Leader. The aim of this meeting will be to agree a range of strategies that will be implemented in the classroom and at home.

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

Our Spotlight On Sport this



term is Mental Fitness

We will be working with the children teaching them about how to maintain a healthy diet, remain physically active and develop mental strength and positivity. Our focus for all at William Morris Primary School is **WELLNESS**.

A Mile A Day

Starting from **Monday 10th September** launches our Mile A Day initiative for Years 2-6. Please look out for information as to where and what time to meet and of course what to wear.



Key dates for your diary

Monday 10th September—children in Years 2-6 receive their spellings to learn

Week beginning 17th September—Extra-curricular activities start

Tuesday 25th September at 6.00 pm—Phonics and Mathematics workshop for Foundation Stage families

Wednesday 10th October—World Mental Health Day