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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have come to half term already—the weeks seems to have flown by! The children are now really settled and know their routines. They have been doing some excellent phonics learning; please do ask them to teach you the actions at home. There are some lovely friendships blossoming and the children are playing cooperatively together.

We would like to thank you for supporting us as we have opened our new school. It has been a busy time, but I hope you will agree the children are now really benefitting from the new space and resources. We look forward to sharing more of their learning next term.

I would also personally like to thank the staff team, who have worked so hard together to get everything set up and running smoothly for the children and for supporting them as they start their learning at school.

Have a very relaxing half term holiday — we look forward to another successful term of fun and learning in the lead up to Christmas.

Mrs J Fraser
Headteacher

Open House—Sharing Learning

It was lovely to see so many parents at 'Open House' on Friday. The children were SO excited to show you their learning, around their classroom and especially share their yummy bread!



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Parents Consultation Meetings

Thank you so much for coming to meet with Miss Coley and Mrs Marsden for Parents Evening. I hope you enjoyed talking to them about how well your child has settled in at school.



Poppies

We will have poppies and wrist bands available for the children to purchase after half term. The box will be in the front office. Please do pop in with your child if they would like to support the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day.

Footpath Update

After half term the footpath between GWA and our school will be complete. This will mean children and parents will not have to cross the road, but can walk all the way on the right hand side of William Morris Way. Please do still remind your children to be careful crossing at GWA and at the site of Churchward School next to our school.

Nativity Date Change

Unfortunately we have had to change the date of our nativity play due to a DFE visit at Badbury Park School.

Dress Rehearsal Tues 10th Dec 9:15am: Siblings will be welcome to come along to this and watch their brothers and sisters.

Performance Fri 13th Dec 9:15am: It would be appreciated if parents and grandparents only come to watch the performance. This is so our children can perform to the best of their ability without additional noise. Thank you.



No nuts please

We have children in our school with severe nut allergies, please can we remind parents not to bring nuts or products containing nuts onto the school site. Thank you.

Ofsted Parent view

We would like to ask parents to fill in the Ofsted parent view questionnaire, so share their thoughts about our lovely school. It takes a few minutes—the link is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

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WM Link Photos

As a school we have been advertising our prospective parent tours in The Link Magazine, but we also featured in an article and on the front cover!



Youngsters all set for their first day at William Morris Primary School



SCITT Student Teachers

As you may be aware Mrs Marsden is completing her Initial Teacher Training course this year. She is really enthusiastic about the course and is enjoying teaching the children. She has to gather some information into a folder to share with her tutors. This may consist of samples of children's work and photos. The information will only be seen by the Blue Kite Trust staff and no full names will be used. If you would prefer your child not to be included in her file, please let the office know. Thank you.

Harvest Collection

Thank you so much to everyone who donated food for our Harvest collection for Swindon Food Collective. We collected an amazing 4 full boxes, which is huge for our small number of pupils. The Food Collective were very appreciative.



Coats, Hats & Gloves

It has started to get cooler and it may be time to dig out the winter clothes over half term. Please could we request that children bring in a warm winter coat, hat and gloves after half term. Scarves are also permitted.



Children in Need—Wear a Hat!

On Friday 15th November we will be celebrating Children In Need. Please could the children bring in a funny or favourite hat to wear, along with a suggested donation of £1.

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PTA News



New Logo

We are very pleased to unveil our new PTA logo. This was designed by Mrs Baker and is linked to our school ethos: 'Working together to develop every child, Motivational teaching to inspire success.'

Halloween Event

Wow what a fabulous first event our PTA held on Monday evening! Thank you so much to everyone who helped organise the event and who came along on the night. The PTA raised £88 which is a brilliant amount and will go towards buying outside equipment for the children. If you are interested in being part of the PTA, please let the school office know.





Executive Headteacher: Mrs J Fraser

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School Diary

October

7th Harvest festival donations
15th Open morning for prospective parents
18th Open morning for prospective parents
18th 2:30pm-3.00pm Open House for parents of Sunflower Class
21st October PTA Halloween themed event
22nd Parent consultation evening for Sunflower Class 1.00pm-6.00pm
23rd Break up for half term
24th—1st November Half term holiday

November

4th Children back to school
5th Nursery Parent consultation morning 11:30am
11th Anti Bullying week & online safety week
12th Open morning for prospective parents
15th Open morning for prospective parents
15th Children in Need—wear a funny hat
25th Advent assembly for children with vicar
26th Flu vaccinations for YR children
29th Open afternoon for prospective parents

December

10th 9:15am Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal—siblings invited
13th Christmas Jumper Day
13th 9:15am Christmas Nativity Performance—parents only
13th PTA Christmas event tbc
20th Break up for xmas holiday
23rd December—6th January 2020 Christmas holiday

January 2020

6th Teacher training day
7th Children return to school

New dates/changes added in red