

# Headlines

Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls CE Primary School Newsletter  
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## Spots Class

Parents of children in Spots Class will be aware that Mr Cross broke his arm a week or two ago and has had to have surgery to ensure it heals successfully.

We are expecting that all will be back to normal after the Easter holiday, but in the interim Mrs Holt will be teaching in Spots for the next two weeks on Mondays and Thursdays to alleviate the difficulties Mr Cross is experiencing with transport to and from school at the moment.

This has the additional benefit of Mrs Holt reacquainting herself with the members of Spots Class ahead of her return in June.

## Key Stage 2 Trips Deadlines

Please can reply slips be returned for the London trip by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. There will shortly be a letter coming out confirming details of the Year 4, 5 and 6 residential trip to Lulworth Cove, we'd be grateful for a quick turn around with deposits and permission slips so we can finalise bookings.

## Home Learning Policy

The new Home Learning Policy is in the process of being approved by the Governors.

A summary of the results of the parent and child questionnaires are as follows:

The majority of parents agreed that homework was an important part of school life (96%), that children get enough Home Learning (74%), that children spend enough time doing Home Learning (80%), enjoy Home Learning (70%) and help their children with Home Learning

(96%). 56% of parents thought their child would enjoy an open ended 'project' so this has been kept in the policy for parents who wanted more Home Learning set, but it has been left optional so children could choose whether to do it or not.

The majority of pupils thought they should have homework (79%), liked the homework they were given (58%), were happy with the amount they received (66%), thought their homework helped them (65%) and reported that their parents helped them with their homework (74%).

In addition to the optional topic home learning, Key Stage 1 and 2 children will be expected to read as often as possible during the week and will have 'Learn Its' (times tables and number facts) and spellings to learn. Year 3 and 4 will have an extra piece of either numeracy or literacy home learning, whereas Year 5 and 6 will have a piece of literacy and numeracy home learning each week.

A final copy of the policy will appear on the School website in April or a paper copy can be requested from the School Office. We hope this will make Home Learning clearer for parents and more enjoyable for children.

## Easter Celebration

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March we will be having an Easter Experience Day. During the day we will be exploring the events of the Easter story; from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. Children will be given the opportunity to experience the story in many different ways including; art, writing, drama,

role-play, discussion and science.

Throughout the day there are opportunities for parents to join us in the school hall for 20-30 minutes as we listen to parts of the Easter story, before the children return to their classrooms to complete associated activities.

The day will culminate in an Easter celebration in the church, where we invite you to join us as the children share some of the activities that have been enjoyed during the day.

9-9.30am: Palm Sunday  
10.45-11.15am: Jesus is abandoned  
1-1.30pm: The Resurrection  
2.30pm-3pm: Easter Celebration

## Diary Dates

### Book Week

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Book at Bedtime: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6 – 7pm  
Dress as a favourite book character: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### Swirls Class to Longdown Farm

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March

### Spots and Zig Zags to London

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – please be at school ready to leave at 7am!

### Easter Experience

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March throughout the day in School

### Easter Celebration

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm in St Birinus Church

### School Reports sent home

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Last Day of Term 4

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### First Day of Term 5

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

### Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 6 - 8pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 3.30 – 5.30pm