

Headlines

Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls CE Primary School Newsletter
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Attendance

The School has a target attendance for the year of 96.5%. This will put us on the right side of the National average for all Schools. At this time of the year there are all kinds of winter bugs about. Deciding whether to send your child to school if they are feeling a little unwell is always a tricky decision that has to be made soon after they have awoken and often in a short amount of time.

We would tend to encourage parents to err on the side of bringing children in to school if you are unsure – unless there is a clear risk of infecting other children (for example if they have had a bout of diarrhoea and vomiting). We will keep a close eye on them and let you know if they are struggling and would be better at home.

In a small School such as ours, everyone's attendance makes a difference to whole School's statistics. To encourage children to come back to school as soon as they can after being ill and to come to school when they are 'feeling a little under the weather', but are fine to be in School, we are starting a new reward system. Every child who achieves a full school week of attendance will receive a raffle ticket to put their name on and post into a pot next to the House Point pots. At the end of each term a small number of raffle tickets will be drawn and the winners will receive a small prize. The more weeks a child has been in School the more chance they will have of winning a prize!

Some children's attendance has slipped towards 90 or even 85% and we will be writing individually to parents to inform you of this

and the risk this presents to your child's academic progress. Letters will be sent to parents of children whose attendance was below 95% for the whole of last year **and** is below 95% this year.

Building Progress

Something big seems to be happening in the new building every day at the moment! The roof is mostly water tight and the tiles will be going on in the next few days. The scaffolding will be coming down soon so that the sections of flat roof can be replaced and tied into the new roof. The downstairs underfloor heating pipes have been fitted and the screed flooring has been laid. The upstairs heating is going in soon, along with insulation and a special sound absorbent matting!

Electric and plumbing first fixes have been carried out and ceilings are currently being plaster boarded with the walls to be done next.

Bristol Standard

We were delighted that in November 2016 the Mini Morgans part of the School was awarded the Bristol Standard. The Bristol Standard is a self-evaluation framework which helps Early Years settings, Childminders and Play settings to develop and improve the quality and effectiveness of their provision through an annual cycle of reflection. Our staff have worked very hard to evidence that our practice meets the 'standard' and this was validated by an independent panel. Achieving the Bristol Standard is an ongoing commitment to 'improve on our previous best' and not a one-off assessment event.



Activity Updates

Due to the Zig Zags trip to the Eden Project there are a couple of changes to the Activities programme this week. On Thursday the usual KS2 Football Club at Lover will instead be a Multisports Club in the School hall (3.15 – 4.15pm as usual). As the Year 5 and 6s are away we are opening this up to Year 2s for this week only as an extra (so Year 2 could do Multisports on Wednesday and Thursday this week)!

There will be no Film Club on Friday.

Diary Dates

Zig Zags Trip to The Eden Project
Wednesday 8th February to Friday 10th February

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 10th February

Church for Everyone
Sunday 19th February at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall from 9.30 – 11.15am starting with Breakfast. Activities and worship for everyone.

First Day of Term 4
Monday 20th February

School Disco
Friday 24th February.
Swirls and Stripes: 5.30 – 6.30pm
Spirals and Zig-Zags: 6.45 – 8pm

Book Week
Week beginning Monday 27th February

Dress as a character from a book
Thursday 2nd March

TD Day – School Closed
Friday 17th March

Quiz Night
Saturday 18th March

Last Day of Term 4
Friday 7th April