

Headlines

Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls CE Primary School Newsletter
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Happy New Year!

I hope you have a great Christmas break and wish you all the very best for the New Year!

School Uniform Policy

There have been a number of additions and adaptations to our School uniform coming into School recently so it has been necessary to clarify our expectations for uniform beyond the list on the website and into a policy.

Please find our policy attached, the purpose of having a school uniform is to support learning and the School's ethos. Having a uniform is about a shared identity and wearing clothes that are practical and safe for the activities of the School, look smart, are hard wearing and are easy to replace when outgrown or damaged.

The School ensures that the cost of compulsory uniform items is kept as low as possible. The School has some second-hand uniform in stock and has a fund to support parents with the cost of uniform if required.

We prefer that children express their individuality through the content of their character and the quality of their learning rather than through the clothes they wear for School.

Pantomime – Wednesday 17th Jan

Each year after Christmas the whole School enjoys a pantomime performance in the School hall by M&M Productions. These are always great fun, high

quality and traditionally paid for by the Friends Fundraisers.

The cost of this performance has been creeping up in recent years and is now comparable to taking the children to a theatre for a pantomime performance and also takes approximately a quarter of the funds raised by the Friends in a year. We are at that point of considering whether to book M&M Productions for 2019. We could use our minibuses to take the children to a local Pantomime in future years, but we would be unable to go as a school, all at once.

If this is something your child particularly enjoys and looks forward to then can I ask you to consider making a voluntary donation to cover part of the cost of the production. This will not only release more of the money raised by the Friends into other projects, but will also help us to gauge the support for re-booking M&M Productions for next year.

This year's Pantomime will be Sleeping Beauty and will cost £899. I would suggest that a donation of £3 would be helpful, please feel free to give more or less than this amount and/or give verbal or emailed feedback regarding the cost of this event.

Parent Questionnaire

One of the strengths of the School highlighted in our recent Outstanding SIAMS report was the involvement of parents and the wider community in the life of the School.

Thank you very much for your support – we currently get support with many things including Collective Worship,

driving minibuses and helping on trips, hearing readers, fundraising, managing our planters and pond, marketing the School, being governors etc. Sometimes there are opportunities for parents to carry out paid work at the School at lunchtime, in the Pre-School and as Teaching Assistants. This really helps as sometimes the hours of work are part time and at funny times of the day.

It occurred to us that there may be parents, or members of the community that you know, with time, skills and abilities that they would be willing to use to help the School. With this in mind we have put together a short questionnaire of 7 questions that should take 2 or 3 minutes to complete. This questionnaire can be found through the following link – we will also put it on our Facebook page which will come up on our School website.
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HLLJFGK

Diary Dates

First Day of Term 3

Monday 8th January

Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 17th January

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Friday 26th January - help with baking cakes from Swirls Class (Year R/1) would be greatly appreciated.

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 9th February

First Day of Term 4

Monday 19th February