Morley Primary School Newsletter 2

October 2024

As we come to the end of this autumn half term, it's a pleasure to reflect on all the exciting activities and enriching opportunities our children have experienced so far. It has been a fantastic start to the year, with everyone settling in beautifully, especially our Reception children, who have shown resilience and enthusiasm as they begin their learning journey with us.

Class Highlights

Class 2 had an incredible trip to Mr Pumpkin, where they learned all about farming, pumpkins, and planting. The children even used OS maps to navigate their walk back to school—a great opportunity to practice their map-reading skills while enjoying the beautiful autumn weather. They've also been diving into their Harry Potter topic with enthusiasm, using AI to bring their creative writing to life by designing their own fantastic beasts. To cap off the topic, Class 2 will be visiting Harry Potter World, which we know will be a magical experience for all.

Class 1 will be off to the Sudbury Toy Museum in November, linking with their classroom topic on the history of toys. This trip will give the children hands-on experience with toys from different eras, sparking conversations about changes over time and technology.

Class 3 is preparing for their much-anticipated three-night residential trip to the beautiful town of Hathersage in Derbyshire. This experience will offer wonderful opportunities for learning, teamwork, and adventure, all while exploring the local area. In addition, in November, Class 3 will be heading to Leicester's Warning Zone, a fantastic educational centre where they'll explore real-life dangers and learn important life skills in a safe, engaging environment.

SOAP SPRAY

As you will be aware. we've had a special visitor at Morley. Local graffiti artist SOAP was in school to help us create a stunning Morley Feeling graffiti wall, which captures our school's ethos of Togetherness, Love, and Passion. We're thrilled that this work will be featured on BBC East Midlands Today and Radio Derby with Twiggy on Monday—what an exciting moment for our school!

Safety Workshops with PCSO

Next half term, we are excited to welcome our local PCSO, who will be working with the children on important safety topics. Class 1 and 2 will learn all about firework safety, helping them understand how to stay safe during Bonfire Night and other celebrations. For Class 3, the focus will be on more mature themes, including knife crime and county lines. These workshops are vital in educating our children about personal safety and making responsible choices, equipping them with the knowledge they need to navigate the world around them safely.

A Reminder to Parents

As always, it's vital that we have up-to-date contact details for all families. Please ensure you inform us of any changes to your phone numbers, addresses, or emergency contacts, so we can keep your information current and ensure your child's safety at all times.

Attendance

Broomfield	Morley Hayes	Tissington	Rolls Royce
99.65%	98.95	97.87%	97.14%

Whole school attendance: 98.4% - this is a fantastic start to the year. 69.2% of children have 100% attendance.

Congratulations

We'd also like to take a moment to congratulate all the children who represented Morley Primary at the recent local athletics competitions. They demonstrated the Morley Feeling—Togetherness, Love, and Passion—through their teamwork, sportsmanship, and

determination. We couldn't be prouder of how they performed and supported one another.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to another exciting half term ahead.

Mr Taylor

Key Dates: *More dates still to be confirmed*

4th November	Return to School
4th November	Police Workshops for all children
5th November	No Swimming
14th November	Class 3 Warning Zone Trip
15th November	Individual and Sibling Photos
w/c 18th November	Parents Evening
19th November	Class 1 Trip to Sudbury Hall
26th November	Class 2 Harry Potter Trip
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Craft Day
16th December	Class 2 and 3 Christmas Performance Morley Hayes am
16th December	Christmas Party at Morley Hayes
18th December	Class 1 Nativity 14:00
20th December	Break up for Christmas