Newsletter March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter. As we move through this busy and exciting term, we have plenty of wonderful events and updates to share with you. From new traditions like our Pancake Race to our ever-popular World Book Day celebrations, there is so much to celebrate at Morley Primary School. Please take a moment to read through the latest news and important reminders.

Window to the Classroom – Supporting Learning at Home

We are excited to share our **Window to the Classroom** videos, designed to give parents a deeper insight into how we teach key concepts at school. These short guides, led by our staff, explain important areas of learning, helping you to feel confident in supporting your child at home. From written methods in maths to emotional well-being through ELSA, our videos provide clear explanations and useful strategies. You can explore them by visiting our website: **Window to the Classroom**. We hope you find them helpful and many more to follow.

Exciting News - Free Breakfast Club at Morley Primary School:

We are delighted to announce that we been selected as one of just 750 schools across the UK (out of approximately 24,000 schools) to take part in the Early Adopters Free 30-Minute Breakfast Club Scheme.

Starting after the Easter half-term, I will be offering a free 30-minute breakfast session from 08:15 to 08:45, giving children a calm and relaxed start to their school morning. Each session will include a healthy breakfast of a bagel and a piece of fruit to help fuel their day.

Important Information:

✅ Arrival is strictly at 08:15 – this is **not** a drop-in session during the 30 minutes
✅ This is separate from the existing paid Play and Learn breakfast club provision
✅ Pre booking is essential
✅ The club will be run by Mrs Taylor **not** Play & Learn before and after school club

We are also thrilled to share that our participation in this scheme has been featured on BBC News. You can read more about the initiative here:
🔗 BBC News Article

Further details on how to book will be shared soon.

Mrs Taylor

Pancake Day Fun

We were thrilled to host our very first annual Pancake Race this year, and what a fantastic event it was! The children (and staff!) had a wonderful time flipping their way to the finish line, cheered on by enthusiastic supporters. It was a joy to see everyone getting involved, and we look forward to making this a much-loved tradition in the years to come. Thank you to Mr Johnson for organising this new Morley tradition. Well done to Broomfield for winning the Golden Pan!

World Book Day Celebrations

World Book Day was a spectacular celebration of our love for reading! The children looked incredible in their costumes, bringing their favourite book characters to life. From classic fairy tales to modern adventures, it was inspiring to see so many wonderful stories being shared. A huge thank you to parents and carers for helping make this day so special and thank you to Mrs Richards for leading on all aspects of reading in school. There was a wonderful buzz across school all day long! Thank you to the PTA for organising our book and cake sale.

A Reminder About Parking

Thank you to parents for supporting our parking procedures, working together will ensure that pick-up is as seamless as possible for every family.

Parking at the Three Horseshoes Pub:

1. Please do not arrive any earlier than 15:15 for Class 1 and no earlier than 15:25 for Class 3.
2. Unless you are a customer, please do not park in the 6 middle bays which face the pub - it has been agreed that these are to be left for customers only.
3. When you collect your child, please leave the car park immediately- the staggered finish time between Class 1 and Class 2/3 will only work if parents leave straight away.
4. Please be courteous and respectful to customers and each other.
5. If a space is not available, please do not park outside of a space.
6. Only park in the accessible parking spaces if you are displaying a blue badge

New School Lunches – Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that our new school meal provider, Apetito, will be starting on April 22nd! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our fabulous food tasting event—your feedback was greatly appreciated. We look forward to providing nutritious and delicious meals for all our children.

Whole School Trip to Derby Open Centre

Our upcoming whole school trip to the Derby Open Centre will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore and appreciate the different faiths and cultures within Derby. Understanding and respecting diversity is an essential part of our curriculum, and we are sure this will be a valuable and enriching experience for all.

Updating Your Details
If you have recently changed your address, phone number, or any other contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is important that we have up-to-date information to ensure we can reach you if needed.

Community Safeguarding

Our community safeguarding report tool is available through the QR code and on the school safeguarding page of the website. This initiative ensures that everyone can play a role in keeping our children safe, creating a stronger, more vigilant community. Thank you for your support in making Morley a safe and nurturing environment for all.

https://www.morley.derbyshire.sch.uk/can-i-talk-to-you-safeguarding-concerns/

Important Information About Medicines in School

To ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils, we have clear procedures for bringing medicines into school.

- **Medicines (both prescribed and non-prescription)** can only be brought into school **with a fully completed parental consent form**. Forms are available from the school office.
- All medicines and completed forms **must be handed to Mrs Taylor (School Business Officer) at the office**—children should not carry medicines themselves.
- **Medicines must be in their original containers** with clear labels stating:
    - Child's name
    - Pharmacy name (if prescribed)
    - Medicine name and strength
    - Dosage instructions
    - Any necessary warnings
- **Non-prescription medicines** must also be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- **We will not administer medicine that is not properly labelled or accompanied by a completed consent form.** If medicine is not accepted, parents will be informed immediately.
- Staff will check that the medicine details match the parental consent form. If instructions on the prescription label are unclear (e.g., "as directed"), medicine will not be accepted until clear directions are provided.
- Parents and staff must **check and agree on the quantity of medicine provided**, and this will be recorded on a Medicines Administration Record (MAR) form.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our pupils safe.

Attendance:

I am delighted to share that our current attendance stands at an incredible 97.4%, compared to the national average of 94.5%. This is a fantastic achievement, and I want to congratulate all our families and children for their efforts in ensuring excellent attendance. We have now moved on from a few weeks in January where there were many illnesses around school and with the nicer weather on the way, I am sure our attendance will only improve further!

House Winners

Pancake Race — Broomfield

House Points Spring 1 — Tissington

House attendance so far this year:

Broomfield	Rolls Royce	Tissington	Morley Hayes
99%	97.2%	97.1%	96.7%

To all our staff, thank you for everything you do for the children of Morley. Your commitment to carrying forward the Morley Feeling of Togetherness, Love, and Passion makes our school a truly special place. I am deeply grateful for your hard work and dedication.

With warmest wishes

Mr. Taylor