



18th September 2023

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They have settled really well into their routines and become familiar with the learning expectations of their class. Well done to our Reception children who started school last week. They have settled beautifully and have been eager to be in school and embrace newer routines.

BeDifferent Book Borrow

Our BeDifferent Book Borrow will launch again this academic year, with the first 'borrow' taking place this coming Friday 22nd September. The Book Borrow will now be available for children to access every two weeks on a Friday at 8.25 am, with the expectation that the children swap their borrowed book each time. The Book Borrow will take place under the gazebo in the Key Stage One playground.

Home Learning

Please make sure that your children are accessing the Google Classroom each week to complete any home learning that has been set for them by their class teacher. The children's Google Classroom login details can be found in their reading record diaries. The Reception children will have their homework set on the Google Classroom from today and will receive homework every two weeks.

Bedtime Reading Challenge

Children in Reception and Year 1 will start their 19-day bedtime reading challenge from today. Please write the name of the book that your child has read on the challenge grid that they will be given and bring to school daily for 'signing' by the classteacher.



Lunch Menu

Following feedback from the children and the BeFed Differently team, we have reviewed our lunch menu and removed ravioli as an option in Week 1. This will now be vegetarian hot dogs with herby potatoes and baked beans.



Celebrating achievement

It has been lovely to see the number of children who have achieved an 'ask me what I have achieved today' sticker. Please do ask your children about their achievements when you see them wearing a sticker at home time.

The children in Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a lovely bedtime reading session and we look forward to planning for the next event.

Our Year 3 children joined Lonesome for a wonderful chocolate factory session last week. They enjoyed making lots of delicious chocolate treats. What a wonderful way for them to engage in their topic 'J'adore le Chocolate'.



Extra-curricular opportunities

The extra-curricular clubs will start from Monday 18th September. Please make sure that you check what time your child's club finishes so that you are on time to collect them.

Friday

School finishes for children at 2.30 pm on a Friday, unless your child has been signed up to attend After School Club. Please make sure that you collect your child on time to avoid being issued with a late charge fee.

Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely at William Morris and our attendance target percentage for this academic year is 94%. Here is the class attendance from last week.

Beckham	85%	Armstrong	98%
Kingsley	92%	Potter	90%
Mozart	87%	Farah	96%
Rowling	97%	Presley	90%
Attenborough	99%	Gates	93%

It is important that your child attends school every day so that they do not miss out on their learning. I look forward to seeing more classes meeting the attendance target this week.

Miss Akhtar and Mrs Bull