



Monday 10th June 2024

Dear Families,



WINNER'S WEDNESDAY

Attenborough Class was the first class to win the in-class **Pizza Party** so far this half term. This has been the third time that they have won this treat – well done Attenborough Class! The children enjoyed their ice lolly too!

Early Years Minibeast dress up day

The children across the Early Years enjoyed their minibeast dress up day just before the half term break. Both children and staff made a fantastic effort with looking the part. They enjoyed learning about minibeasts and then they enjoyed freeing their butterflies which they had been carefully looking after. Such lovely memories s made for our youngest children.



PAL's in ACTION

Our PAL's have been busy encouraging children to engage in team games across the lunchtime period. They had planned obstacle courses and have supported with setting up and leading cricket. It has been wonderful to see how beautifully the children are engaging in their play.



BeFuture Different Learning



This term's learning is linked to our BeDifferent Future curriculum. The first two weeks continue to build on the children's awareness of the world around them and the threats facing it. We want the children to develop an appreciation for the natural environment and to know how their actions, and those of others, can impact it. Each year group has an environmental focus to develop such as endangered animals, deforestation, our carbon footprint etc.

To support this learning, we will be having a special 'Lights off' week starting this Monday. All learning will take place with the lights off throughout the school and children will be reminded to switch the lights off when they use other rooms around the school.



Next week, William Morris will also be hosting a very special Energy Café on Wednesday from 3.00 pm in the main hall. This event will be supported by the 'Centre of Sustainable Energy' and they will be available to give advice and support on ways in which you can ensure that you are doing your bit for our planet. Our Early Years children will also be making some delicious cakes, which will be on sale to raise money for the Trussell Trust charity who support with the food banks as well as energy poverty, so please do come along and support this event.



The final four weeks of learning will then move onto our 'Life on a Plate' planning. This learning is all about developing the children's geographical knowledge and their sense of place, through the lens of food. Children will learn about a designated continent and its location in the world. They will explore both the physical and human geography of areas within that continent. Using that knowledge, they will learn about the most common foods that grow or are reared or manufactured within that continent, or areas within it.

Ground Force Work Day

As part of our learning this term, we are inviting all our families to come and join the staff at William Morris to do some more work on our outside areas. We have some fantastic plans being put together but we really do need your help. Please do put **Wednesday 19th June** in your diaries and join us after school to do some outdoor jobs such as weeding, digging, painting etc. All help will be very much appreciated.

After School Club fun!

The children who attend our After School Club have enjoyed a range of fun activities that the team have planned in recent weeks. The children have enjoyed cooking, making slime,



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and much more! Please do sign up via the office if you would like your child to join some after school fun!

Willersley Castle

Our Year 6 children are currently enjoying the beauty of the Derbyshire Dales, whilst taking part on many physical activities. The photograph above is where they are staying and so far they have enjoyed an archery session, rifle shooting and grass sledging. The children are having so much fun and we look forward to sharing many fond memories on their return.



Attendance

We are so pleased with how our whole school attendance percentage continues to rise and that is thanks to you as families for ensuring that your children are in school and to Mrs Lawler and Mrs Parrett for supporting some of our families to enable their child/ren to be at school. Punctuality and attendance continue to be a priority. Well done everybody.

Class	Percentage %
Holmes AM	72%
Holmes PM	83%
Holmes Full Time	88%
Beckham	93%
Armstrong	89%
Kingsley	98%
Potter	93%
Mozart	98%
Farah	97%
Rowling	99%
Presley	98%
Attenborough	96%
Gates	97%

Mrs Bull and Miss Akhtar