

16th September 2024

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.

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. This will need to be given to your child's class teacher after they have completed the 19-day challenge.

Winners' Wednesday Pizza Party

All classes who achieve 94% or above attendance on the Friday will receive a certificate or a BeDiffeent pencil to keep and take home on the Wednesday after each Friday.

The class with the highest attendance percentage on the Friday will enjoy an in-class Pizza Party the following Wednesday. On the Monday before the Pizza Party, the Head Boy and Girl Team will display a laminated pizza slice on the door of the winning classroom and place a Pizza Plushy in the classroom too. This will tell the class that they are the winners!



The Pizza Party menu will consist of pizza, donuts and fruit kebabs for the children to enjoy.



Class Regulation Stations

Thank you to all families who contributed to the collection of fidget tools for the children to use as part of the regulation station. Identifying emotions can be difficult for children. Emotional regulation relates to recognising an emotional state, identifying it within themselves and then learning strategies to help them regain emotional control. The children use emotional 'check ins' each morning to help teachers understand where additional support may be needed.

Extra-curricular opportunities

The extra-curricular clubs (Boxing, Football and Gymnastics) will start the week beginning Monday 16th September. There is still time to sign up, should you wish for your child to attend any of these clubs. Please make sure you check what time your child's club finishes so that you are on time to collect them.

The staff led clubs will start the week beginning Monday 23rd September. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and auditioned for a place in the Dance club or Choir, then you will receive a message by Thursday 19th September to confirm whether they have been successful in gaining a place.

Online Safety – Back to School

Important online safety information about Online Safety when back to school from The National Online Safety: <u>https://nationalonlinesafety.com/</u>

Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely at William Morris, because we want every child to maximise their potential from being at school every day. Please do ensure that you have the school term dates securely in your diary, as every child is expected to be at school at the start of every term/half-term and then return on time.

Here is the class attendance from last week.

Class	Percentage %
Hamilton	100
Beckham	95%
Kingsley	97%
Potter	98%
Mozart	93%
Luther King	95%
Farah	95%
Presley	98%
Attenborough	95%
Monet	92%
Gates	96%

Mrs Bull and Miss Akhtar



Punctuality and attendance continue to be a priority. Please may we also take this opportunity to remind you that school starts for the children at 8.30 am. Those children who arrive to school after this time are missing out on planned Early Morning Work that sets them up for the day.

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 every class meeting the attendance target this week.

