



Wednesday 4th November 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new half-term at William Morris Primary School.

The introduction of some hot meals

After careful consideration to the organisation of the school day, we are very pleased to be able to offer children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 a hot meal from Monday **9th November 2020**. The meals that we serve to the children will strictly mean that the children will remain in their year groups, being served by the staff, with enough time between sittings to support a wipe down of the tables and chairs and the welcoming of the next year group. This will ensure that the children from one year group to another do not mix.

Friday each week will need to be a packed lunch day for our **Year 2 only**, because of the time that the children leave the school site. Please be mindful of this adaptation.

All children are entitled to this universal free school meal so we do hope that you will encourage your child to have a hot meal. The menu for this half-term is available on the school website.

The children in Years 3-6 will continue to have a packed lunch for the time being but this will be reviewed ready for the start of the spring term. I would love to have all children having the option of a hot meal but the current Government guidance and restrictions are preventing us from being able to timetable all children to have a hot meal and then have a playtime in their designated Play Zone.

Thank you for your understanding.

The return of some assembly time

Having interviewed many Year 6 candidates for the role of Head Boy/Girl and including questions about 'our return to school', it became apparent that many children were not only missing seeing children from other year groups but also missing that opportunity during the week to gather and enjoy some assembly time. I am pleased to inform you all that some assembly time will be returning this half-term. Each year group from Years 3-6 will have one assembly each week in their separate year groups. The themes for these assemblies will be as follows:



Week beginning Monday 2nd November

Week 1: Why do we value the relationships that we have?

Week beginning Monday 9th November

Week 2: Friend or Foe;

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Week 2: Remembering our HEROES;





Week beginning Monday 16th November
Week 3: Feeling 'connected';
Week beginning Monday 23rd November
Week 4: Being committed-showing commitment;
Week beginning Monday 30th November
Week 5: I am responsible;
Week beginning Monday 7th December
Week 6: Showing compassion-why?
Week beginning Monday 14th December
Week 7: A slightly more 'virtual' Christmas.....

Google classroom and Blended Learning

Please may I urge all families to accept their child's invitation to the Google Classroom to enable staff to send the daily learning package in the event of a partial lockdown or indeed if your child does need to self-isolate.

We are currently reviewing the Blended Learning expectations for more long-term lockdowns to enable your child to access online tutorials to support their access to the learning even more. This updated information will be with you in the next two weeks.

Attendance update

We are very pleased to be able to report that our attendance percentage for the whole of last half-term was **95%**. May this excellent attendance continue into this half-term too.

Have a lovely rest of the week,
Mrs N Bull
Chief Executive Headteacher

