

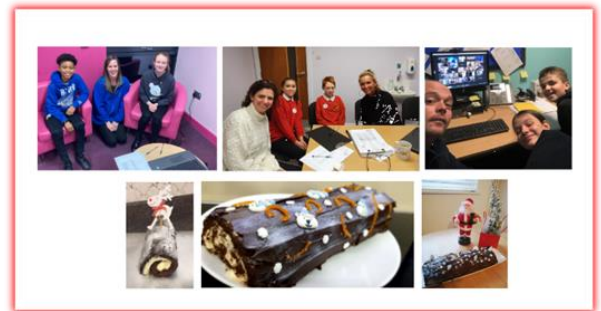


Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Families,

### Take a look at our wonderful snowmen

Children and staff across the Federation have loved designing and creating their 3D 'Jolly Snowmen' to position directly outside of the classroom. Each snowman shares a winter joke with the aim of making everyone 'melt with laughter'. Please do enjoy these few and do check the home page of our website too.



### Bake Off SUCCESS

What a success our first Federated 'virtual' Bake Off was! We had 26 families take part and I was very impressed with the enthusiasm of the children, their culinary skills and of course their keenness to 'tuck in'. The Head Boy and Girl team from all three schools took the responsibility of judging each Clementine Yule Log, which wasn't easy. The Federated winner was Arnav from Singlegate, with Lucas from William Morris taking second place and Lexie from William Morris coming third.

I will definitely plan something for the New Year, as it was such great fun. Thank you to all families who took part.

### The Christmas Countdown continues....

The children will be designing and sending an e-card to a friend in their class to open in their Google Classroom on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. We have planned this 'virtual' sending so that every child receives one card.

Staff will plan for any gifts or party prizes to be sent home on the day of the class party, which for the whole school will be **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

### Thank you and farewell to Mrs Edwards

After 6 years with us at William Morris Primary School, we say a farewell and good luck to Mrs Edwards, who will be embracing a new role at Lonesome Primary School as their Family Support Worker in the new year. I would personally like to thank Mrs Edwards for her support of our youngest children and the support that she has offered to some of the older children as part of her play therapy one to one sessions. We really





appreciate the impact that you have had and the contribution that you have made to the life of the school. Good luck in your new role!

### What to expect in January 2021

At William Morris Primary School we continue to work within the **Guidance for full opening: schools updated 26 November 2020**. There is very little change in terms of the expectations of schools. The guidance from the Government clearly states that 'there cannot be a 'one-size-fits-all' approach where the system of controls describes every scenario. As the school leader I continue to manage the complex organisation of the school to make informed judgments about how to balance the needs of the community and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum with the measures needed to manage risk.

We will continue to organise all children in planned year group bubbles so that we can reduce the risk of transmission by limiting the number of children and staff in contact with each other to only those within the group. This means we will need to continue to stagger the children's start and end to the school day. After considerable curriculum and premises reorganisation we have managed to secure trusted safe practices, without compromising the learning being planned.

We will continue to review our risk assessment alongside any new and updated Government guidance and inform families when anything changes.

### Attendance update

Our attendance percentage continues to remain consistent at **95.4%**. We have certainly seen a reduction in the number of cough and colds that normally affect the attendance of our youngest children so these strict distancing measures are certainly having an impact. Well done team William Morris.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding with the many changes and adaptations to school life that we continue to make.

### Little reminders

Don't forget your child will be able to wear a Christmas jumper/accessory on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

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

