

HEAD Lines

18 April 2018

Message from the Principal

Welcome to Term 5, we hope you have all had a fantastic Easter break. This term is set to be another busy term.

Firstly, thank you to all of the parents who attended the learning consultations last term. It was fantastic to see so many of you there and the teachers have expressed how lovely it was to share the children's learning with you. If you haven't had a chance to meet your child's class teacher, you can book an appointment to see them after school via the school office.

At the end of last term, we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Jones who worked in our VI provision. Mrs Jones enjoys spending time in France, visiting frequently at the weekends and holidays, and is now planning to spend more time there.

This term we have welcomed Miss Case to the school. She will be teaching in Year 5 and Year 3. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to the school.

Some Year 5 & 6 children worked with author Stewart Ross last term to write a book in a day. The project was aimed at inspiring our gifted writers. The children worked together to write chapters for the book which Stewart has created into a book. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, making history come to life through their story. We are hoping to have copies printed and have them available in our new library. Stewart is going to continue working with us and later this term will be working with some Year 3 & 4 children.

In May, both Year 2 & year 6 will be doing their National Curriculum Assessments (commonly known as SATs). Year 2 assessments will be carried out throughout May and will be completed in small groups. The Year 6 assessments are carried out the week beginning 14th May. It is important that the children are in school every day during this period so that they can complete the assessments.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and then either myself, Mrs Moris (Vice Principal), Mrs Palmer (SENCo) or Mrs Buckle (FLO) should you have any further enquiries.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sowden-Mehta

Our Leadership Team



Mrs Sowden-Mehta
Principal



Mrs Moris
Vice Principal
Morehall



Mr Moore
Vice Principal
Martello



Mrs Burton
Vice Principal
Martello



Miss Barrow
Vice Principal
Morehall
(Starting Sept 2018)



Mrs Speed
SENCO
Martello



Mrs Palmer
SENCO
Martello

As you may be aware, Morehall and Martello schools work closely together and our leadership team work across both schools. There are some new faces to our team, so we hope that you will now be able to put a face to a name and feel confident that you can speak to any of us. We would like to invite you to a coffee morning at **9am** on **Wednesday 25th April 2018** where you will be able to meet and talk to the members of our leadership team.

MARVELLOUS ME

We hope that you are enjoying the MarvellousMe app as much as we are!

If you haven't already downloaded the app, please ask us for your child's personal code so that we can share your child's achievements with you. The app is **free** to download and use for parents.

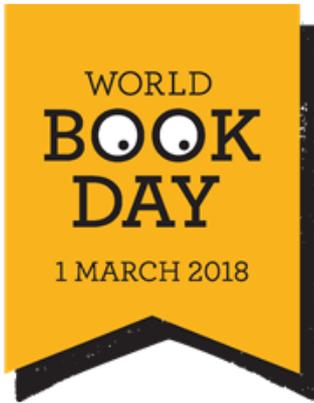
We are also using MarvellousMe to send home information and reminders, so please do sign up to ensure that you aren't missing out on important notifications.



Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection of textiles for Bags2School. We collected 25 bags, which made £48 for the school – just by our parents having a clear out!





World Book Day

Due to the delays caused by the snow, we celebrated World Book Day a little later than planned, on 8th March. There were some amazing costumes for the theme 'My Favourite Book' and the children really enjoyed sharing their books with other children from around the school. Thank you for your support!



Library Update



We have been watching excitedly as the new Library is beginning to take shape! It is taking a little longer than envisioned however, just before Easter, the walls were being painted and the furniture was starting to arrive.

We hope that it will be open for use before too long, and that it will be a great addition to both the school and local community, as we plan to use it for local events.

Thank you to the many parents who have offered their support with the project. We are in the process of ordering the books. Once these arrive it would be fantastic to have some help with getting them all stamped and organised ready for the big opening. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of how you can get involved.

Reception Outdoor Area

Thank you to those who have donated items to our Reception Outdoor Area. Your donations are much appreciated. The EYFS team have set up some new and exciting areas for the children to explore.

Any further donations of old pots, pans, colanders, metal spoons etc. or musical instruments which could be used in our music area, these would also be greatly appreciated. We would also be grateful for any old wellington boots, dressing-up costumes, board games, puzzles, plant pots, soil, small toys such as animals or cars.

Online Safety Tip

The average child posts around 26 times a day on social media but only 6 out of 10 followers are real friends. Encourage your child to be careful when disclosing personal information. A simple rule for younger children should be that the child should not give out their name, phone number or photo without your approval. Older children using social networking sites like Facebook should be encouraged to be selective about what personal information and photos they post to online spaces. Regardless of privacy settings, once material is online you can no longer control who sees it or how it is used.

Diary Dates

It is important to us that you are as involved in your child's education as you would like to be. Therefore, we have tried to plan the year ahead as much as possible to allow you to book these into your diaries and book time off work if necessary. We will avoid making changes to these dates however keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for any changes made.

Term 5 – Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018

Wednesday 25th April- Coffee morning 9 am

During May- KS1 SATs

Monday 7th May- Bank Holiday

WB 14th May- KS2 SATs Week (Year 6)

Term 6 – Monday 4th June 2018 – Tuesday 24th July 2018

Monday 4th June- Kent Test meeting for Year 5 parents

Tuesday 5th June – Class Photographs

WB 11th June- Phonics Screening (Year 1 & 2)

Friday 13th July- Open afternoon

Tuesday 17th July- Sports Day

Tuesday 24th July- Leavers assembly for Year 6

2018-2019 Term dates

The term dates for 2018/19 are now on the website.

The inset days next year will be 3rd September 2018, 4th September 2018, 29th October 2018, 15th February 2019 and 28th June 2019.