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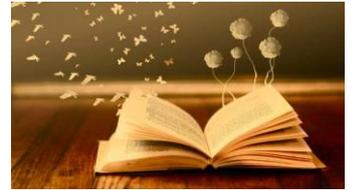
Dear Families,

As we near the end of our third week in school, the children have had some fabulous experiences and are really getting to grips with the learning in their new classes.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week for the Year group information sessions. If you were not able to attend then don't worry, as all of the information booklets will be put onto See-Saw, or you can take a paper copy from your child's teacher.

We really value the support that you give your children at home with their learning, and we will be offering further workshops and drop in sessions throughout the school year, in order to keep you abreast with ways that you can help.

Reading for pleasure is a huge priority for our school, and it is a delight to see so many children reading regularly at home. Reading with your child for just 5 or 10 minutes each day can really make a difference to their skills, as well as seeing reading as being enjoyable. Bedtime stories are a wonderful end to a day, whether the children love to revisit old favourites, or enjoy listening to you reading a chapter each night of a more challenging story. Listening to regular fluent reading can improve children's own fluency and expression without even realising...so don't be worried about doing the voices for the different characters, as the children will love it!



Forest School

The children absolutely love their Forest School lessons. Thank you for remembering to send them with appropriate clothing on the correct day, as it really does make a big difference to their experience. We are going to start a 'Nature Recycling Centre' and put a regular shout out when we are running low on free and found materials, which you might like to collect with the children, and bring in for them to be used in the Forest School.

Next week we will be collecting sticks and pine cones, so if you are out for a walk at the weekend and see any, then we would be grateful if you could send them in. There will be a large labelled collection bucket at the main gates from Monday, so you can pop them in there on your way into school.

If any parents are interested in becoming a regular volunteer at our Forest School then please contact Mrs Moody on amy.moody@morpethfirst.northumberland.sch.uk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 1st October

Next Friday we will be hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Parents will be welcome to join us from 9am, so please wait outside the main entrance and you will be invited in once all of the children are safely in their classes. We will have hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits on sale to raise funds for to Macmillan.



Non uniform day-Friday 1st October

In order to collect a variety of sweet treats (shop bought only please in line with Covid 19 regulations!) we will be having a **non-uniform day on Friday** where children can come dressed in their own clothes...with a green theme if they have anything green in the wardrobe. Please don't dash out and buy green clothes-they can wear anything they like!

In exchange for coming in non-uniform, **please send your child in with either £1 donation to Macmillan or an edible donation of a packet of biscuits/ cakes** that we can sell. The food donations will need to come in on Thursday if possible, so we have sufficient time to set up before the event on Friday. Thank you for supporting such a fantastic charity.

Character Coffee drop in

Miss Rodway will be hosting a drop in session for the Parents Character Group on Tuesday 5th October at 9am. If you would like to get involved with our Character programme, and offer support to help us to have a positive impact in our local community, then you are welcome to come along and find out more. Our focus this term is working collaboratively with the ageing community, and engaging with care homes and the elderly living in Morpeth.

Parents Code of Conduct

As a school, we are extremely lucky to have such supportive and proactive parents and carers in our community, and we value the positive relationships we have between home and school, which are so important. The board of governors have revised the 'Parents Code of Conduct', which is available to view on our school website by following this link. There is also a copy in the main entrance of the school.

http://www.morpethgoosehill.org/web/parental_code_of_conduct/573421

Lego shout out

If anyone is having a pre-Christmas clear-out, and has any lego that they no longer use, then we would be happy to take it off your hands for our Lego Club. If you have anything then please send it to the school office and we will be very grateful.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Nadine Fielding
Head teacher