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MORDIFORD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL Treasure each individual







Exciting News About Reading

We have invested in a new library system which, when it is up and running, will enable children to find relevant books more easily. The system will run alongside another piece of software (Accelerated Reader) which will help us track the progress of our readers and motivate our more reluctant readers. We are excited about getting this off the ground but to do so we could really benefit from some parent volunteers to help us scan all the books in the library so we have the data needed on our system. We think the process may take a week to complete, would you be able to spare some time to help? If so

please contact Miss Edmonds in

the office. Thank you!

Metacognition Twilight sessions

Our dedicated team of teachers and TLAs have been putting in some 'twilight training' hours over the last 2 weeks. We have enjoyed working with teachers from Thruxton and Kingston School to learn about Metacognition.

Why learn about Metacognition? Extensive research shows that learning about metacognition and self-regulation can have a significant impact on teaching and learning in the class.

The 2 twilight evenings were provided by 'Thinking Matters' and we learned about the 'Science of the brain' covering things such as memory, neuroplasticity and motivation. Both evenings provoked much professional dialogue and sharing of ideas. We are now putting together a plan of action to impact children's learning journey.



Teacher Strikes

Members of the NEU have voted to strike (on these 4 days 1-2-23, 1-3-23, 15-3-23, 16-3-23) because:

- pay for experienced teachers has fallen by 1/5 in real terms
- teachers are leaving the profession due to long hours and poor pay
- recruitment and retention of staff is proving difficult

At Mordiford, we have 4 members of staff in the NEU, we do not yet know if they will choose to strike. The school will endeavour to stay open for all students on the strike days.

Dates for your diary

Data	Time	Front
Date	Time	Event
Tues 24th Jan	all day	Y5 at Courtyard Theatre
Tues 31st Jan	15:15 - 16:30	PTFA Meeting (all welcome)
Tues 14th Feb	09:00 - 09:30	Parent Drop in R, Y1, Y2, Y3
Tues 14th Feb	09:30 - 10:00	Parent Info - Helping your KS1 child with maths
Wed 15th Feb	09:00 - 09:30	Parent Drop in Y4, Y5, Y6
Wed 15th Feb	09:30 - 10:00	Parent Info (details to follow)
Wed 15th Feb	17:00 - 19:00	PTFA Family Bingo Night
Fri 17th Feb		Interim Reports issued
Fri 17th Feb	All Day	Sponsorship event for Nitin in Malawi
Mon 20th- 25th Feb		Half term holiday
Mon 27th- 3rd Mar	All week	Book Week - more details to follow
Mon 13th-17th Mar	All week	Y6 PGL Residential week
Mon 27th Mar	10:30 11:20	Hereford Cathedral Trip Y5 & Y3
Thur 30th Mar	14:00	KS2 Easter Service
Fri 31st Mar		Last day of term 2

Family Values

This half term our family value is **COMPASSION**

Click <u>here</u> to see the activities for you to explore together.

Children can bring their artwork for a Values display in the hall.



Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a part time, temporary Teaching Assistant.

(Monday – Friday 8.45am-1.15pm to include Lunch Duties.

For an application pack please email admin@mordiford.hereford.sch.uk

Completed application forms can be emailed or alternatively may be delivered or posted to Mordiford CE Primary School, Mordiford, Hereford HR1 4LW.

Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Prayer Corner

Lord

Remind us to always treat others how we would like to be treated.

Help us to be strong and speak up for others when we see unfairness.

Help us be inspired by this story and, like the parable of the mustard seed, let us welcome others and treat them fairly, no matter where they are from or what colour skin they have.

Amen