

## Newsletter 5

Autumn 2017

It has been a busy week in school with lots of events happening for community week. The focus of this week is to give children a chance to consider what it means to be part of a community and how we can all make a positive contribution to our own and the wider community. As well as our regular visitors this year we have been delighted to welcome speakers from [CAMsight](#) who gave us an idea of what it is like to live with sight loss, The Scout Association and also Cambridge [Foodcycle](#), an innovative project which uses surplus produce to provide nutritious meals for those in need. Thank you to Miss Bell and everyone involved for making this important week such a success.

We have added a page 3 to our newsletter for information on play-ground and building works. Don't forget to scroll down!

Nikki Brown



### Step Up for ACT Sponsor forms.

As part of our community week, we were visited by Sarah from Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) on Monday who told us all about the important fundraising needed to help improve people's experiences when visiting the hospital. The money raised for ACT is used to buy poetry and art work for displays, comfortable sofas and cushions and to buy books for visitors. Today we took part in ACT's 'STEPPING OUT' challenge, the children spent half an hour with their buddies trying to complete as many steps as possible through running, skipping, hopping and jumping using the kindly donated pedometers supplied by ACT.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home to help the children raise money for this important local charity within our community. If all sponsorship forms and any donations can be sent back into school by **Friday 13th October** it would be greatly appreciated.

### Paralympic Enrichment Mornings

Over the next 2 weeks all classes will get the opportunity to learn some new sports as we explore why disability should not be a barrier to participation in anything-especially sport! Each year group will get the chance to learn about and try out some paralympic sports across a morning, funded by our Sports Premium. We hope this provides an informative and engaging way of widening our children's participation in sport and active play.

*Thank you to those parents who attended the Friends of Morley social evening/ AGM on Monday evening at Balzano's. The Friends of Morley play a valuable role in our school community, fundraising and also organising social and school events. If you were unable to make Monday's event but would like to be involved or simply like to know more, please come along to the next Friends of Morley meeting this Monday 9th October 8pm at The Rock pub on Cherry Hinton Road, or contact us at [friendsofmorley@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmorley@gmail.com).*

### Would you like to be a class parent this year?

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to be a class parent this year. There are still a few gaps, (particularly key stage 2), so if you're interested please get in touch on [friendsofmorley@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmorley@gmail.com). Class parents get together a contact list for the class, and welcome new parents when they join the school. They also provide a link between teachers and parents, and between the Friends of Morley and parents. There isn't a huge time commitment involved, but it is an important role that helps improve communication within the school community. Please get in touch if you'd like more information.

### Year 5—Adventures with Shakespeare

Year 5 have been busy over and above the hustle and bustle of Community Week this week. We had James Shakespeare, the local Vicar and a descendant of William Shakespeare's first cousin (12 times removed!) visit us on Thursday to read us some of his ancestor's work. On Wednesday, we walked to the Mumford Theatre and had our first experience on a professional stage as a company of actors. We have just 6 weeks to go into our performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Tempest!



### Dates for the Diary:

Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

Crimson: Ruby, Emilia  
Scarlet: Madeline, Tomas  
Burgundy: Rosie  
Ruby: Eva Jayden  
Topaz: Roger  
Turquoise: Emme Lock  
Jade: Oscar  
Sapphire: Liyana  
Indigo: Olivia, Harvey  
Amethyst: Wesley  
Violet  
Lilac: Finn Darragh

9th October Y1 Shepreth trip  
18th Oct: Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.00  
19th Oct: Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-8.00  
19th Oct: School Photos  
20th October Year 6 Macbeth performance  
**23rd Oct: HALF TERM**  
1st November Early years open evening  
6th –9th Nov: Y6 Bikeability  
7th Nov: FOM Bags to School  
15th Nov: Y5 Shakespeare at the Mumford  
**2nd Dec: FOM Christmas Bazaar**  
7th Dec: Flu Vaccinations R-Y4  
11th-14th Dec: EY/KS1 performance  
**19th Dec: last day of Term**  
3rd Jan: INSET DAY  
**4th Jan: Children start back at school**

## School Redevelopment News

I am delighted to say the development of the North East corner of the playground is running to schedule and we are hoping groundworks will be completed by 27th October and we will once again have access to this space. The area is a mixture of real and artificial turf and means the children will have year round access. It's already looking amazing!

From this:



To this:



Works on the main buildings will begin 16th October. From this date there will be **NO ACCESS to the playground from the front of the building at anytime**. Pupils in Y4-6 will still come into school via the KS2 entrance as normal.

Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 will enter the building via the playground outside of Year 3 classes. There will be a member of staff on duty in this area at 8.40 and teachers will collect children from the playground at 8.55am and escort them to their classroom. This means that children will be in the playground area until entering the classroom at 8.55am. Unless you need to drop off at 8.40 we would suggest a slightly later arrival for Y1-3 may be beneficial especially during the colder weather as it will save them spending too long outside unnecessarily. Your co-operation is appreciated.