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Dear Parents / Carers and Children of Morgans School,

It is the end of our first official full week back at Morgans – the holidays feel like a distant memory! It is wonderful to see all the children eager to be back, settling into their classes, getting to know their new teachers and enthused and excited about their lessons.

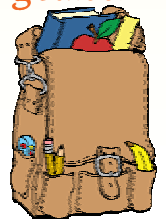
I so enjoyed the whole school celebration assembly this morning – an opportunity to celebrate the children's super work and positive attitudes so early in the term. Well done to all those children who received certificates and to Class 6AM for presenting their wonderful 'self portrait' art work. At the assembly we also introduced our new School Council. We hope that this will be a very successful year for them and I have no doubt they will keep you informed about their work throughout the course of this term. Some of you may already be aware that we are currently in the process of further developing our school library. This is quite a task and involves much reorganisation. I would ask you to be patient during this transition as I know the teaching staff are doing their very best to ensure that children have access to books. We are very confident the library will be fully functional by the end of this half term. We look forward to this exciting new development – a chance for all our children from Nursery through to Year 6 to be able to access a whole host of books in wonderfully inviting surroundings!

I will write to you all in greater length in the forthcoming weeks about other news in our school. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and chat with many of you during the morning drop-off (only the mornings when it hasn't rained or was blowing a gale!!!). It goes without saying that I appreciate and value your support during this time of transition at Morgans. Together we can ensure it is a bobby-dazzling school for all our children!!!!!!!!!!!!



Yours sincerely

Miss Clare McFlynn (Interim Head Teacher)



## Notices (they sound negative, though are reminders for most!)

The start of a new school year and for some of our younger children, their second ever school week!...  
Just to clarify one or two matters regarding the health and safety of our children:

In order to make the school site as secure as possible, both Queens and Mandeville gates will be locked at 9:05. From Monday the children in both buildings should be in classrooms at 8:50. For Mandeville, this is five minutes earlier than previously and should ensure all children are punctual to assembly. This should also still allow plenty of time for parents to leave the school site before the gates are locked.

The trim trail should not be used either before or after school by anybody. The school cannot be responsible for any injury on site using this equipment without a member of school staff supervising.

Scooters are not allowed to be used on the school site. Please carry these when in the school grounds.

Thank you for your understanding in helping to keep all Morgans children safe.



# Notices (these ones are more positive!)



## Lovely Jumble-y

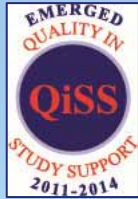
We are holding another Jumble Sale on Saturday 1st October 10am to 12noon in Queens Hall. We would be grateful for any donations of Jumble from Monday in Queens entrance. Thank you in advance.



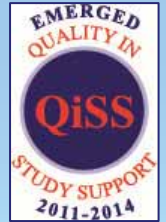
## Sports Clubs



We kick/centre pass off the season next Monday with high hopes this year for both football and netball.  
Monday 3:20-4:20 Year 5/6 Football Club Mr Miller/Mr Goodeve/Roman  
Tuesday 3:20-4:20 Year 5/6 Netball Club Ms. Ashby/Miss Henderson  
Thursday sees our first game – a local derby away against Abel Smith... watch this space!



Now you are intrigued...



Morgans School is delighted to have been awarded the Quality in Study Support from Canterbury University in July. This award recognises all the extra trips, activities and support Morgans provides to help your children develop into fully-rounded happy children. The panel noted that Morgans:

"is very inclusive and extremely proactive in seeking ways to support the most vulnerable students, putting the wide range of available resources to good use. Students have the opportunity to participate in a huge variety of activities. The student council is very active in promoting fundraising activities that benefit not only Morgans students but others who are less fortunate, both in the UK and other parts of the world."

We are thrilled to have received this recognition. The eagle-eyed amongst you will see the logo now features on the Morgans home page. It will also shortly replace the rather dated 2003 school achievement award at the bottom of our letters. Well done to all staff for providing these opportunities for our children and particularly to Mrs Orton for collating and organising the necessary evidence. She also tells me the dinner was rather nice!

## Morgans Gardening Club... Bloomin' Marvellous!!!

I am pleased to announce that the Gardening Club has also had some exciting news recently and we would like to share it in this week's newsletter. As you know, we've entered the Bloomin' School's competition and won a special award for our outstanding runner beans! This year we also entered the Hatfield Country Show and won 1ST PLACE in the scarecrow competition! Over the summer break they were presented with certificates and prizes by the Mayor of Hertford at the Hertford Castle. Fantastic stuff and thank you to all parents who assisted last year and particularly to Jill Goehringer for orchestrating 'operation Morgans green!' Great stuff.



## furneux festival

Furieux Pelham's 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee bonanza

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10.30-4.30pm**

- morning coffee, afternoon tea & cakes
- country store, bbq, bakery, beer tent & juice bar
- arts and crafts stalls
- Furieux deli, local produce, drinks stalls
- classic car rally
- local art & photography show
- kids stalls, entertainment & games
- marquee, busking, Pelham's musical talent!
- local history society exhibition
- scarecrow competition
- tombola & lots more

**Saturday night 7.30pm onwards**

- Spanish fiesta supper & 10pp (enquiries- email marcus@cote-restaurants.co.uk)
- music & bar in marquee for all the family

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 11am-3.30pm**

- scruffs: dog show competition in glebe field
- country store & local produce
- history society exhibition/music in the church
- morning coffee, hearty soup & afternoon tea
- local art & photography show.

Everything within 50m of St Mary the Virgin church church festival programme available mid September