



# Morgans Mail

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## Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

The Christmas productions have now all been performed - brilliantly. Your children were wonderful in their enthusiasm commitment and talent. Truly moving experiences for each audience, whether it be to marvel at the bossiness of the Bossy King who becomes a transformed ruler following his encounters with visitors to the Holy Family.

It was a treat to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas which was given a modern twist by our Key Stage 1 children, who eagerly reported the Christmas story. The innocence and enthusiasm of our younger children never fails to move even the busiest of us.

Our Key Stage 2 production of "Scrooge" maintained the highest standard of singing, acting and dancing to bring to life Dickens' much loved story which always wrings the full range of emotions from those watching. I was certainly proud of bursting of all the children, so I can imagine how proud you all must be of your little stars. It was particularly gratifying to see how much grandparents and other family members enjoyed the shows.

Congratulations to Alison Mansfield and her team who this week achieved five stars for quality of the kitchen environment in a recent county inspection. Health, safety and hygiene aside, the meals provided are delicious and healthy, as I can vouch having just enjoyed a super Christmas lunch along with the rest of the school today. Thank you to the dinner staff team for being such culinary marvels during Friday's Morgans' Christmas Dinner.

With our Christingle service at All Saints Church next Monday, film mornings and afternoons for all children on the FOMs purchased 'cinema' screen and parties for our older children during the week, the last week of term will soon be upon us.

Finally, next week is the final week of the term and for Miss Hymas and Mrs Ingram their last at Morgans. Miss Hymas will be joining Howe Dell in 2011 and Mrs Ingram working in the family business. We thank them both for their contribution to Morgans and wish them well for the future. Mr Paul Rogers will be joining us to teach Miss Hymas's Year 3 class and we know he will be a great addition.

Kind regards

*Sue Dutt*

## Christingle Service

Mainly for new parents; the school's Christingle service starts at 2:00 next Monday 13th December at All Saints Church. All parents from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to attend. If you are collecting your child from the church after the service, please ensure you speak to your child's class teacher. If you are able to help walk the children down, please see your child's class teacher. We look forward to welcoming you there.

## Alone At Christmas

Thank you to those of you who have already given presents for this worthwhile cause. Your gifts are given at a special Christmas dinner at Sele School on Christmas day to those who would otherwise be spending Christmas alone. If you intend to donate a gift next week, the tree in Queens entrance still has some room under it.

## Morgans Mexican Magnificents

In and amongst the seasonally frantic festive frolics, Years 5 and 6 even managed to squeeze in an absorbing morning about all matters Aztec, courtesy of 'Mexiclore.' This was to consolidate and extend their understanding of the Aztecs and provided a memorable hands on morning working with Graciela and Ian.



## Early Closure Next Friday...

**Please note that next Friday the school will close at the following times:**

**Morning Nursery - 11:00  
Reception, Year 1, Year 2 - 2:25  
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 2:30**

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## Green Santa



Dear Santa,  
We would like:-

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

Bottles of Wine

Bottles of Spirits

Bath time Goodies

Boxes of chocolates

Please donate your unwanted Christmas gifts.

Drop off your items at one of our 14 shops or call 01707 382500

Head Office, 81 Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City,  
Herts, AL7 1JR T. 01707 382500

W. www.isabelhospice.org.uk E. itts.rec@isabelhospice.org.uk  
Registered Charity Number: 1046628

## Christmas Recycling

To support Isabel Hospice, in the New Year we intend to support an unwanted present recycling scheme. A box will be located in the Queens entrance porch, in the new year, should you wish to support this cause. A number of our current and former staff are grateful to the hospice for their compassionate care of loved ones.

# Bah Humbug! Scrooge Show Spectacular...

The Key Stage 2 performance of 'Scrooge' was mean (though certainly not miserly!) this Wednesday and Thursday, as over 200 townspeople, spirits, ghosts, Cratchits, guests, jig dancers, Fezziwigs, snow dancers, goodies, baddies, waltzers, choir members, traders, school children, young Scrooges, sisters and daughters and stage hands were co-ordinated with surgical precision by the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 staff team. The main parts of Scrooge, Cratchit, Fred, Fezziwig, and the three spirits were delivered with confidence and the singing was of the usual high Morgans standard throughout. Every single member of the cast and chorus should feel proud of themselves for the role they played. Very well done to all involved and in particular to Miss Gilham for her considerable efforts orchestrating the rehearsal and preparation schedule – no mean (or miserly again!!) feat! Christmas 2011? Lord of the Rings, Les Miserables???– wait and see!



## Christmas Dinner

The Morgans dinner staff team once more delivered a fantastic Christmas culinary masterpiece on time and piping hot for the whole school on Friday. They always serve their food with a smile and are interested in what the children have been up to. It should be noted that some members of Morgans always remember their manners. Perhaps you could talk to your child to check they always do this. Well done and thank you to the Morgans kitchen and dinner staff for their extensive efforts throughout 2010.



## Wood You Believe It?



The chaps above are the carpenters responsible for providing us with over 20 chopping boards, all hand-finished (to remove any sharp edges!) which the children personalised and then sold to their families. We still have one or two boards being processed as I write. The boards sold for £5 a piece. More of the wood Darren gave us was cut using my own circular chopping saw to produce the door wedges which were sold at £1 a time. Overall we managed to contribute in excess of £200 to the total raised at the Christmas Fair. Martin Castle is the owner, having taken over the business from his late father, Richard, who founded it maybe 50 years ago. Darren does most of the organising as far as providing us with wood.

The children have made a large Thank You card for Darren and his team, including their own pictures of the variety of tools they used to decorate their individual pieces of work. In addition to helping us, the focus of their carpentry lies in restoration. Martin's team has provided the artisan standard oak repairs for Hatfield House for many years and also handcrafted the Barbecue Gazebo for a world-renowned footballer (though he wasn't allowed to take photographs or lay claim to being its manufacture under the terms of his contract!). The business remains in Bengeo, where they have formerly supported another well-known Hertford School. They have always been a cheerful workforce and I like the way the whole group 'down tools' to share a cup of tea.

Mr Scarisbrick

## Bethlehem Stars...

The three Key Stage 1 performances of 'The Bethlehem Star' were extremely enjoyable on the Monday of this week. The pictures below recall a few highlights and show just how diverse the roles were. The Roman guards were sentry awesome, the stars twinkled brightly, the angels were cherubic, the reporters (whose ties were magnificent!) avid and all other cast members contributed well to the spectacle. The staff and children have been busy over the last few weeks learning all lines, dances and song words for your enjoyment. Well done to all involved.



## Festive Final Total

The Morgans Christmas Fair has just reached the fantastic sum of £2000 pounds and money is still filtering in from chopping board sales. A huge thank you for all donations and to all FOMs and school staff who helped with the organisation and on the evening itself. A super team effort.