




# Morgans Mail



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Morgans Hotline Number: 0844 412 1741

**Dear Parents / Carers and Children,**

You should have received a ParentMail email test message this morning, informing you of school closure arrangements. The school hotline message was also updated at the same time. This was prompted by the smattering of sploshy snow that I discovered on my car roof on Thursday morning and the rather ominous weather forecasts for the coming weeks. Please remember that in the event of expected severe weather the Hotline number should be your first and only robust source of information. We hope this is already stored in your mobile phones.

Our Christmas shows start next week with our Nursery Children's play and also our Reception children's. Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6:00-8:00 is also our Christmas Fair. I hope to see as many of you as possible at this well established Morgans' event.

I was delighted to meet quite a few parents of our Foundation Stage Children who attended the Coffee Morning on Wednesday. It was a good chance to meet new people and to discuss current topics of interest. Michelle Martin from Extended Schools spoke about opportunities and help that can be accessed through her team. Dean Park who is our Foundation Stage Link Governor also attended the meeting, introduced himself and listened with interest to the topics discussed.

I am intending to make this a termly event so look out for the date in March 2011.

Keep warm, safe and enjoy your week ends.

**Kind regards**

*Sue Dutt*

## Snow Joke...

Today Morgans ran a school closure test, as would be used in the event of severe weather. Assuming you have kept your ParentMail details up to date you should have received a ParentMail e-mail informing you of this early this morning. At the same time a test message was put on the school's hotline number (at the top of each Morgans Mail). These both worked well. Herts. County Council also assure us in the event of school closure, a message will also be announced on Ten17 and Heartbeat FM. To repeat earlier messages, in the event of severe winter weather, please ensure you check the school's hotline number before setting off for school. If you did not receive the email message, please check your ParentMail account is showing your up to date correct information and that your child is registered to their current class.

Thank you.

## Parent Council Corner

Please see below a list of current 2010/2011 Class Reps for each class.

Pre school - Anna Brady

Nursery - Vacant

Reception Miss Ashby - Vicky Mitchell

Reception Miss O'Rourke - Jana Veryard

Year 1 Mrs Sue Smith - Liz Davey

Year 1 Mrs Sam Smith - Vacant

Year 2 Mrs Hanham - Michelle Wheeler

Year 2 Mrs Sales/Miss Langham - Karen Evans & Sarah Monk

Year 3 Miss Hymas, - Tess Gatens

Year 3 Miss Leddon - Jo Luke

Year 4 Mr Scarisbrick - Jill Goehringer

Year 4 Mrs Voss- Linda Clarke & Louise Brooks

Year 5 Miss Gilham - Juliet Hill

Year 5 Mr Miller/Miss Russell - Debbie Harlow & Kate Wilkinson

Year 6 Mr Moore - Vacant

Year 6 Mrs Elder - Sara Loveday

If you are interested in finding out more about the Parent Council or becoming a class representative for Nursery, Mrs. Sam Smith or Mr. Moore's class, please contact Jill Goehringer at [parentcouncil@morgans.herts.sch.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@morgans.herts.sch.uk)

# Junk Orchestra

This week Year 5 proved to be percussive prodigies when Saul visited Morgans for a musical instrument junk modelling workshop. The classes were riveted by riveting, bonded well whilst bonding and saw wonder through sawing, whilst designing and constructing a range of different and imaginative instruments. After the mornings construction the children practised their percussive skills under Saul's direction and generally displayed a good musical ear and senses of rhythm. It took fully 30 minutes to return the hall to its former glory afterwards, though all involved had a great time. Here are a few pictures showing our frenzied percussionists in action... The children's noisy creations will be home in time for the Christmas holiday - bet you can't wait!!!



## It's Showtime...

The hoops are shortly going up in Queen's Hall and the sheep and star will soon be roaming and sparkling respectively in Mandeville Hall in preparation for the four school Christmas shows. Morgans resembles a stage school at the moment and dress rehearsals start next week.

Performances to parents start at the following times:

Foundation Stage Nursery Mandeville Hall  
10:30am Thursday 2nd December

Foundation Stage Reception Mandeville Hall  
2:00pm Thursday 2nd December  
10:00am Friday 3rd December

Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Queen's Hall  
2:00pm Monday 6th December  
6:30pm Monday 6th December

Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Queen's Hall  
7:00pm Wednesday 8th December  
2:00pm Thursday 9th December  
7:00pm Thursday 9th December

We look forward to seeing you at these special events. We would like to remind you that any photographs or videos taken are for the family album and must not be placed in a public place on the Internet for any purpose. If you do record any images, please do so in a way that does not spoil the performances. Thank you for your understanding.

## Medicines

We are aware there is a good deal of illness around at the moment. A polite reminder that medicines can only be administered if prescribed by a doctor, if they feature a GP label stating your child's name and dosage and you have completed a school medical form, which is available in the school office. It is school policy that counter bought medicines, such as Calpol, cough medicine or sweets will not be administered by Morgans's staff. These products should not be in school. Similarly, if your child is well enough to attend school they are expected to be outside for playtime, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## A Quick Reminders...

Extra KS2 Tickets – Due to the extra performance of this year's KS2 Christmas show, a small number of tickets remain for each of the performances. If you wish for one extra ticket per family, please contact Mrs Gunn on Monday morning. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Coats – It sounds obvious, though a small number of children are still attending school without winter outdoor coats. It is cold – wrap up!

Allergies - A small number of children who have been with us for a number of years have recently reported new allergies. These need to be detailed on a medical form from the main Queens entrance and submitted to Mrs Brenda Hart.

## Panto Season...

HD & OS are staging performances of Aladdin at Hertford Theatre (formerly Castle Hall) between 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Two of Morgans own are involved:  
Jasmine Mitchell and Georgina Gaudencio.

Tickets are available:  
Adults £12  
Children/Concessions £10  
Special Prices on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Phone 01992 584322 for further details.

## Year 4 Indoor Athletics

Last Friday Year 4 attended Wodson Park for an afternoon of indoor athletics run by the local secondary schools. They hugely enjoyed the afternoon, which featured: chest pass, speed bounce, javelin!!!, jumping and running, with each receiving a certificate. Mrs Voss would like to praise the team on being such great sporting ambassadors for Morgans – Well done to all involved.



## Delayed Netball Report...

Last Thursday Morgans played Abel Smith at netball. It was a hard match but Morgans won 8-0. The amazing team was Louise, Kitty, Jasmine, Olivia, Erin, Millie, Ellen, Faye, Maddy, Charlotte and Isabella, with Miss Gardner and all the parents cheering us on. In the first quarter we scored two goals: Millie scored one and Olivia scored the second - 2-0 Morgans. In the second quarter we scored three more: another by Millie which made it three nil after Louise scored four nil, then Olivia scored one just after the second quarter was going to finish, at the end of the second quarter it was 5-0. The third quarter wasn't as successful we only got one goal by Millie 6-0. In the last quarter Millie scored which made it 7-0, just after Olivia scored 8-0, we were wondering if Abel Smith were ever going to score but then match was over and a victory for Morgans 8-0.

By Kitty Voss

## Playgroup's Pamper Evening. Thanks Claire Robinson Playgroup Secretary

### Pamper Evening!

Morgans Playgroup is a Charity run by parents and as part of the Free Flow Play that Playgroup Leader, Holly Shutlar, introduced earlier on in the year we would like to be able to build an outdoor shelter which would satisfy OFSTED requirements.

The children can then play outdoors as well as in during the wetter months.

In order to do this a pamper night has been arranged!

**There will be a £4.00 entry fee which includes a mince pie and refreshments and there will be a raffle and a range of beauty treatments at very discounted prices!**

**This is due to be held on 15th December**

**6.30 – 9.30pm**

**Horns Mill Children's Centre**

**Tickets are available at Playgroup from 8.40am – 9.00am Mon – Fri**

**Raffle Tickets will also be available for £1.00 at Playgroup between 8.40 – 9.00am and on the night!**

Please tell all your friends and family as the more people that come, the more money we will raise for our play group and our much wanted shelter for the children.

If there are any parent/carers who would like to help out or can donate raffle prizes please get in touch with Holly Gough on **07931361913** or [holly\\_gough@hotmail.com](mailto:holly_gough@hotmail.com).