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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

What a busy first week back! The staff had three training days last week to organise and plan for the coming year. During this time we discussed and agreed what we are going to do to keep you all well informed about homework, also the diary for the coming year in individual classes and across the school. The Senior Assessment Adviser came last Thursday morning to talk to us about Assessing Pupils' Progress. She was very helpful and complimented us on our good practice.

The building and classrooms were prepared by the staff team ready for the start of term. I am very grateful for the amount of effort that everyone gives to ensure that this happens.

The refurbished and remodelled office and reception areas are a great addition to the school. It certainly beats where we were working last term. The office team have also worked tirelessly to return all the furniture together with mountains of equipment and documents tidily to their new home. Of course, Mr Sadler, Mr Steve and the cleaners have also been very busy as usual at this time of year. The Year 6 toilets, the last set in Queen's Building, have also been refurbished over the summer break.

It was great to see you all after the holiday. I really enjoy and need a rest, but I get restless and miss the children by about the fourth week. I also look forward to seeing everyone to catch up on their adventures. I have heard a fair few holiday exploits over the week and hope that you all managed to get some quality time either at home or away. I had three separate weeks in the camper. We followed the rain to the West Country while Hertfordshire was bathed in warm sunshine but still had a wonderful time.

The term and school year has started very well and I look forward to enjoying some more fine weather during the coming weeks.

Best wishes and kind regards

Sue Dutt

The New Entrance...

If you have already been into the school through the new main entrance we hope you have found this to be much improved, both in terms of security and efficiency. The cramped and noisy temporary arrangements now seem a distant memory and all members of staff now have fixed abodes! The teachers now even have a conference room in which to plan, prepare and assess learning. The entrance is further enhanced by the generous donation of a fantastic welcome banner from Mr Graham Earl. We were thrilled and touched by this kind gesture – thank you.

ParentMail Developments for Homework

The link and partnership between home and school is of vital importance for children to develop to their full potential. We are often asked by you at parents' evenings, what as a parent you can do to help your child make the best possible progress. As so many of you do, taking an interest in the daily happenings at school and your child's class work is a good starting point. Homework at Morgans has been communicated in the past in various ways. To further improve this communication, your child's class teachers will be using ParentMail in the future to detail topic areas and follow up activities to consolidate this learning at home. The termly letters for each class are due to go out as paper copies early next week and give you a clear overview of your child's year ahead. The ParentMail updates will inform you of work being studied and any relevant information for your child's specific class. Exciting stuff, we hope you agree!!!

Sports Clubs Begin

We hope to build on our successful sporting achievements last year when our sports clubs begin again next week as follows:

- Year 5 & 6 football 3:20-4:15 Monday - Mr Miller (fixtures usually on Thursday – Mr Cordingley).
- Year 5 & 6 netball 3:20-4:15 Monday - Miss Gardner. (matches on Thursday)
- Year 4, 5 & 6 girls football Thursday 3:20-4:15 - Mr Moore and Mr Cordingley.
- Year 3 & 4 athletics training on Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30 – Mr Gaylor, external coach

If you are able to assist with any of these clubs please speak to the member of staff concerned.

This Season's Essential Fashion Accessory Is...

A Morgans School PE kitbag. Blue with the proud 'Morgan Squirrel Motif' – yours for only £3.75 – complete a orange uniform order in the usual way. They are sure to be this season's must have!!!

Printer Cartridges and Mobiles Required...

Please recycle any old mobile phones or printer cartridges in the boxes in Queen's Building reception or the rainbow room of Mandeville Building. The school benefits from this recycling scheme which benefits all Morgans pupils. Thank you.