



Morgans Mail



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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

The first week of term has been enjoyable and busy as usual. Our new children and colleagues have already settled in and there is a busy, positive working atmosphere throughout the school. Welcome to all new Morgans children, parents and to the following staff members: Mrs Samantha Smith, our new Year 1 teacher and Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Leader, Miss Lucie Russell, who is returning to us after maternity leave, Mrs Vicky Langan, who is teaching Year 2 and to Miss Emily Dixon, Mr Stuart Hardy, Mr Adam Westbrook-White, Miss Donna Viney and Mrs Beverley Petro, our new Classroom TA's. I am delighted to report we have significantly increased our TA hours this year and each class is now fully supported by one full time Teaching Assistant.

During our staff training days last Thursday and Friday we updated our knowledge on Child Protection, further developed our strategy for developing a creative, skills based curriculum and also reviewed our approach to Sex and Relationships Education for which we have a new recommended video. More information to follow in the near future!

Our priorities for improvement in our School Development Plan this year are:

- To further improve standards in writing throughout the school;
- To develop an inspiring skills based curriculum for all our pupils;
- For our Senior Leadership Team to evaluate roles and responsibilities following the appointment of our new Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Leader;
- To continue to renew and renovate the school learning environment on a rolling programme.

Children and colleagues are absolutely delighted by our lovely clean school. Some classes have new carpets and the Lower KS2 corridor has a pristine blue floor covering. Thank you very much to Mr Sadler, Mr Steve and the cleaners for all their hard work over the holidays. The Queens Hall projector and remote drop down screen should be fitted within the next few weeks. An unfortunate supply issue with the manufacturer has meant some classrooms have had to begin the term with ailing projectors. These will also be remedied as soon as they are available.

There was also a wonderful surprise awaiting the children in the Foundation Stage playground where the shabby walls were given a touch of magic courtesy of the Hertford Art Group. Sincere thanks to them and also to Jill Goeringer and our Parent Council for organising the 'paintathon' during the last week of the holiday. Indeed, Jill was also to be found wielding a paint brush.

Best wishes and kind regards

Sue Dutt

ParentMail Communication Details

This will be the first and final paper version of the Morgans Mail for this year, since it is sent each week to you via ParentMail and displayed on the school website under 'For Parents' 'Newsletters.' If you are a new parent to the school please visit the ParentMail website and follow the instructions to register yourself for Morgans School. This will mean you can soon receive e-mail messages and texts. There should be no cost to yourselves for this service, so please do not select any payment options. If you are having any difficulties with this, we have 2 pc's in our Queens entrance porch and an office team who will be able to assist you.

If you are an existing ParentMail user, please ensure your details are up to date, including your child's class. Class lists and staff are as follows to correctly update your details:

Year	Class Name	Class Teacher	Year	Class Name	Class Teacher
Nursery	Dumbledore	Miss L Meale	Year 3	Hufflepuff	Miss H Ledden
Reception	Gryffindor	Ms D Ashby	Year 3	McGonagall	Miss T Hymas
Reception	Gringotts	Miss L O'Rourke	Year 4	Ollivander	Mr A Scarisbrick
Year 1	Hagrid	Mrs Sam Smith (FS/KS1 Leader)	Year 4	Quidditch	Mrs K Voss
Year 1	Harry Potter	Mrs Sue Smith	Year 5	Quirrell	Mr P Miller (Deputy Head) & Miss L Russell
Year 2	Hedwig	Mrs A Hanham	Year 5	Ravenclaw	Miss C Gilham
Year 2	Hogwarts	Mrs S Sales & Mrs V Langan	Year 6	Slytherin	Mrs M Elder
			Year 6	Snape	Mr A Moore

Considerate Parking And the One Way System

Again, mainly for new parents, the roads leading to Morgans can become very congested if people do not park in a considerate manner. The zig zag lines outside our school are there to protect our children and should not be parked upon at any time.

To improve the flow of traffic at drop off and pick up times, the school requests parents approach from Hagsdell or Queens Road travelling into Morgans Road so that the school is on the left hand side. Using this 'unofficial one way system' again helps to keep our children safe.

Similarly if dropping off for the Dell in a morning, please only use the school car park up to 8:10. After this time please park outside the school on the road before escorting your children to the main Queens entrance.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with both of these matters.

Isabel Hospice Walk

To keep him out of retirement mischief, Mr Cordingley is once more taking part in a sponsored walk for this worthwhile cause. If you would like to sponsor him, please visit his JustGiving page using the link below:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Geoff-Cordingley>

Many thanks if you do.



Morgans Playgroup, Morgans JMI School, Morgans Road,
Hertford SG13 8DR (Registered Charity No: 10383999)

JOB VACANCY

- Part-time Playgroup Assistant
- Up to 5 mornings per week (Monday to Friday 8.30am-11.45am)
- NVQ level 3 or equivalent required and an aptitude for working with pre-school age children

To apply please send your CV to:
'Playgroup Assistant Application'
Morgans Playgroup
c/o Morgans School, Hertford SG13 8DR

Or contact Claire Robinson
- 01992 589 332 - for more details

Brief Notices...

Uniform Reminder

The pupils all look wonderfully smart in their uniforms and new school shoes. As stated last year these should be black and under no circumstances fluorescent football trainers.

Year 5 Swimming

This begins next Wednesday 15th September. Please ensure your child has their kit.

Tissue Request

Please can all pupils supply a box of tissues from home to their class teacher to cope with runny noses and sniffles. Many thanks.

Flute Lessons

The new flute/clarinet teacher, Mrs Helen Austin hopes to start lessons here in the last week of September. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.

School Uniform Orders

These may take up to two weeks to be fully processed, since there has been a delay with the supply. Mrs Lundy apologises for the inconvenience and will deal with the orders as soon as the new stock arrives.

Pupil Questionnaire

Before the summer break we shared the analysis of our annual parental questionnaire. Well we did not stop there - more than 400 Morgans children also had the opportunity to have their views represented! As you may well imagine, the analysis of this quantity took a little while...

The vast majority of responses to most questions show how highly the children regard Morgans: 92.4% of pupils feel their classroom rules are fair, 97% of pupils have the opportunity to work in pairs or as groups and 92% feel pleased with themselves when they have produced a good piece of work.

It should be pointed out that the targets below relate to a very small minority of around 10% who either didn't know or disagreed. These are the related targets:

- To ensure that every pupil has their work displayed in the school year.
- Pupils would like a greater say in their learning.
- Pupils would like to feel that they are actively listened to by their teachers.

The soon to be elected Morgans Children's Council will be tackling these issues in due course.

Spherical Shenanigans

New topics are underway and Year 5 had a memorable time on Tuesday finding out what they did and did not know about the Sun, Earth and moon, along with what they would like to find out. They used a load of balls of different sizes to determine the relative size and distance between of each of these bodies. Here are Holly, Toby and Dan doing their best Atlas impressions...



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 and 6 football 3:20-4:20 Monday Mr Miller (fixtures usually on Thursday – Mr Moore).
- Year 3 and 4 boys football 3:20-4:20 Monday Mr Moore.
- Year 5 and 6 netball 3:30-4:30 Monday Ms Ashby.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 girls football 3:20-4:20 Wednesday Mr Moore.

In the event of terrible weather a decision will be made at lunchtime and a ParentMail sent.

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