



# Morgans Mail



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## Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term. I have recovered from my house move and am now, along with everyone else, looking forward to a busy, fun filled half term. I am grateful not to have to drive across county to school and back each day.

This coming Monday is a very eventful day at Morgans, with lots of visitors around the school and exciting events happening:

We are hosting a writing course for particularly able writers with forty two children working in Queens Hall, twelve of them from Morgans, with Rob Parkinson, a professional story teller.

Our Parent Council has arranged for parents of our Reception Class children to come for a school lunch on Monday. 37 parents have been booked in.

There will be a Greek workshop session for our Year 3 pupils in Mandeville Hall.

As if this is not enough excitement, a cartoonist will be working with various classes courtesy of Hertford Museum and Mr Scarisbrick and the press are due! I am sure there will be full coverage of these events in next week's edition of Morgans Mail.

Congratulations and every good wish to Miss Ledden who is getting married this Saturday. Hopefully the weather will be fine and she will have a memorable day.

I am delighted and relieved that the FOMS is still up and running despite rumours that it may fold, and at last night's AGM meeting a new committee was elected. The meeting was better attended than the previous year's and I left them planning future events, including a Christmas Fair. This is now scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December and I am most grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment of all our FOMS Committee members. A huge thank you also to Paul Cattermole, Debbie Harlow and Gail Threlfall, our retiring chair, secretary and treasurer who have given over and above expectations during the last few years. We welcome Miles Carr, Sarah Rider and Ahlam Conti into their new respective positions. More good news – Morgans' football team beat Millmeade last night by 4 goals to 2. Our splendid new football strip (complete with embroidered Morgan the squirrel!) is on order and due to be delivered in the next few weeks. I am sure that this will inspire the team still further. Well done team!

To all those attending bonfires this weekend, have a brilliant evening, but please remember to follow all the firework safety rules so that all our children return to school happy and well on Monday.

Kind regards

*Sue Dutt*

## Kenyan Discovery

On Wednesday, Richard Long from the Mara Rianda Charitable Trust visited our school to talk to Year 6 about his work with schools and communities in Kenya. He showed us many photographs of the amazing wildlife and also of the schools that the charity supports. We saw pictures of the improvements that have been made over the years. The Morgans Children's Council then presented Richard with a cheque for £422.55 which was raised as a result of our recent 'Educate One' African flag day. He was thrilled by everyone's generosity and told us that it was enough for 18 months worth of secondary education for one child. What a privilege to be able make a difference to a child's life in this way. Richard is visiting Kenya in February and intends to find out exactly who we are helping. We hope to be able to communicate with the child in the future. Thank you to Richard for his time and to all of you who contributed.



## Brief Notices...

### FOMs Family Photos

FOMs family portrait session in the annexe on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November. Phone Hannah Blair on 07932055020 for more details.

### FOMs Next Meeting

Next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the Saracens, Hertford. This will be mainly to organise the Christmas Fair. Go along get involved.

### Scooter Reminder

Scooters should not be ridden in school at any time.

### Financial Matters

A Polite Reminder about dinner money - all dinner monies are due in by Friday 12th November 2010. Thank you.

### School Shoes – Not Boots

Black school shoes or plimsolls should be worn at all times inside the school and not boots. If it is wet or snowing boots may be worn outside only. We hope this clarifies the matter.

### Playgroup Gate Details

For the safety of our children all gates will be locked at 9:15 and opened at 3:00. Playgroup parents should wait at the Queens gate to be let in at 11:40. Please ensure you are punctual at this time, since a member of the playgroup staff will be supervising this gate for entry and exit.

## Year 4 Are Harmonious

Our Year 4's had a brilliant and informative visit to Celtic Harmony Camp on Wednesday and returned much more knowledgeable about the Celts through many first hand experiences.

"We got gooey fingers when making bread!" Leila Caliskan

"I didn't know they made soup and we got to smell the herbs they used!" Kiran Buck

"We went foraging and had to find fake mushrooms and fruit and find out if these could be eaten or not." Jade Haddock

And... "We went to the shop!" All of the above...

One of the Celts (Owain, the warrior) must have had an ancient Norwegian ancestor, since he bore a more than uncanny resemblance to a Viking warrior who visited us a few weeks ago!!! Thank you to all accompanying parents who assisted during the day.



## Millmead Concede



Morgans played well on Thursday against Millmead to win convincingly 4-2.

Will Orton christened his new boots with 2 goals, with Joseph Evans and Jay McGee also netting during a strong team performance.

Thank you to all parents who provided transport and to Mr Moore for his time accompanying the team. Just wait until you see the new kit!

