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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

This week all our children showed the greatest respect at 11 am on Wednesday 11th November by observing the 2 minutes silence for Armistice Day. It was almost eerie and very poignant when play was halted so that all three playgrounds were still and silent. Your children were also a credit to themselves and to you in the Remembrance Assembly which marked the passing of a generation, now that the last WW1 veteran has died. Donations to the Poppy Appeal were gratefully received by a sprightly 90 year old gentleman who informed us that the school have raised over £66.

The FOM's AGM on Tuesday evening was enjoyable and informative despite only eight parents attending. FOMs are a lively and motivated group of parents who find time in their busy lives to support the school. They have great ideas for events and fund raising activities. Everyone's children benefit from the equipment which they have purchased for the school, which over the years has included laptops and trolleys, steps to help our younger children reach the whiteboards, the outdoor play equipment, the trim trail and a shed for the Gardening Club. Please remember that all parents, staff and governors are automatically members of FOMs, so if a good number of people spare a little time to support them many hands will indeed make light work.

During the week I have discussed fund raising and cash flow difficulties with various people. There are very strict guidelines about what we are allowed to purchase from our general budget. However, we have a School Fund account where we hold money from donations, fund raisers and other sources. We use this money to subsidise school visits, curriculum week events and to pay licences for our plays and concerts. Sadly, this account has dwindled from over £20k in 2002, as we no longer have income from hiring the swimming pool, and I spent about £14k replacing the rotten walls in the annexe. It is therefore vitally important that as a school community we strive to raise as much additional funding as possible by becoming involved with the FOMs and supporting all of their ventures to the best of our ability.

Kind regards

Sue Dutt



Sledging Your Bets



Miss Gilham would love to borrow a traditional style wooden sledge to use in the KS2

Christmas extravaganza, should any kind soul be able to oblige please see her. Thank you.



Rainbow Day For Children In Need



Next Friday the Morgan's Children's Council have organised a 'Rainbow Day.' The Morgans CC master plan is that all children should attend school in as many different colours as they can manage and bring in £1.00 for Children In Need. An additional competition involves your child's teddy bear. The 'Best Dressed Bear Competition' will be judged by the Morgan's Children's Council and the result announced in next week's assembly. The judges assure me they will be looking for as many different colours as possible and a casual, yet crisp and cuddly look! A prize will be bought with the 10p donated for entering this competition.

Internet Safety

Next week is National Cyberbullying Week and to raise awareness of this unfortunate modern phenomenon all KS1 and KS2 children will have a special assembly from our local PCSO on Tuesday. Year 4 upwards will have an additional assembly on the Thursday exploring the potential dangers of social network sites.

So what is cyberbullying? In short it is the use of technology to be unpleasant towards others. We wish to point out that this is certainly not rife throughout Morgans, though wish to ensure our children know what to do if they ever find themselves confronted with this situation.

This Tuesday the staff meeting explored safeguarding and the appropriate use of the Internet for both pupils and staff. Please see the 'Morgans School Rules for the Responsible Use of the Computer Network and Internet' at the end of this mailing. These rules are the responsibility of all members of our school community and we would ask that you discuss them with your child. This has now updated the previous version in the policies section of our website.

Here follows a summary guide for parents from the DCSF. For further reading please follow the link below:

<http://publications.teachernet.gov.uk/eOrderingDownload/Cyberbullying-leaflet.pdf>

- Be aware, your child may as likely cyberbully as be a target of cyberbullying.
- Be alert to your child seeming upset after using the internet or their mobile phone. This might involve subtle comments or changes in relationships with friends. They might be unwilling to talk or be secretive about their online activities and mobile phone use.
- Talk with your children and understand the ways in which they are using the Internet and their mobile phone. Use the tools on the service and turn on in-built internet safety features.
- Remind your child not to retaliate.
- Keep the evidence of offending emails, text messages or online conversations.
- Report cyberbullying:
- Contact your child's school if it involves another pupil, so that they can take appropriate action.
- Contact the service provider.
- If the cyberbullying is serious and a potential criminal offence has been committed, you should consider contacting the police.

We appreciate that a number of these points may be more appropriate to the older year groups in the school. We hope you appreciate this information all the same.

We Couldn't Go Bhaktivedanta Manor... So Indriy Came To Us!

Year 6 had an informative morning on Monday finding out all about Hinduism, including food, culture and customs. Indriy attended the school in full traditional robes and proved good humoured in answering all of the children's questions about his chosen philosophy. The staff felt that while the experience would have been even more enriching, had the school had sufficient contributions to visit the actual Manor, the children still gained a good deal and greater understanding of another culture from the experience. Thank you to the parents who attended and helped and to Indriy for his time and expertise.



Morgans School Rules for the Responsible Use of the Computer Network and Internet

The school has installed computers, mobile laptop trolleys and Internet access to help our learning. At Morgans we believe that the Internet offers a wealth of learning opportunities for all members of the school community. These rules will keep everyone safe and help us to be fair to others.

Pupils will:

only access the system with their own login and password;

not access other people's files;

only use the computers for school work , homework and recreational activities agreed with their teacher;

only bring in USB keys and CD-ROMs from outside the school after their teacher has agreed that they can do so;

ask permission of a teacher before using the Internet and follow an agreed search plan;

only e-mail people they know or their teacher has approved;

only send polite and responsible messages;

not give any home addresses or telephone numbers, or arrange to meet anybody, unless their parent, carer or teacher has given permission;

report any unpleasant material or message sent to them immediately. Their report will be confidential and will help protect other pupils and themselves;

Understand that the school may check their computer files and may monitor the Internet sites they visit.

Morgans Christmas Fair-ly Soon...

Only two short weeks until the Morgan's Christmas Fair.

Thank you to all of you who contributed bottles for this

today. Our Christmas band are sounding good and Year 6 have supplied two shifts of six elves to assist Santa and in general! Miles Carr and his team would love to hear from any other parents who are able to help run stalls at the event on the 27th November. Either see the school office, who will point you in his direction or contact the FOMs at:

friendsofmorgans@yahoo.co.uk

Next week please send in confectionary for the sweet tombola - plastic bags will be provided/general tombola prizes/any other bottles you can spare - thank you in advance.



Match Report Next Week!!!

Apologies to Caelan Anderson and the rest of the Morgans footballers, whose match report will follow with pictures next week. A technical difficulty needs to be solved first!

Well done to all netballers and footballers for representing Morgans against two very strong Wheatcroft sides. Both teams lost although the footballers narrowly at 3-1, having led up to half time. Mr Cordingley and Ms. Ashby oversaw the netball fixture and I am reliably informed that our netballers continue to show great spirit and are now playing much better as a team.