



# Morgans Mail



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Morgans Hotline Number: 0844 412 1741

Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

It has been a very good week despite the inclement weather. Reception Class parents thoroughly enjoyed having a school lunch with their children on Monday. Well done to Mrs Mansfield and her team for coping effortlessly with the extra dinner guests. The first of a series of writing workshops for able writers was also very well received by our children and those from five other visiting schools. Add into that the Year 3 Ancient Greece Day and there were certainly a good number of people in the school that day!

On the subject of wintry weather, please note that the trim trails are out of action for all until the spring, as they are too slippery for them to be enjoyed safely. Please would you also remember to keep off the grass as mud is being trodden into the school and onto our new carpets.

You will notice that there is information in this edition in readiness for heavy snowfalls. I have heard several rumours for snow next week, although this may be wishful thinking or anxiety – depending on your views about snow. If and when we need to clear the school site, we have already proved that the sterling efforts of parents and friends of Morgans can do this in a short time and with good humour. Please can I ask you in advance to have your shovels in a handy place should the need arise.

At 11am yesterday, the whole school stood in silence to show respect for all those in the armed forces who have given their lives for their country. I am always moved and very proud of the manner in which your children conduct themselves at this time. They are interested in, and knowledgeable about both World Wars and current conflicts.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

*Sue Dutt*

## KS2 Scrooge Show Tickets

Due to fire regulations and current pupil numbers seating is limited for this years KS2 show. In the interests of fairness - those parents who are unable to take up an afternoon ticket, will be allocated ONE additional evening ticket per family.

All the children's names (one per family) will be placed into a draw - the successful names will be given a 2nd ticket which will be for any of the three performances. We are sorry but we are unable to allocate specific performance tickets using this method.



## Crazy Hat/Hair Day For Children In Need



Next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November the Children's Council is holding a Crazy hair/Hat day to raise money for 'Children in Need'. We are asking the children to wear a crazy hat or have crazy hair (NO HAIR DYE PLEASE). We are asking for a contribution of £1 minimum (more if you wish) for this worthy cause.

We are also holding a competition for the best dressed bear for which there will be no charge. We hope you will get involved in this exciting day! DONT forget those teddies!!!

The Morgans Children's Council

## School Closure Procedure - To Be Prepared...

The weather is becoming colder and in the event of severe and dangerous weather the school may be closed. Here is what to expect under such circumstances and how notification will be given...

In the event of the school being closed, the school hotline number will feature notification and should be your first and most important source of information.

**Morgans Hotline Number: 0844 412 1741**

We suggest you add this number into your phone in readiness for such eventualities. In such instances please do not use the normal school phone number, since there is no guarantee a member of staff will have been able to make it to the school site.

You will also be sent a ParentMail email and the school will have up to date information displayed on its website. The ParentMail system and county web server were overloaded last year since they were inundated through many primary schools using them. This meant messages arrived some time after they were originally sent. Therefore, to ensure the system is robust, if you suspect bad weather may force closure, please ensure you check the hotline number. Thank you.

## Brief Notices

### **Christmas Card Suggestion...**

We are suggesting this year to benefit the environment instead of sending individual cards your child could send one class card, with all names in it and make a donation to 'The Children's Association,' who also benefit from our Christingle collection money. If you decide to do this, please leave donations in a clearly marked envelope with the school office.

### **Box Tops For Books Tokens...**

The scheme has restarted - tokens can be found on Nestle cereals. Also Morrisons gardening vouchers scheme has now closed, so could people please get any remaining tokens to us asap.

### **Parking**

A group of local residents have quite rightly pointed out that through inconsiderate parking on the road outside the school, their safety is at risk in terms of ambulance access. This is unacceptable and we trust will stop from this point onwards. The traffic outside the school is congested at drop off and pick-up times, though if it means a longer walk to the school gates then so be it. A small minority need to be more considerate towards local residents.

### **Medical Forms Still Required**

Please can parents of children who have medical forms return these complete with a current photo to Mrs Hart as soon as possible.



## **REMEMBERING THE DEAD**



On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Harriet, Abdul, Louise and Alex from Year 6 represented Morgans School by going to the memorial near Castle Hall for a short service to remember all the people who died in battle in wartime. A priest said a prayer and then the Mayor laid a wreath of poppies on the Cross of Remembrance. This was followed by a two minute silence.

After the service we were taken to the Castle for a drink and biscuits and we were able to talk to some war veterans, followed by a very interesting tour of Hertford Castle. We then returned to school proud to have taken part.

By Alex Washbourne



## It's All Greek To Year 3...

On Monday we had a Greek Day and this man came in to tell us about ancient Greece. We all dressed up in Greek clothes. We made up our own Greek Olympic games. This included 8 races and in many of our races we had to jump, although race walking was needed since our togas proved difficult to run in. Mandeville Hall became Morgos, an ancient Greek city and we were told ancient Greek myths about the minotaur and the wooden horse of Troy. We had to do a quick quiz and fix puzzles. It was good fun and we learned a little more than we realised.

Report by Emma Robinson, Drew Amos, Neil Boles and Olivia Beanlands.



## Next Week's Assemblies Are About Internet or e-safety...

### 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.