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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

We are now back into the swing of the summer term and the Easter Holidays seem like a distant memory.

Congratulations to Mr Miller who completed the London Marathon last Sunday, beating his personal best by 4 minutes. I didn't manage to spot him on the telly amongst the thousands of competitors but I am reliably informed that Miss Brasher and Ms Ashby were on the route to cheer him on. I must now remember to bring in my sponsor money along with many of you who also kindly sponsored him.

I am sure you have heard or read various pieces of information about Swine Flu. At the present time we are carrying on as usual, however, we are also quietly but purposefully taking extra precautions in school to minimise the risk spreading any micro organisms that could make us ill. Everyone will be reminded about sneezing, washing hands and tissue safety and you will notice additional posters around the school to remind people. You could also help us by donating more tissues to the school as they need to be placed in a bin after one use. I seem to have lived through the last flu pandemic of 1968 in blissful ignorance, but, as ever, we take the well being of everyone at Morgans very seriously.

Enjoy the bank holiday.

Kind regards *Sue Dutt*

Morgans Maths Magicians

Our Year 5 maths boffins came 6th in the heats of a county maths competition of the 13 schools competing. They coped well with some tricky maths problems which left some of the staff scratching their heads! The team were Nikkie, Sarah, Adam and Caelan – well done boffins!



County Congratulations...

Very well done to Erin Carter, Maddy Coupe and Isaiah Corallini for being selected to represent East Hertfordshire at sports hall athletics in the forthcoming Hertfordshire Youth Games.

Morgans Magnificents

Last week Year 6 showed some magnificent shelters to the rest of the school and were able to explain their various different ideas and construction techniques. As you can see we clearly had some diverse and lateral thinking, liberally sprinkled with a dash of Morgans humour. Well done Year 6. There were too many to show all here, though I'm sure these can be seen at our Open Evening.



What sheltered lives we lead!

County Athletics

Last Tuesday a team of Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the county athletics final. It was a very close contest, and they did extremely well to come third out of 12 schools competing (there are more than 440 primary schools in Hertfordshire!). They won four of their races and came second in both of the other races. They also did extremely well in the field events which included chest push, standing long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, javelin (foam!) and speed bounce. Well done to all the girls who took part – top effort ladies!!! The team were: Abbie Bensted, Jasmine Morris, Francesca Hodges, Natalie Harris, Milly Clarke, Alex Manley, Megan Sende, Sophie Thompson, Lucy Newman, Grace Flynn, Sophie Tarry and Chloe Linacre. A big thank you to Miss Russell, for organising the transportation and the girls in their events. The spectators were great as well for encouraging and supporting all of us in each event.

By Jasmine Morris and Abbie Bensted!!!



Phab Effort!



Thank you very much to all colleagues and parents who sponsored me for last Sunday's Marathon. The day was a little warmer than I hoped, though once more a tremendously enjoyable occasion. I finished (just about!) in 2:36:11 in 113th place and my legs are still suffering as a result!

Thanks also to all well wishers and Ms. Ashby and Miss Brasher for their rather vocal support at 25 miles. Although it is a somewhat hazy recollection, I certainly heard them – Ms. Ashby in particular! All in, just topping £400 pounds has been raised for Phab Kids so far – which is Phab!

Many thanks. Paul Miller.



Rugby Report

Well done to Mr Scarisbrick and Miss Russell's rugby squads for their performance in last week's tag rugby tournament. The Year 6's drew their first game against the eventual winners and won their next three games. Despite being equal on points to Bengo, it was Bengo who narrowly progressed through to the final stages on tries scored. The Year 5's also acquitted themselves very well and should be suitably proud of their team spirit and rugby skills.

Very well done to all involved!!!



Get Knotted!

Year 5 did just that last Wednesday in readiness for their Weekly Mariner's Base sailing and Barton sailing trip later in the term. After a 'ropey' start, they soon seemed to 'string' it all together, with nobody 'slipping' up and were 'knot' at all fazed by any of the required more fiddly knots! They have also experienced their first sailing on water this Wednesday and I can report what an able and seaworthy bunch they all were. Pictures will follow in due course as the crew become more experienced and further develop their skills. Many thanks to all staff and parents who assisted this week and have agreed to in future weeks.



We now have a secure post box outside the new temporary Reception Office for any clearly labelled envelopes. Thanks.

Parking Reminder

Parking is severely restricted at the moment due to the building works. Only school staff should be using the school car park after 8:15. If parking up for dropping children off in the morning please only use the bays next to the Morgans Road fence as agreed. As you can imagine, being unable to park at your place of work can be a real inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Collective Effort...

What a fantastic effort! We have collected 1040 Times Books for Schools tokens last term, and are now in the process of choosing books. The scheme has now restarted, so please continue to send the tokens in. As always Tesco, Sainsbury and Nestle cereal box tops are also most welcome. Thank you.

Calling All Budding Musicians...

We currently have waiting lists for music lessons in guitar, piano, trumpet, violin and flute/clarinet. We have some vacancies coming up after half term, but lots for September (when year 6 move on) so if anyone is interested, could they please contact Mrs Wardle in the office to have their name added to the waiting list. Many thanks.

Cathedral Capers...

Year 2 had a marvellous day at St Albans Cathedral last week, and were taken on a guided tour, experienced a fantastic alfresco lunch and made some stunning clay tiles. The tour guides praised Mrs Voss and Mrs Hanham on the behaviour of all in attendance, which is always good to hear.



Hot (Summer) Dates...

Morgans offers a wealth of opportunities and experiences to enrich an already diverse and exciting curriculum and ensure all pupils remember their time here fondly. Just look at how busy the Summer Term will be!!! Please note the following summer dates in your diaries as appropriate:

- 6th May Year 5 Radlett Synagogue Trip
- 11th-15th May Year 6 SAT's Week
- 12th May Year 4 6:30pm Cuffley Camp Parents Meeting
- 13th May Foundation Stage Trip to Hayes Hill Farm
- 14th 6:00-10:00pm FOMS 'Pamper Night' – go on you deserve it!
- 15th May Travelling Book Company Visit – all day
- 18th - 22nd May National Walk to School Week
- 18th - 22nd May Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

- 1st June Inset Day
- 3rd June Year 1 Beconscot Model Village Trip
- 4th June Class Photos
- 8th-12th June Humanities Week
- 9th Year 6 Bhativedanta Manor Trip
- 10th 2:30 New Reception Parents Meeting
- 10th June Year 5/6 cross-country at Hertford Rugby Club
- 11th June Year 3 Watford Mosque Trip
- 12th June Morgans Mile
- 15th-19th Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
- 16th June Year 4 Hitchin Sikh Gurdwara Trip
- 22rd-26th Year 4 Cuffley Camp Trip
- 25th June District Sports
- 27th June Summer Fete
- 30th June 1:30 FS/KS1 Sports Afternoon

- 1st July MFL Year 6 Discovery Day at Simon Balle
- 2nd July Year 5 Visit to Kentwell
- 2nd July Years 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon
- 3rd July Years 5 and 6 Sports Afternoon
- 6th-10th July Year 5 Barton Sailing Trip
- 7th July Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament at Presdales
- 9th July Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
- 14th July Open Evening
- 15th July 7:00 Year 6 Leaver's Concert
- 16th July Year 6 Tramps' Supper 6:00-8:00pm
- 17th End of Summer Term (Early School Closure)

Please see the website for the dates of the next academic year, should the staff survive the barrage above!