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Morgans Hotline Number: 0844 412 1741

### Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

The "Morgan's Christmas Machine" is now in full swing with everyone practising the songs and words for the plays that we will all be eager to share in the coming weeks. I must offer apologies to adults who are currently searching through cupboards and charity shops for that perfect pair of antlers or other seasonal costumes, leaving your normal chores on the back burner until January. I hope that the catchy songs that we are all frantically learning will stop running around my brain before the New Year. Seriously, we all gain as much pleasure from helping your "little stars" to entertain you, as you do from watching them.

We always send a text message to let you know if your child's club or match has been cancelled but we cannot guarantee that everyone will receive the message, either because your details are not current or due to a technical error in the ParentMail texting system. For this reason, I have reminded all our children that they must inform a member of staff and wait in the reception area of Queen's Building if you are not there to collect them at home time. We will then phone you and agree arrangements for the safe return of your child. It is also important that you let us know of any changes in details and you amend your ParentMail account accordingly.

I hope that you were able to come to the Christmas Fair and enjoyed meeting so many of you there. Thank you to all members of staff and parents who helped at the event. We hope all of you who visited enjoyed yourselves.

Kind regards *Sue Dutt*

### Snow Joke...

On Thursday Morgans ran a school closure test, as would be used in the event of severe weather. Assuming you have kept your ParentMail details up to date you should have received a ParentMail e-mail informing you of this on the Thursday morning. At the same time a test message was put on the school's hotline number (at the top of each Morgans Mail) and a similar message was displayed on the school's website homepage. These all worked well. Herts. County Council also assure us in the event of school closure, a message will also be announced on Ten17 and Heartbeat FM. To repeat the message from last week, in the event of severe winter weather, please ensure you check the school's website and the hotline number before setting off for school. If you did not receive the email message, please check your ParentMail account is showing your up to date correct information and that your child is registered to their current class. Thank you.

### Waitrose Are Wondrous

Thank you once more to Waitrose for supplying KS2 with Mexican foods to enable our children to sample foods from the land of the Aztecs.

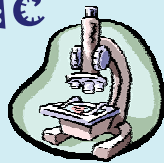
## 2009-10 School Priorities

**Each Year the school produces a School Improvement Plan to inform our priorities for the academic year. This follows a thorough analysis of progress, attainment and self evaluation, as well as monitoring the quality of teaching provision across the school. As a result of this, our main three school priorities for 2009-10 are:**

- **To raise the attainment of our more able mathematicians across Key Stage 2.**
- **To improve standards in reading and writing, particularly in Key Stage 1.**
- **To embed the use of 'Assessing Pupil Progress' National materials into the everyday practice of our teachers.**

**Staff meetings and Inset training are planned around these priorities, along with action plans to drive these initiatives. A maths curriculum evening has already been planned for January, to give guidance on how maths develops across the school and what, as a parent, you can do to help your child.**

# Microscopic Marvels



Last week Year 6 proved to have Nobel potential when 'Setpoint' visited Morgans for a science workshop. The classes studied dissolving and were able to capture time lapse images of sugar dissolving in water, examine a range of everyday objects, which amazed them at a microscopic level, and pretended to be sugar granules and water and dissolve each other! They soon discovered the 'solution' and were completely 'saturated' from fun - they had a fab time and learnt a good deal into the bargain! Here are a few pictures showing our Einsteins in action...



## A Quick Reminders...

Next Tuesday 3:00-3:30 second hand uniform will be available for a nominal fee in Queen's front entrance.

Please pay your £10 deposit to Mrs Thompson asap if you are in Year 6 and are intending to undertake your cycling proficiency. The FOMs kindly subsidise the usual £40 price, meaning the total cost to our Year 6 children is only £25.

## It's Showtime...

The hoops are up in Queen's Hall and the sheep and star are roaming and sparkling respectively in Mandeville Hall in preparation for the three school Christmas shows. Morgans resembles a stage school at the moment and dress rehearsals start next week. Performances to parents are at the following times:

### Foundation Stage

(Nursery and Reception) Mandeville Hall

2:00pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Afternoon Nursery)

10:00am Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December (Morning Nursery)

### Key Stage One

(Years 1 and 2) Queen's Hall

2:00pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

6:30pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### Key Stage Two

(Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Queen's Hall

7:00pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

7:00pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

We look forward to seeing you at these special events. We would like to remind you that any photographs or videos taken are for the family album and must not be placed on the Internet for any purpose. If you do record any images, please do so in a way that does not spoil the performances. Thank you for your understanding.

## Medicines

We are aware there is a good deal of illness around at the moment. A polite reminder that medicines can only be administered if prescribed by a doctor, if they feature a GP label stating your child's name and dosage and you have completed a school medical form, which is available in the school office. It is school policy that counter bought medicines, such as Calpol, cough medicine or sweets will not be administered by Morgan's staff. These products should not be in school. Similarly, if your child is well enough to attend school they are expected to be outside for playtime, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## **Raffle Winners From The Christmas Fair...**

1<sup>st</sup> Ipod Nano – S Shires

2<sup>nd</sup> Xmas Hamper and £50 cash – Julie Keen

3<sup>rd</sup> 10MP Polaroid Camera – Lucy Smith

M & S Hamper – Amber Harris

3 Course Salisbury Arms

Meal for 2 – James Clarke

Meal for 2 Hanbury Manor

Zodiac Restaurant – Amber Harris!

Meal for 2 Loch Fynne – Gaye Harris!!

Family Grotto Entrance Tyndalls

Garden Centre, Nazeing – Mrs M Lumia

Family Portrait Sitting Louise Photography & 10% discount – T Gatem

Aquasphering Voucher West Mill Farm – Julie Keen!

Bottle of Port – Julie Markey

Reusable (disposable?) Camera – P Knott

Xmas Blackboard - Jay? McGee

Chocolate Bear (3foot apparently!!!) – Sal Conti

Well done to all prize winners. To collect your prize please phone Jana on **07753 741132**.

# Morgans Merriment

## Festive Friday Frolics

Queen's Hall was a hive of activity all Friday afternoon and evening in readiness for the Morgan's Christmas Fair. Santa's beard survived (just about!), the cake competition was indeed spectacular, the elves were not at all 'elfish' and worked 'elflessly' for the greater good, the tombolas were manic, the face painting even more so!, the Morgan's Band sounded great (thank you Hilary) and all in all the Morgan's community festive spirit flowed throughout the whole event. Thank you to all of you who helped make this such a success and in particular to Miles Carr and the rest of the FOMs for their sterling efforts. Those of you who joined us will no doubt have seen many of the sights below...

