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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

It has been a busy second week with everyone settling into working routines and school life with enthusiasm and determination. Mr Moore, Miss Gardner and Mrs Brooks, our new staff members, have integrated well into our school community and continue to smile regularly, which is always a good sign! I have had the pleasure of working with our new Reception Class, who on Wednesday thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Donna and Jess, our School Community Police Officers, to talk to the children about their job and also stranger danger. It was not long before they were thoroughly involved in the children's imaginative role play. A great time was had by all! I am pleased to tell you that we will see more of Donna and Jess throughout the year as they join us in school to have lunch and to work with and talk to us all.

Despite signs of summer ending and autumn descending, we have a new school... of fish to welcome to Morgans, since our fish have bred over the summer break. Eagle eyed children may spot these if they look closely at the pond by the school's main entrance.

We wish Mr Cordingley well for this weekend and hope the sun shines, when he undertakes a sponsored walk for the Isabel Hospice. Should you wish to sponsor him, please use this link: www.justgiving.com/geoffonawalk/

I am very sorry if some of you were unable to contact us by telephone on Wednesday. All our lines were out of action for the complete day. I do hope that no one was too worried or inconvenienced by this unfortunate occurrence.

Finally, whilst I have no evidence either way, it is important for us to remain vigilant to minimise the risk of infection from Swine Flu observing the safety precautions and also informing the school if your child is absent with a confirmed case.

Best wishes and kind regards *Sue Dutt*

Morgans Magnificents

The first Morgan's Magnificents of the new academic year were Year 6, who proved themselves to be simply 'Masai-jestic.' They are currently studying Kenya and as part of this have produced landscape pictures in pastel, showing the Kenyan landscape in all its splendour. Native wildlife and everyday culture also featured on many of their masterpieces.



Secondary School Transfers

We care very much about our Year 6, although already it is Secondary School Open Evening season!!! Your Year 6 child should by now have brought home a 'Moving On Booklet.'

The deadline for online applications is Friday 23rd October. If submitting the pull out paper section from the back of the booklet, it needs to be returned to Morgans School by Tuesday 20th October.

A Note About School Trips

You should by now have received your child's class letter, providing details about the Autumn Term and year in general. As stated before the holiday, this includes intended trips for the year, along with an approximate total costing. If you intend to pay by instalments over the course of the year, please contact Mrs Thompson, our financial secretary.

Whilst contributions for these trips are voluntary, in the event of there being insufficient payments by the deadline dates provided on relevant trip letters, the school will unfortunately have to cancel these opportunities.

Whilst we aware that the start of a new school year is an expensive time, if your Aylmerton deposit is still owing, please pay this as soon as possible. If you are having difficulties, please contact Mrs Thompson. Thank you.

Tesco Sports Equipment

The start of the new term is great for many reasons... one of which is the arrival of the Tesco voucher equipment. Thanks to your voucher donations, Mr Cordingley (our new PE co-ordinator) and his class enjoyed opening all of the shiny new sports equipment and this is already being put to good use. Thank you.



Uniform orders are being dealt with efficiently by Mrs Lundy, although certain items have run out. We are awaiting a new delivery of uniform. These items will be with you as soon as we can provide them.

Gardening Glory

Last weekend Morgan's Gardening Club collected second prize in the 'Hertford In Bloom' gardening competition. Their prize was a certificate for second place, a £25 voucher to be spent at Riverside and a gardening tool kit. Well done to Mr Sadler and his green-fingered groupies. The gardening club this year will be run by Jill Goehringer and other volunteer parents. Thank you to them in advance for their time and effort and to Mr Sadler for his considerable work last year.



Arresting Development

All of the Foundation Stage team (of which at Morgans there are a good number) can report that the new Nursery and Reception classes have made a fantastic start to the term. The staff are really enjoying getting to know the children and likewise the children are adjusting well to their new daily routines. On Wednesday our local PCSO's, Donna and Jess, came in to meet the Reception class and explain how they help in the local community. Here are a few snaps of just how welcome they were made to feel...

