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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

Another week draws to a close – September is flying by and so much has been happening at Morgans School. I continue to be impressed by how well the children have settled back into the new term and academic year – they are so full of enthusiasm for all that lies ahead. This week I attended the Parent's Forum meeting. This provided a good chance for me to meet parents and hear your views on the school. Morgans is very lucky to have such a supportive parent body and I look forward to working with you throughout this term. I would like to thank the efforts of the FOM's and Parent Council, who together with other parent volunteers are currently beavering away in the school library on a regular basis. As I said in my last newsletter, we hope this to be fully functional by half term – no pressure parents!!!!!!

I hope many of you will have noticed the wonderful writing displays that now adorn our school corridors. Each class has chosen a book and used it as a stimulus for a display with a writing focus. The end results are of such high quality and the children are very excited about what they have written. You can even glipse a sneak preview on the last page!

I know I mentioned in my first letter to you all that there would be some changes taking place. In terms of buildings, we have carried out some work in the front entrance to the school. We have created a new First Aid Room which will be fully equipped and provide a safe and comfortable area with greater privacy for our sick children. A new office has also been created for Mr Miller and this in turn allows other areas to be used for children's support groups and staff planning and preparation work. We have created a small room for the music lessons to take place, and this, together with the refurbishment of the library has kept us very busy indeed!

After discussion with staff members, we have also made changes to the forthcoming Christmas productions. The school has a wonderful history of producing high quality plays and musicals throughout the years. I am sure you will understand that the simple logistics of practicing a play with 240 children places tremendous pressure on both staff and pupils, in terms of time and energy. We have considered the amount of time needed to practice such a large scale production and the subsequent loss of curriculum time as a result. We have decided therefore to spread our Key Stage 2 productions over the course of the academic year. Below is now the timetable of events throughout the school for this academic year.

Year Group	Production	Location	Date	Time
Whole School	Harvest Assembly	Queen's Hall	14th October	11:00a.m.
Year 3	Diwali -celebration	Queen's Hall	22nd November	2:30p.m.
Nursery/Reception	Christmas Nativity	Mandeville Hall	December 1st	10:00a.m.
KS2 – Choir members	Concert	All Saints church	December 1st	7:00p.m
Whole School	Christingle Concert	All Saints Church	Last week of term TBC	TBC
Year 4	Christmas Play	Queens Hall	December 8th	7:00p.m
Year 5	Easter Play	Queen's Hall	April	TBA
Year 6	Leaver's Play	Queen's Hall	July	TBA

We also feel that by working in smaller numbers, our children will benefit by having a more prominent role in the play they are participating in. I trust you understand the reasoning behind this decision. I am certain all the productions will retain the high standards of the past and the children will gain much from taking part. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Autumn Term events.

Also included in this newsletter a list of all the after school clubs that are currently taking place. I was aware that there were some confusion concerning clubs that are currently run by the school. I hope you find this informative. We may be able to extend these wonderful after school opportunities in the coming months.

So, all in all, you can see Morgans School continues to be a busy place. I hope to keep you updated with what is happening throughout the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely *Clare McFlynn*

Snow Procedure (and it is only September!)

In the event of inclement weather and the school being closed, please check the school's hotline number as your first source of information. This is at the top of every Morgans Mail and should be added to your phone if it has not been already. We will update this as soon as any decisions are taken.

Photographers Visiting Soon

The photographers are coming on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October to take individual photographs of the children, and photos of siblings together. If any families have pre-school aged children and would like them included in a photo with their older siblings, they can come to Mandeville Hall at 8.15am on the Thursday to have their pictures taken - entrance will still be through the school's main Queens entrance.

Mothers and Toddlers Group

Mothers and toddlers are now based in Mandeville Hall and sessions run each Friday 9:00-11:30. They are a very friendly bunch and offer the opportunity for your child to play and interact with other children, whilst parents can enjoy a chat and cup of tea or coffee.

Morgans School Council

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Morgan's School Council. The School Council will provide all our children with the opportunity to express their opinions and views on the running of Morgans School and will enable them to make suggestions as to how it could be improved. In addition, it is an excellent forum for children to come together to seek to support issues within our local community, byway of fund raising for worthy causes or simply raising awareness of a local issue or project. We hope this will be a council **for** children, run by children (with just a small amount of adult supervision!)

All classes from Reception to Year 6 have recently elected 2 children to act as representatives on the council , which will meet each week (alternating Key Stages 1 and 2) to discuss the suggestions and ideas brought by the children.

Each member will soon be the owner of a shiny new School Council badge to wear with pride along with the title of School Council Representative!

So watch this space for upcoming news on your children's views!

The following children have been elected as School Council representatives for 2011/12:
Reception Mrs Ashby – Luke Earl and Mimi Brady
Reception Miss O'Rourke – Billy Duthie and Lilie-June Buxcey
Yr 1 Mrs Langham – Joe Veryard and Jen Pickard
Yr 1 Mrs Smith – Lewis Centa and Annabel Jackson
Yr 2 Mrs Smith – James Beckwith and Lottie Veale
Yr 2 Mrs Botros – Sam Philippou and Annie Collins
Yr 3 Mr Rogers – Sam Jones and Katie Spinks
Yr 3 Mrs Elder – Leon Taylor and Kyra Kelly
Yr 4 Mr Scarisbrick – Drew Amos and Olivia Ryder
Yr 4 Miss Gilham – Daniel Crawford and Beth Amos
Yr 5 Mr Miller/Miss Brown – Oliver Jackson and Madeline Drake
Yr 5 Mrs Jackson – Daniel Hearn and Jade Haddock
Yr 6 Mrs Voss – Will Orton and Heather Morgan
Yr 6 Mr Moore – Harry Malady-Rashford and Holly Amos.

Mrs Jackson PSHCE Co-ordinator.

Jumble Required

Next Saturday 1st October what better way to spend your Saturday morning, then experiencing the joy of a jolly jumble rummage. Queens Hall 10:00-12:00 We need all available jumble. Please bring this in next week.

Abel Opening Performance

The netball and football season got underway on Thursday with an opening friendly and local derby against Abel Smith. The netballers played with great spirit and determination, though succumbed to a strong (and very tall!) Abel Smith team 5-2. Ms. Ashby reports many positive elements on which to build.

The Morgans footballers convincingly won 9-4 and finished particularly strongly in the second half. Daniel Hearn made a promising debut and special mention must also go to Captain Orton, who bagged himself a very tidy 5 goal tally! Always lead by example!!! Well done to all players who represented the school so well this week.

Morgans School Current After School Clubs

Year 5/6 football Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mr Miller	
Girls football Years 3/4/5/6 Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mr Moore	
Netball Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Ms Ashby	

Any competitive school matches that take place will be on a Thursday after school. Any changes to this will be communicated via ParentMail

For football training all children **MUST** wear shin pads and have the appropriate footwear (both girls and boys training).

Netball training also requires children to wear the appropriate footwear.

Earrings or any other form of jewellery **MUST NOT** be worn to any school sports activity before, during or after school.

These clubs will continue until the end of the autumn term (depending on available light!). Any cancellations will be advised with the maximum amount of notice possible through ParentMail.

Cancellations due to adverse weather conditions will be decided upon as early as possible on the day of training/matches and you will be informed as soon as possible via ParentMail

Should any parents wish to offer support to existing after school clubs or to establish a club of their own offering new activities to children, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Moore to discuss.

If your child has chosen to participate in an after school club please try to ensure they attend each week. The teachers need to keep a register running which will be given to the office for reference and we need to ensure that all children are attending as required.

Other after schools clubs will commence from the beginning of the spring term. Details of these will be sent at the start of 2012.

We hope the children appreciate the time and effort the staff go to in running these activities. It is always appreciated by the staff when the children bother to thank the staff members running the activity. Sadly, this is not always the case.

Writing Matters – Make sure next time you are in Queens building you take the time and trouble to carefully survey the new writing displays with your child and discuss these wonderful new additions..

All displays were book based featuring a writing follow up. Why not talk with your child about the books used. You could even enjoy these together!!!