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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

Half term with its leisurely get ups and watching a bit of day time TV is now well and truly a distant dream. Christmas plays have been circulated, casting is well on the way and the performance dates for our usual festive events are firmly in the diary.

Staffing matters have featured this week. I am delighted to tell you that we have made two good appointments for our January Reception Class intake - Lauren O'Rourke, class teacher and Sam Meischka, teaching assistant. They will both be at our parent meeting at 2.30pm on 25th November.

Mrs Sue Spedding who has been a valued teaching assistant in both KS1 and KS2 will be leaving us on Friday 13th to take up her new post at Thundridge School with Miss Greatrex who is now in her second year and still enjoying her headship at a small village school. Congratulations and thank you Sue – our loss is Thundridge's gain.

If you have already lit your fireworks and burnt your Guy Fawkes, I hope you had a safe, enjoyable evening. I have been reliably told by quite a few children that many families have postponed the event until the week end. If this is so for your family, have a brilliant evening, but please remember to follow all the firework safety rules so that all our children return to school happy and well on Monday.

Kind regards *Sue Dutt*

FOMs AGM

The FOMs AGM will take place in Queen's Hall next Tuesday 10th November starting at 8:00pm. All members of the Morgans community are automatically members of the FOMs, so if you wish to become more involved, this is the perfect opportunity.

Webtastic Maths Zone

Some time ago we recommended the following maths web link to consolidate, practice and extend your child's maths skills. A wealth of games and online activities are available and best of all, whilst improving and extending your child's understanding... they're fun - which always helps!!! Check the 'Maths Zone' out together and be fully involved in helping your child develop their maths.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/index.html>



The FOMs have reported a very well attended and successful evening was had by all at the Halloween Disco. The sum of £950, which is a superb start to the fundraising year. Many thanks to all of you who supported this event and to the FOMs for organising it. The last page of this week's Morgans Mail shows just how good a time the children (and adults!) had.

More Reasons To... Search For Last Minute Vouchers

Should you have any remaining Morrisons vouchers lurking in the backs of drawers please can these be brought in as soon as possible. The scheme has now finished and we would like to place our order soon. Thank you to all of those of you who have already donated any vouchers.

Christmas Fair Looming...

The sparkling tinsel clad festive phenomenon which is the Morgans Christmas Fair is only 3 short weeks away and so please look out for donation requests over the next few weeks running up to the event! This shouldn't be too taxing, since here is the first...

Next Friday 13th is a Mufti Day (non-uniform) meaning children attending school without uniform should bring in a bottle for the Christmas Fair. Thank you in advance for this.

First Response – Absence checks

With effect from Monday 9th November the school will be contacting parents whose children do not arrive for registration on time.

It is extremely important that you telephone the school as early as possible to inform us if your child is unwell and will not be in school. Messages can be left on the answer phone.

Text messages will be sent to parents who have not contacted the school before 9.15am and they will be expected to contact the school immediately to provide a reason for their child's absence.

This is best practice for ensuring that all pupils are kept safe. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Financial Matters

A Polite Reminder about dinner money - all dinner monies are due in by Friday 13th November 2009. Thank you.

HAPPY SCHOOL BAGS

Don't forget to bring your bright green plastic bag full of unwanted items of clothing, bedding, shoes and belts to school on Monday 9th November. Please leave them by the tree with the seat before near the Year 3 entrance by 10am. Thank you for your support.

ParentMail Details...

If you change your mobile phone number or email address, as well as letting the school office know, could you please also ensure that you remember to update your ParentMail account. On a similar theme, please ensure you assign your younger child to their particular class, should they already have an older sibling at the school. If you do not, it will mean you receive whole school messages (such as the Morgans Mail), though will not receive class only messages for your youngest (such as class work and homework details).

Old Uniform Donations Needed Please

On the first Tuesday of every month from 3:00-3:30 Mrs Thompson and Mrs Orton plan to sell second hand uniform in the school's main entrance. Items will be priced for a very reasonable £1. Please donate any trousers, skirts, jumpers, PE kits or bookbags etc currently flying at half mast to Mrs Thompson. These will then once more be put to good use. Thank you.

Old Skool
DISCO



Friday 13 November 2009
8pm - midnight
at
The Ram
112 Fore Street, Hertford



Come along, bring your partner and some mates and have a great night dancing to the **old tunes**

**Tickets only £5
in aid of Isabel Hospice**

For tickets:
contact Donna, County Hall xtn
or mobile 07910 185560

*school uniform
(or headteachers gown
compulsory!*



A Ghoulishly Good Time...

