



# Morgans Mail

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**Dear Parents / Carers and Children,**

A thoroughly enjoyable week with excited Year 4 children planting trees in our grounds, the beautiful sounds of children singing as local schools practice in Queens Hall for the forthcoming Primary Schools' Spring Concert and the silent sound of conspiracy as the school planned a surprise!

I was delighted and amazed by the wonderful secret "This is Your Life" assembly that was sprung on me on Tuesday afternoon. I had been hoping to pass my "milestone" birthday quietly and to ignore it. When I had recovered from the shock, I thoroughly enjoyed my special celebration with the children and my colleagues who had been hiding in complete silence in Queens Hall until Mrs Gunn lured me in. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate, and I think that everyone was more than amused when my husband appeared from behind the curtains, when I believed that he was in Dorset suffering from a heavy cold. My heartfelt thanks go to my colleagues who planned this surprise, and also to all the children who made the day so special for me. As a present from Mr Dutt, I am due to go on a balloon flight over Sherborne on Saturday morning. I am slightly nervous but I will take photos to show the children next week.

We had a Governors' training meeting on Wednesday evening, during which we discussed the purpose of the Governing Body, re-visited the role of our Governors and evaluated our progress over the past two years. It was a very positive meeting, although one point struck a cord with all the governors – the need to share with all of you all of the areas of very high quality and additional provision for our pupils. Whilst communication with parents has improved beyond recognition over the past two years, we still do not always promote and share with you the amazing range of activities, pastoral support and inspiring developments in the delivery of our skills based creative curriculum. We are confident these strategies and priorities will continue to raise standards and accelerate the progress of your children.

As I write this Red Nose Day raised a good number of smiles and the sum of £357.56. Some of the sights in Key Stage 2 were slightly disconcerting and I am looking forward to more normal attire on Monday.

Enjoy your week ends and I hope to see you on Monday if I have not been blown away over the Channel in the hot air balloon.

**Kind regards**

*Sue Dutt*

## Brief Notices...

The date of the FS and KS1 Sports Day will now be the morning of Wed 29th June. This is because the best day for Yr 2's trip to Walton on the Naze is Tues 28th, due to tide times and staff availability.

As stated last week: dogs are banned from the school site, except for guide dogs. Please also avoid tethering dogs outside the school gates, since these block pavements and can potentially scare children. Thank you.

'A Tomb with a View' is a comedy thriller suitable for children over 12. It's on at Hertford theatre from Wednesday to Saturday next week at 7:30 with a matinee on Saturday as well at 3pm. Its cast features our very own Miss Gilham and we know she would appreciate support.

## Parent Council Corner...

**Here is a topical and relevant question to seek parental opinion and feedback. To this end:**

**Did you find the "Guidelines for Parents" helpful at your recent teacher consultation and would you like to add any further comments?**

**Please email the Parent Council at:**  
[parentcouncil@morgans.herts.sch.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@morgans.herts.sch.uk)

# Library Visit

Over half term a display was put up at Hertford Library showing Year 1's work about 'The Gingerbread Man'. Last week we went down to visit the library so that we could see the display. While we were there Teresa spoke to us about joining the library and what sort of things we could borrow. We were also allowed to look at the books and then Teresa then read us a story. Since then a number of us have joined and visited the library. Why don't you go down and see our display. You might even want to borrow some books!



## Jumble Sale

Next Saturday 26th sees the return of the Morgans Jumble 10:00-12:00 in Queens Hall. Support the school and grab yourself a bargain or ten!!!

A good deal of jumble has already been provided. If you have any last minute saleable items, please deliver them to our main school office asap. Many thanks to those who already have.

Similarly, if any kind souls would bake us some cakes or biscuits, these would be much appreciated and would accompany the tea and coffee very well. Thank you.

## FOMS Film Night...

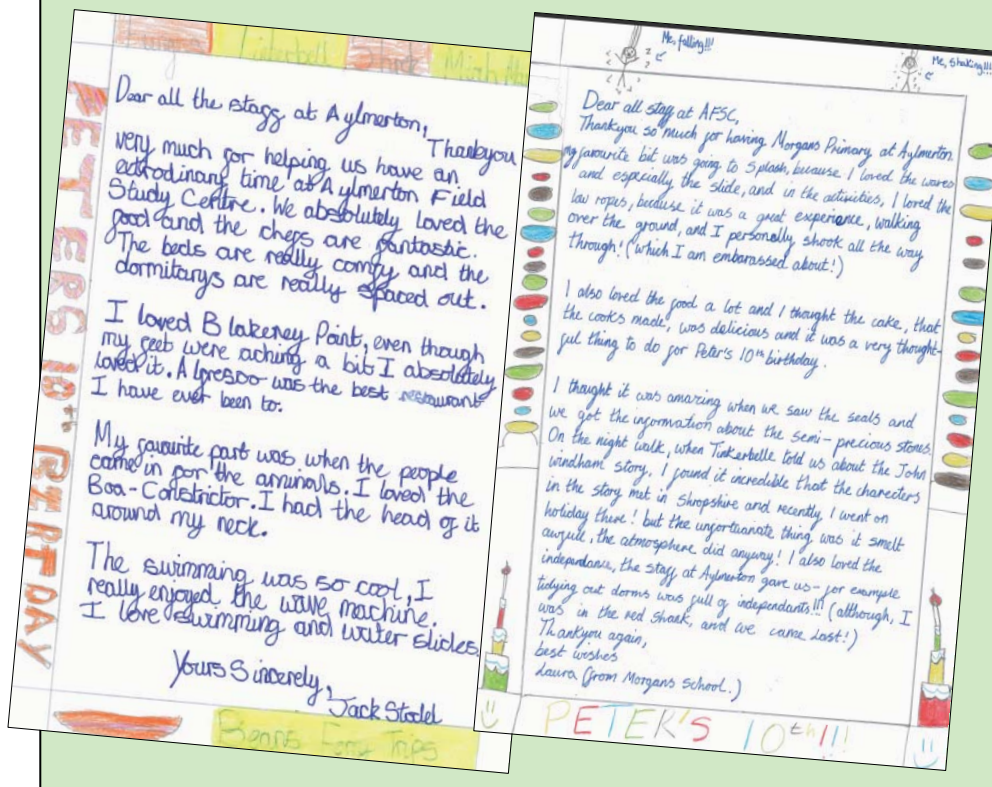
The first FOMS Film Night, on the FOMS purchased Queens Hall projector and large screen, will be on 1st April. The Infants Film will be "Shrek Forever After"

The Juniors Film will be "How to Tame Your Dragon"

The cost will be £3 including a drink and snack.

A letter from the FOMS will go out next week. Our thanks to them for making the necessary arrangements. Any offers of help would be much appreciated by Miles Carr.

## Thank You To Aylmerton Field and Study Centre (AFSC)



## Tree-mendous Effort

Year 4 continue to fly the flag for all things green and environmental. They planted 59 sapling trees this week and were thoughtful enough to present Mrs Dutt with their 60<sup>th</sup> for her birthday and garden. Well done to them.



# Coastal (and river!) Capers

Year 5 returned on Monday after last weekend's action packed educational residential field study visit to Aylmerton. The children were genuinely an absolute delight to take away and their behaviour and respect to each other and all members of staff encountered was a credit to them. The children will be following up the River Glaven and Blakeney Point field work visits on our new ICT provision and using Google Earth. This should prove slightly less tiring as they traverse the 6 ½ mile coastal walk and make annotations about their discoveries and learning. The staff have now largely recovered and hope the children slept as well as they have this week. A good number of parents have reported how much their children enjoyed the trip and thanked the staff personally. We even had a thank you cake. This is much appreciated.

