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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

I am not sure if we have proper signs of spring yet, but I am glad that my journeys to and from work are not in total darkness. Rumours of more snow have not come to pass – yet and we are nearly halfway through the school year.

We say farewell to Mrs Claire Thompson, our Finance Secretary today and thank her for all her hard work and support for the school and its families. Mrs Sue Spicer takes over Claire's role on Monday. I am sure that you will all join me in warmly welcoming her to the school.

Just to remind you all that school shoes should be of the black leather sensible variety. When you need to wear wellies please bring a pair of shoes to change into. We have spent a great deal of money replacing classroom carpets and wish to keep these in good condition. To help to prolong the life of all our carpets please remember to wipe your feet when entering buildings and also to avoid walking on the grass or mud which then gets brought into the school.

I am delighted to invite you all to a maths curriculum evening to really develop your child's number skills. The evening will involve three workshops in Years 2, 4 and 6 featuring a little healthy maths competition between you and your children!!! We want all year groups to attend to see whole school maths progression and really hone those key maths skills throughout the different stages of Morgans. The date for your diary is Thursday 11th February, 5.30 – 7pm. You are most welcome to all or part of this event. The workshops will be 20 minutes in length and repeated three times, to enable you to attend all three should you wish. Session times will be 5:30-5:50, 6:00-6:20 and 6:30-6:50, so get out your Nintendo DS and get maths 'Brain Training.' Mrs Smith is the quickest at the moment with 21 seconds – the time to beat! The Woodlands website also contains some super mental maths activities to sharpen up those skills.

Kind regards *Sue Dutt*

Able Ambassadors

Congratulations to Adam Rhodes and Lucy Sende for being selected to be Primary Sports Ambassadors (PSA's!) for Morgans. Their role will involve inspiring and bringing the magic of the 2012 Olympic Games to the pupils of Morgans. They have been selected for their excellent leadership qualities and for being role models for other Morgans children. They will soon be explaining their role to the rest of the school. Great stuff!



Chess Challengers

The Morgans Annual Chess Tournament is once more under way and this year involves 89 pupils!!! The event is part of the Annual National Event, with the overall Morgans Champions possibly progressing to the next Regional, and then National Finals. Thank you to Mr Cordingley for once more arranging this for Morgans.



Ready And Abel



Morgans 3-2 Abel Smith

We started off really well and got straight in there making loads of good tackles. We were determined to win and to show Abel Smith that we meant business and with our stunning defence Spencer, Lucy and George how could we lose, they held it tight throughout the whole match and kept it strong. Peter, Cameron and Max were our midfielders and certainly kept Abel Smith on their toes as they were making some fantastic tackles and brilliant passes. After we got started there was no stopping us. Max made a great run up the wing, crossed it over to Cameron and before you know it we had our first goal! Unfortunately soon after Able Smith had a good goal kick and their attacker made a run, then scored. Reece our goalkeeper made a valiant effort as he was a great goalkeeper but he couldn't quite save it. We played on and kept our heads held high and towards the end of the first half Peter made a darting run past the defenders, passed it on to Cameron and he scored. What a cracker! Joseph our striker was a great help throughout the first half making loads of good tackles.

After the first half we subbed Joseph for Alex who made a real difference by helping our midfield. Soon after we got started again we scored yet another goal where Cameron took a great cross over to Max and what a goal that was. We were well ahead at the time, we just needed to keep our defence held tight for the last two minutes. Their pressure was just too much as they scored a goal just before the whistle blew. It was a close game but Morgans came out on top to win with a 3-2 victory. The Morgans' football machine marches on and the cup run continues. How long will it last this year?

Report written by Peter Harris



Cricket Crusaders

The Morgans' girls' cricket team took part in a cricket event with 5 other schools at The John Warner Sports Centre earlier this week to develop their batting, fielding and bowling skills. Mr Cordingley assures me the girls tried very hard and struck a number of 4's and 6's, as well as improving their skills along the way. Well done to Maddy, Chloe, Sarah, Erin, Millie, Olivia, Jasmine, Fiona, Louise and Ellen for representing the school so well.



Goblin Graphics

Miss Gardiner's class spent part of Friday afternoon designing and describing a goblin character. She was so impressed with some of the children's work, she sent Tom and Amber to show off their super artistic efforts. Without any further ado, here are their goblin creations: Blobby and Gobby. Well done Tom and Amber!!!



Healthy Mind, Healthy Body



This has been the theme of this week's assemblies. We all know the importance that exercise and diet play in maintaining body health, but what about keeping an active mind and regularly challenging your brain? The children proved great sports trying to fathom various optical illusions and to think a little more laterally about their role in the learning process. Improving the speed and recall of number facts is one of the whole school focuses at the moment.. The children look forward to showing you just how speedy

**Healthy Body
Healthy Mind**

**When was the last time
you really challenged
yourself to think???**

they are with numbers on the 11th February. We ask that you support them in preparation for this event by blitzing those times tables!!! Here are some of the slides used in Wednesday's assembly. Ask your child how many pandas they see in this picture. Apparently there are 9!!!

