



# Morgans Mail

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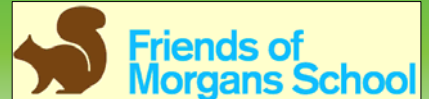
## Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

This week's Morgans Mail is a bumper edition and direct reflection of the time of the year and just how busy the school and staff are. The Year 5 Bartoners have had a terrific time this week sailing and been excellent seaworthy ambassadors for Morgans. They have been a joy to take away and a real credit to their families. We have all had a thoroughly enjoyable and soggy week and improved our sailing skills along the way. The parents attending have been helpful and good company – thank you to them. Since there is so much to report I will finish there. We look forward to seeing you at next Tuesday's open evening.

Kind regards *Sue Dutt*



## Disco Deadline



The FOMs disco is tonight (10<sup>th</sup> July) 6:00-7:00 for KS1 and parents must stay, and 7:30-9:00 for KS2 (with signing in and out required by an adult). For both events parents are welcome to stay – there is a bar for you to relax at should you not wish to shake your funky thang!!!

## Sports Days...

Even though the weather tried its best to prevent these, three out of the four sports mornings/afternoons occurred. Unfortunately having been changed the previous week due to severely high temperatures, this Tuesday's Foundation Stage sports afternoon had to be cancelled due to thunderstorms. Alas, there is no opportunity to rearrange this with only a week left.

For those who do not know, the school runs a 'House System' named after the four rivers of Hertford. Each house has a colour and children and teachers are attached to each house. All competing children in all events contribute points to the overall house total. When all points were totalled for this year results were as follows:

4th Lea (Red) 286 points,  
3rd Rib (Green) 296 points,  
2nd Mimram (Yellow) 303  
and the overall winners were  
Beane (Blue) with 313 points.  
The photo shows Beane  
Captains, Abbie and Vincent  
receiving the trophy for this  
year. It was a close run thing  
well done to everybody who  
took part. Thank you to the  
FOMs for their help on the  
day. Some action pictures  
feature later on in this edition.



## Early Closure Next Friday

Please note that next Friday the school will close at the following times:

Morning Nursery - 11:00

Afternoon Nursery - 2:35

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 - 2:25

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 2:30

## Next Week Year 6 Details...

**Year 6 only have one week left, though it promises to be very special and memorable. Some last minute details:**  
**The 'Year 6 Leavers' Play' is at 7:00 next Wednesday for parents and relatives of Year 6 only.**

**The 'Tramps' Supper' is next Thursday 6:00-8:00 for Year 6 children only. Please collect your child at 8:00 and bring a towel!!!**

## Music Marvels

Well done to Seth Forster and Noemia Hollis for their guest slot as part of the Simon Balle Music Evening earlier in the week. In order to be included in the first place, musicians need to be accomplished and these two certainly were. They opened the show as part of the concert band with 'Ma na na na' (de duh duh duh da!), though were certainly not muppets! Noemia is currently grade 4 on the trumpet and Seth is grade 3 on the French horn.

**"I'm even more excited about going to Simon Balle now!" Noemia.**

**"Some of the bands didn't sound like school bands – they sounded professional!" Seth.**

Really well done - we look forward to hearing of their musical successes in the future.

## Gardening Club Vacancy...

Mr Sadler's term of office as Gardening Club gaffer is set to end in one week. He has been 'blooming' marvellous and 'leaves' the Gardening Club well resourced for any parents or staff who wish to take on the club. Please see him if you are willing to harvest next year's crop. We thank him for his efforts this year. Will he have bowed out in style? – The 'Hertford In Bloom' judges visited this week and we eagerly await their decision. A big thank you also to Steve from the Urban Jungle for the donation of lots of fantastic plants this year.

## Welly Wanging Mystery...

We have a Welly Wanging prize in the office that remains unclaimed. We know the winner's name is Julie Gee but we can't identify which child she belongs to. If you know who this bionic biceped beauty is please see the office so they can be rewarded for their welly wanging prowess!!!

## Updated Guidance For Schools On Swine Flu

The latest guidance from Herts County Council is that schools should stay open in the event of a case of swine flu amongst staff and pupils. If you suspect that you may have contracted swine flu you should contact NHS Direct by phone (0845 4647) or via the web site – [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk), follow the swine flu symptom checker and then phone your GP.

Please remember to check the School's web site over the summer holiday. If for any reason we are unable to reopen in September there will be a bulletin posted on the web site. You will also be advised by ParentMail e-mail and text message so please ensure that your mobile number is up to date by checking your details on the ParentMail website. If you are not yet registered go to [www.parentmail.co.uk](http://www.parentmail.co.uk) and follow the online instructions to register. Don't forget to include your children's names. SchoolCall will also be up and running and you can check for any messages on – 0844 412 1741 from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

## Financial Matters...

### **School Milk for KS1**

For any families eligible for free school meals, please ensure you contact DCSF on 01438 737370 before we return in September.

### **Happy Bag**

After the success of last week's collection, we have already booked another collection for 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 so please don't throw anything away between now and then!

### **Music Invoices**

Just a reminder to all the families who receive music lessons in school that payment for lessons received this term must be made by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the latest to avoid the late payment penalty.

### **School Photos**

Orders must be returned with payment by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July for orders to be sent by the school.

## Term Dates...

Term Dates for the next academic year are currently displayed on the school website. They are as follows:

### **Autumn Term 2009**

Wednesday 2nd September - In Service Training Day  
Thursday 3rd September - In Service Training Day  
Friday 4th September - In Service Training Day  
Monday 7th September - Children return to school  
Friday 18th December - Term ends  
(26th – 30th October - Half Term)

### **Spring Term 2010**

Monday 4th January - In Service Training Day  
Tuesday 5th January - Children return to school  
Thursday 1st April - Term ends  
(15th - 19th February - Half Term)

### **Summer Term 2010**

Monday 19th April - Children return to school  
Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday  
Monday 7th June - In Service Training Day  
Thursday 22nd July - Term ends  
Friday 23rd July - Occasional Day's holiday  
(31st May - 4th June - Half Term)



## Sailing Competition Triumph

Last Saturday at Stanborough Lakes in Welwyn G.C. 5 of our pupils took part in the Ben Dunn shield which hasn't taken place since 1993 (91-93 were all won by Morgans!). It has been revived this year for all schools over Herts.

Unfortunately, only 9 children took part - 5 of whom were from Morgans. Not surprisingly, we won! The children were Peter Harris, Scott Spedding, James Brooks-Park and Harrison Knott (all from Year 5) and Samantha Mansfield (a very brave and intrepid Year 4!). Well done to all who took part. This served as good preparation for Barton...



## Farewell To Plimsoles From September

Unless your child is in Nursery, from September the school is doing away with plimsoles! This is so that your child wears supportive sensible footwear throughout the day, saves a considerable amount of changing time over the year and improves the appearance of the corridors. Just a reminder that school shoes should be black, low heeled and sufficiently supportive for young growing feet. All children will still require trainers for PE and all PE kit, including the trainers should be named and in a named draw-stringed PE bag (rucksacks take up too much room!). Nothing should be on the corridor floor from day one of September.

## Considerate Parking

Richard Hale contacted us during the week, since on one of our sports days, the gate which provides access to their field was parked over. This would mean in the event of an emergency that ambulance access would be prevented. This is obviously dangerous and unacceptable. Please ensure that you are considerate with your parking outside the school at all times. Thank you.

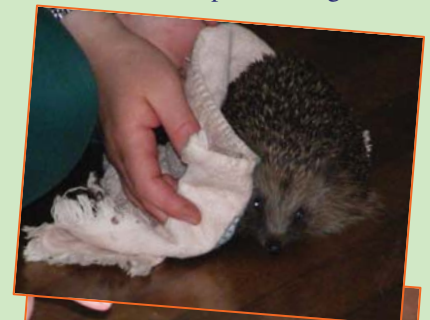
## Morgans Magnificents

**Last week's Morgans Magnificents were Year 5. In Design Technology the children have investigated cams and made moving toys which use them. The ideas and originality were first rate. Cam-tastic effort Year 5!!!**



## A Prickly Subject...

In year 4 we have been learning about hedgehogs and we are currently making hedgehog shelters. We invited 2 hedgehogs from Chestnuts Veterinary Surgery in Ware. The adult hedgehog, Rodney, has been hand reared by Emma because he only has 3 legs. The baby hedgehog is 4 weeks old and will be released into the wild soon. Check out the shelters at next week's open evening.



## Model Year 1 Pupils

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June Year1 went to Bekonscot Model Village. This was a follow up to our topic on 'Homes Old and New' as the village is stuck in a timewarp in the 1930s. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by adults and children alike mainly due to the impeccable behaviour of the children (and adults!). The weather was kind to us and we had fun completing the questionnaire; searching for: names on trains, a flag on a golf club and a man's plea for help while stuck in a maze etc. When we came back the children wrote some great accounts about the trip.



## Governor Greetings...

Here is our first instalment to let you know who the governing body of the school are, a little of their background and what they do. We will feature two governors each week from now on, but to begin with you get one extra for free...

### Jo Stradling - Chair of Governors

A member of the Governing body since October 07, took over as Chair in October 08, one of my goals as chair is to create an outstanding school and community which enables children to reach their full potential. Being a member of the Governing Body is a wonderful opportunity to work with the school in a voluntary way and to have the opportunity to eat school dinners again!



### Bob Cinnamon - Vice Chair of Governors/Finance Committee Chair

I didn't realise in taking on the Chair of Finance that I would have to review the one million pound plus budget for the school. It's a real juggling act but we somehow manage to keep to it whilst following all the county guidelines.

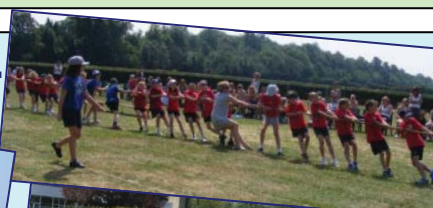


### Paul Newstead

I was appointed by the Local Education Authority and have been on the Governing Body for over 10 years. I am part of the Curriculum Committee and am also the mathematics link governor. I previously served as Chair of Governors from 2002 – 2005. Both of my children attended Morgans.



## Sports Day Snapshots...



# All Was Well At Kentwell...

Year five stepped back in time - literally - on their trip to Kentwell Hall. After exchanging their money for groats and going through the 'time tunnel'; they found themselves in 1535, during the reign of King Henry VIII. Here, they visited and interacted with people at a Tudor manor house. They became skilled in weaponry, danced, ate, wove baskets, made potions, bowed to nobles and worked with peasants - the adults also got to sample the ale made at the house! After getting to grips with the language, the children had a fantastic time by experiencing Tudor life first hand - although they were a little scared of the very strict school master!

