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Morgans Hotline Number: 0844 412 1741

Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

Frosty mornings are here - winter has certainly arrived this week and it looks like we might be set for some snow over the weekend. Hopefully there will be enough to have fun with, but not so much that it affects school on Monday - please see the details below of what to do and where to find information if needed. Any decision made to close the school is dependent on the safety of the site and the number of staff able to reach the school, but closure will always be the last resort and I am sure the Morgans spirit will come to the fore if the snow is bad!

The Morgans spirit was evident on Monday, when the basketball team took part in the County Finals in St Albans. Despite their victory in the district round, the team came up against some tough opposition at this next level and although they fought hard and tried their best, the ball didn't seem to find its way into the hoop very often! Well done to all the children who took part and to Mr Moore and all the parents who provided both transport and support.

You will have received a letter explaining how we will be introducing daily guided reading after half term and asking for volunteers to help with this at the start of the school day. If you are able to contribute in this way, please do return your reply slip so that we can get everything organised and ready to go after the half term break. If you are volunteering on a regular basis and do not have a CRB check, then forms are available from the office- please ask for further details.

Finally, it's the FOMS Valentines Disco tonight, so I hope everyone who comes along has a really good time and thank you to the FOMS committee for organising this event for the children.

Have a relaxing weekend and see you on Monday,

Yours sincerely *Ali Pepper*

Basketball

Well done to our Year 6 basketballers who represented the area in Monday's County final. The standard proved very high, although our children remained determined and focussed throughout. They played well in their group games, although did not progress beyond this stage. A super achievement on getting there in the first place though... They certainly impressed the local press!

Schools cock-a-hoop

THREE schools were cock-a-hoop after triumphing at the Hertford and Ware School Sports Partnership basketball competition. As part of the national School Games, the partnership held three basketball competitions in total a week-



MAGNIFICENT MORGANS: The Morgans School pupils came out on top in the primary event of the Hertford and Ware School Sports Partnership basketball competition.

ner to represent them at the county finals next month. In the primary event, there were six school teams from Morgans, Beropos, St Mary's, Pucker, Hertingfordbury and Hildesheim, who battled it out in the sports hall at Prescotville School.

The standard of basketball improved throughout and eventually Morgans emerged undefeated, with Beropos in second and St Mary's third in the girls' under-12 event. It was a mixed result between boys, Prescotville and Beropos with the latter bagging first spot, with Prescotville second and Beropos third.

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School Closure Procedure - To Be Prepared...

The weather is becoming colder and in the event of severe and dangerous weather the school may be closed. Here is what to expect under such circumstances and how notification will be given...

In the event of the school being closed, the school hotline number will feature notification and should be your first and most important source of information.

Morgans Hotline Number: 0844 412 1741

We suggest you add this number into your phone in readiness for such eventualities. In such instances please do not use the normal school phone number.

You will also be sent a ParentMail email and the school will have up to date information displayed on its website. The ParentMail system and county web server were overloaded last year since they were inundated through many primary schools using them. This meant messages arrived some time after they were originally sent. Therefore, to ensure the system is robust, if you suspect bad weather may force closure, please ensure you check the hotline number. Thank you.

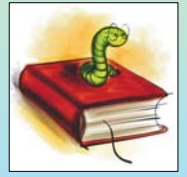




Visiting Author...

Eamonn Reilly, is visiting our assembly on Monday. He would be very pleased if the children could be encouraged to have a look at his website over the weekend and think of some questions to ask him on Monday. His website: www.er-reilly.co.uk

A number of his books will be available for purchase after school on Monday from the school office.



More Books For Sale...

Next week the librarians will be selling books in Queens Hall for the price of 10p each. The infants can come along on Thursday 9th February and Juniors on Friday 10th February at breaktimes. There will be a wide variety of books and we hope to raise quite a bit for the school. Any many raised will go towards buying shiny new books for our wonderful library. Any left over books will go to Oxfam. We hope you will support us. Thank you.

Shelley, Lottie and Mia (Year 6).



Sunday
24th June
2012

Get Involved!

Hertford Carnival is returning after a 12 year break. YOU are needed to make it the great community event it used to be! If you're involved with a school, youth group, business, club or music group, or are an enthusiastic individual, we need you to get involved in the carnival procession, arena entertainment or with a stall in the grounds of Hertford Castle.



Find out more at
www.hertfordcarnival.org.uk

Considerate Parking

Just a polite reminder to park considerately on Wilton Avenue at the start and end of the school day. We want to maintain good relations with our neighbours and not cause them any inconvenience, for example by blocking driveways, as well as making sure the roads and pavements are kept safe for pedestrian. Thank you.

Please Save Your Jumble

Our spring jumble will be a little later than usual. It will be on Saturday April 28th 10:00-12:00. If you are having an early spring clean, please save any suitable items.

Headlice

Please check your child's hair carefully this weekend, to ensure they are not harbouring any unwanted visitors. Several parents have asked for some advice.

We recommend the following website to do just that. If all of the school tackle this, then it may be possible for us to blitz them over the half term break...

www.onceaweektakeapeek.com

Guided Reading Help...

After half term, the school is introducing guided reading first thing every morning across the whole school. Previously these sessions have happened at various other times across the school day, making it difficult for any real number of you to support this. We would very much like your help now, just after drop-off time. If you are able to commit to a regular slot 9:00-9:25 after half term, please complete the reply slip on the letter you should have received and speak directly to your child's class teacher. We really need as much support as possible with this to make it the success it should be. We hope to eventually provide parental training opportunities on how guided reading sessions can be most beneficial for our children with this vitally important life skill.

Willow Working Party...

We are planning on planting a willow archway over the half term break beside the Year 3 and 4 playground. 60 saplings need planting to commemorate the Jubilee this year. We hope to train these into an eventual archway. This is where we really need your help please. On the Tuesday of half term -Mr Scarisbrick would very much like an army of parents with their children to help in this task. Please confirm your attendance with Mr Scarisbrick directly. Our thanks to him for obtaining the saplings and in advance for his time and your help with this.