

# Morton Newsletter

April 2025

The year is flying by and we are already in the summer term – how has that happened!?

The summer term is always a busy one with assessments, sports days, trips and lots more exciting learning taking place. Let's hope we get some sunshine!

😊 Miss Jackson



## OPAL and field updates

Our school field is changing so quickly – I can't believe that only a few weeks ago it was just a flat empty space. A BIG THANK YOU to the FOMPA, staff and parents that have been working so hard transforming the space for our children to play in. We now have mounds, tunnels and slides, a big sand pit, a house, a construction area and planters ready to be filled.

There is space for a mud kitchen to be built and a water play area to be created. We are not finished yet but are well on the way to having the best school field in the area!

Please see this half term's picture gallery that is dedicated to OPAL.



## Diary Dates

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April – school starts

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May – bank holiday

WB 12<sup>th</sup> May – SATs for Year 6

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May – break up

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June – back to school

WB 2<sup>nd</sup> June – X tables checks (year 4)

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June – Maple residential

WB 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 phonics checks

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June – INSET

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June – class photos

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day (am)

WB 23<sup>rd</sup> June – transition week

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Sycamore sleepover

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> July – reports out

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July – INSET

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July – break up for summer



## Assessments

The summer term is always a busy one with many national assessments taking place.

During the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will have their SATs assessments, they will run from the Monday to the Thursday.

Year 2 children also have optional SATs but these will be done over a period of time rather than on a specific day. We will be doing these with small groups of children from the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

In June, the Year 4 children will take their statutory times tables checks and the Year 1 children will take the phonics assessments.

Children in other year groups will be doing assessments but not until nearer the end of the school year.

We have been working hard in school to ensure that your children are ready for these and have the knowledge that they need to do the best they can. Please support them by talking about them but not worrying them! We will let you know how your children have done in the end of year reports.

## Morton Fest - save the date!

Exciting news - The FOMPA are organising the very first Morton Fest! This will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June on the school field. Tickets will be £3 per person and all proceeds will benefit the school. Bands are booked, stalls arranged and a variety of food and drink will be on offer. It promises to be lots of fun and I look forward to seeing you all there. See the poster for more details



## Uniform

Just a reminder please about PE uniform - joggers/shorts/leggings and jumpers should be school colours (black, blue or grey) with no big pictures or logos. If possible, please remove earrings on PE days.

Willow - Thursday

Sycamore - Thursday

Maple - Monday and Wednesday

Hazel - Wednesday and Friday

If you would like to order new uniform in school, please get your orders in by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - This will be the last order that we do this school year.

## Curriculum

We continue to work on developing our school curriculum to ensure that our children get the very best offer.

Thank you for all your continued work that supports what we teach in school - as we know, if learning is discussed and reinforced out of school then it is much more likely that it will be retained.

**Willow Class** - will continue their learning through the seasons with a focus on growing.

**Sycamore Class** - *Local legends* This is a history theme in which the children will be learning all about the local legend that is Robin Hood.

**Maple Class** - *Oh I do like to be beside the seaside.* In this geography theme children learn about the seaside town of Whitby, they will follow this learning with a residential to the area next half term.

**Hazel Class** - *Where do we come from?* Children will learn about inheritance and evolution in this scientific theme.

## Picture Gallery



