

Morton Newsletter

How are we already in the second half of term - Autumn is just flying by! So much has happened in the last few weeks with new staff joining the team, old staff moving on to new adventures and a new classroom being built.

Despite all the change, learning continues as usual. Walking around school to see what the classes are up to is, as always, a pleasure and I am proud of the way that our children have shown resilience and have adapted to new classes, routines and team members.

Before we know it, we will be getting out those Christmas jumpers!
Miss Jackson

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

- Charles Darwin

New Build

We are all very excited about our new classroom! The children have loved watching as the foundations were dug, tree stumps and broken air raid shelters were discovered under the playground, and the building was delivered and positioned into place. Staff have had a sneaky look inside and Miss Allen is already planning where things will go and what we will need. I had a meeting today with the contractors (R.G. Stones) and have been assured that they are on attack for the building to be completed by the end of November. Have a look at the pictures to see the progress that has been made in just a few weeks!

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd Nov - School starts

11th/13th Nov - Parents Evening

Fri 14th Nov - Children in Need day

Mon 17th Nov - School photos

Tues 2nd December - Parents OPAL morning

10th/11th Dec - Willow and Sycamore performance

Fri 12th Dec - Christmas market (no after school club)

Tues 16th Dec - Christmas dinner

Wed 17th Dec - Panto visit

Thurs 18th - Party day

Fri 19th - school closes



Curriculum

Thank you for all of your support with our curriculum - talking to the children about what they are learning and engaging with them with their homework tasks.

This term, the themes that we are covering are:

Willow Class - 'Celebrations'. Children will be learning about different celebrations and festivals that take part at this time of the year.

Sycamore Class - 'London's burning' This is a History theme in which the children will be learning about the events of the Great Fire of London and the lessons learnt from it.

Maple Class - 'Yabadabadoo'. This theme has a History focus with children learning about how life evolved throughout the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age.

Hazel Class - 'Amazing Africa'. This is a geography unit in which the children will be learning about the diverse continent of Africa, in particular different biomes, natural resources and the distribution of wealth.

See the class pages on the website for more information.

OPAL Update

We are now in our second year of OPAL play and I continue to be amazed each time I go out on the field and see the children's creativity, risk taking and communication skills. Who knew the fun that could be had with some old tyres, bread trays, pots and pans!

As we are moving into winter, the field is starting to get muddy and we have quite a few children who just seem to love playing and digging in the dirt! Please make sure that they have something suitable to wear over the top of their school clothes so that we do not have to spoil their fun by asking them to keep clean. We will be providing rails and tubs for these to be kept but please make sure that they are labelled with names.

We would like to give you the opportunity to come in to see and join in with the children's play. The date for this is Tuesday 2nd December from 10.30 - 12.00. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Lost property

We have a growing pile of all sorts of clothes - jumpers, joggers, hats, scarves, coats and even shoes! These do not have names in so we are unable to return them to the rightful owners.

We will have a table in the hall on parent's evenings next week. Please come and have a look if any of the items belong to you.

Any that are not claimed will be put out on Friday after school for people to take and use, failing this we will take them to a charity shop.

Volunteers

Do you, or a friend/relative have a couple of hours to spare each week? If so, have you thought about volunteering at school?

The best way for children to learn to read is to practice and we would love to give our children more opportunities to do this. We are looking for volunteers who could spare some time each week to come in and listen to children read. We would offer training so that you would be confident you were helping in the right way. We would need to conduct DBS checks and to do this you would need to provide the names of two referees.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please come in and see us!

Picture Gallery

