

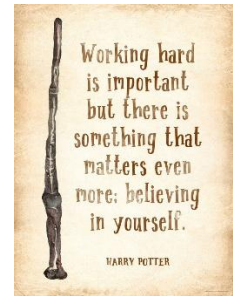
# Morton Newsletter

June 2026

And before we know it, we are in the final half term of the year, and what a year it has been! We have almost 7 weeks left and such a lot to fit in – sports day, performances, trips and lots more learning.

Let's hope that the sunshine makes a return soon because we know that a sunny morning is always better than a rainy one 😊

😊 Miss Jackson



## QA

We recently had an internal QA (quality assurance) day. We were visited for the day by one of our Tapestry headteachers and directors of learning. It was a really busy but positive day and I wanted to share some of the highlights with you:

- ✓ There are strong relationships evident between children and staff. Most importantly, children know they are liked and welcomed.
- ✓ The inclusive culture of Morton brings a strong sense of belonging. This was evident in all classes.
- ✓ Adaptations (now/next, scaffolds, use of Widget) to make learning accessible are evident. Book looks and pupil participation in the classroom demonstrate this clearly.
- ✓ Development of OPAL principles is clear: lunchtime has a great selection of activities with children being leaders and helpers.
- ✓ There is a clear focus on vocabulary, and this is taught in reading every week.
- ✓ Books seen are consistently presented and show pride. Progression can be seen in all books and across the curriculum, presentation standards are high.
- ✓ Phonics was taught well across all classes and demonstrated fidelity to the Little Wandle scheme.

We are always working hard to ensure that we are striving for 'even better' for all of our children. The QA team agreed with us about our next steps:

- Continue to work on making resources and manipulatives accessible for children, in particular in maths.
- Look at how we can develop the Early Years outdoor space.

## Transition

As we come towards the end of one school year, we are already getting ready for the next. During the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June, all children will get the opportunity to spend some time with their new classes and new teachers.

This is a really important time as staff are able to get to know new children and children get to know their new teachers. For some children, they will be staying in the same class but will become the older role models within that setting.

It is an exciting time but can also be a bit worrying for children as they move up through school. Please encourage your children to discuss their thoughts about transition. Remind them that although there will be changes, lots of other things in school remain the same.

## MortonFest

We are all looking forward to the second MortonFest which promises to be even bigger and better than last year.

There will be live music, a variety of food stalls and activities – lots to do for everyone! There will be a tombola, if you have any prizes that would be suitable, please bring them into school.

## Diary Dates

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June - class photos

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day (am)

WB 22<sup>nd</sup> June - transition week

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June - Morton Fest

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - Back up sports day

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July - reports out

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July - Open evening

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July - Teddy Bears picnic

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm - Hazel performance

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July 5.30 - Hazel performance

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July - Hazel sleepover

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2pm - Leavers assembly

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July - break up for summer, no afterschool club on this day



## 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 'Our World'.

**Sycamore Class** - *Fairytales* This theme is cross curricular and includes DT (making baby Bear's chair) and music (music in stories).

**Maple Class** - *Saxon and Scot stories*. In this history theme children learn about how the Saxons and Scots helped to shape Britain.

**Hazel Class** - *Our Changing World* Children will be learning about the effects of climate change and thinking about how changes in the local area have shaped Morton.

## Open Evening

All of our teachers are busy writing your children's reports, a lot of thought goes into these and we hope that they give you a really clear picture of how your child has progressed during the year.

As well as reports, we also give you the opportunity to come in see the progress that your child has made. One of the best ways to see progression is to look at the first piece of work that they did in September and then the more recent pieces - the progress is amazing! The children spend some time that day thinking about the pieces of work that they really want you to see and they are so proud when they get to do this. This year, reports go out on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July and open evening is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. School will be open from 3.15 - 5.30 for you to come in and look, teachers will be available should you have any questions about the report.

## Picture Gallery



