

# Morton Newsletter

April 2024

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break doing things that you and your family enjoy. I know from speaking to the children (and staff) that they certainly needed and enjoyed the break!

The summer term is always an exciting one with lots of events and occasions planned so please look at the diary dates and the calendar on the website to make sure that you don't miss anything.



Miss Jackson

**"If we have the attitude that it's going to be a great day it usually is."**

CATHERINE PULSIFIER

## Comic Relief

We had a great day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March celebrating Comic Relief. All of the children wore red and many brought in board games to play. We had a range of games like Twister, Dobble, Jenga, Frustration and a lot of children playing card games. Games like this are so much fun but also great for learning - watching the children taking turns, reading and following rules and helping each other was brilliant! It was lovely to hear from them that they enjoy playing games like this at home as well! We raised £81.

## Arbor

Following feedback from parents, we have now merged payment systems. We are no longer using ParentPay. All payments should now be made through Arbor. If you are not able to log into Arbor or require your password re-setting, please contact the school office. We hope that this will make systems much easier.

## Diary Dates

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - term starts

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - INSET

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - SATs week Y6

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May - class photos

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June (AM) - Sports day

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June - Transition week

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - INSET

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fair

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July - Reports out

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Open evening

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - break up



## Curriculum

Again, thank you to all of the parents who contributed to the children's learning last half term - either by talking to them about their learning, taking them to places that would support their learning or helping them with their homework tasks. This term, the themes that we are covering are:

**Willow Class** - will continue their learning about seasonal changes and celebrations.

**Sycamore Class** - *Wonderful World*. This is a predominantly geographical theme which looks at seaside towns and weather patterns.

**Maple Class** - *Influences all around us*. This theme has an art and music focus with children learning how sound is made, what pop art is as well as getting involved with some rock n roll!

**Hazel Class** - *Space Race*. Combining science and history, children will be learning about planets and how they move as well as finding out about influential people in the space race.

See the class pages on the website for more information.

## Assessments

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

During the week beginning 13<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 7<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.

## Year book

This year we would like to create a Morton Year Book. This would include a variety of pages (Class pages, sports day, World Book day, Christmas etc) that showcase the amazing year that we have had in school. We think that this would be a lovely keepsake for the children.

I am looking at various companies that could do this but to get the best deal, it would be good to have an idea of who might be interested in purchasing a book. Next week, I will be putting a form on Dojo so that you can let us know if you would be interested.

We would like to include all children in the yearbook. It will not be published anywhere. If you would rather we do not include photos of your child, please let us know on the same form.

## 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 you would like to order new uniform, please get your orders in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - This will be the last order that we do this school year.

## Picture Gallery

