

Autumn Term Number 1

Week ending  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Parents and Governors

**Learn – Achieve – Enjoy**  
**“Exceptional Pastoral Care” (Ofsted, September 2018)**

**KEY DATES**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Individual and Family Photos  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Virtual Parents’ PM (School will close at 1.30 on this day)  
**25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – CLOSING DATE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION APPLICATIONS**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – INSET DAY, School closed to children  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Children return to school  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Athlete visit to school  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – MUFTI DAY – bottles for the Christmas Fair  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup>-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 and Y6 Residential to Sayers Croft

**HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE**



Welcome back! A special welcome to those new children and families joining us at Morden. I’m certain you’ll have made new friends in no time! It’s wonderful seeing the children’s smiling faces. This week we held our first indoor celebration assemblies since March 2020! It was an exciting time. Initially we are doing them in phases, but are ever hopeful that we can expand further soon. Today our Head Boy and Head Girl applicants presented their speech nominations to the school outdoors. I was extremely proud of their courage, resilience and dedication. It will be a tricky and close decision. On Monday, our House Captains will apply for their pupil leadership roles. Good luck everyone!

**MRS KIRA/MISS DIAMANT**

At the start of the week, we were joined by a very special guest in our virtual behaviour assembly. Miss Diamant, formerly known as Mrs Kira, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy slightly earlier on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Sebastian Diamant weighed 6’15 and is absolutely beautiful. Both mum and baby are doing well. Miss Diamant will be returning next year and has reverted to her maiden name. As soon as Sebastian has had his vaccinations, he will visit the children – who were very excited to see him make his online debut!

**NURSERY FULL TIME PLACES**



**Would you like your child to attend Nursery full time (8.30-3.15pm)?**

Morden Primary School currently offers 30 hour per week Nursery placements; either to families eligible for Extended Free Early Years Education, or to families who wish to pay for an extended placement. Please contact the office for further information and see the link on our website. [nursery – Morden Primary School](#)

## **PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING – DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT!**

Did you know that Pupil Premium is extra government money, paid to schools to support children's learning and development? It's quick and easy to find out if we can claim for your child.

### **Are you currently receiving or have received any of the following benefits:**

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance (Income Based)
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and your annual gross income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit Run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

**If so, we could be entitled to extra funding to spend on your child's education, and if your child is eligible they can have free school dinners.**

It only takes a couple of minutes to complete the form and is free for us or you to check. Therefore we ask **ALL** parents and carers to either complete a short form online by clicking here: [https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil\\_Premium\\_and\\_Free\\_School\\_Meals\\_application](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil_Premium_and_Free_School_Meals_application) or if you prefer, we do have paper copies in the office. If you haven't already done so, please complete a form and submit to the school as soon as possible. The Government determine the level of funding given to each school annually using information gathered in the Autumn Term Census - this year it will be taken on Thursday 7 October, **so please get any forms to us by Friday 1 October to give us time to check your child's eligibility.**

**Don't let us miss out on this extra money that we could be spending on the children now.**

### **RESPECT**

We were saddened to receive reports that some parents and children had been laughing at other parents at the school gate. This is very upsetting for all those involved. At Morden, we teach children to RESPECT everyone, regardless of race, religion, gender, disability, sexuality or appearance. We would ask that parents also model RESPECT to their children when they drop off and collect their children. If you see an incident which is concerning, please report it to a member of staff.

### **100 LAPS OF KINDNESS SPONSORSHIP EVENT**

We raised an AMAZING £700 from sponsorship and an additional £306 for the Rainbow Mufti day just before the end of the Summer holidays! This is a SUPER effort and we would like to thank everyone who participated. In the next Morden Messenger, we will announce the top sponsors across the school.

### **RECEPTION BASELINE ASSESSMENT (RBA)**

Starting this year, all Reception children in England will be participating in a Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). Miss Fursland will conduct these in a 1:1 setting. The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. It is statutory for all schools from September 2021. Please see the link below for further information. [Information for parents: reception baseline assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/98421/information-for-parents-reception-baseline-assessment)

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week

Record of Weekly Leading Learners – Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> half

w/e 10<sup>th</sup> September WEEK 1

CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 – VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
<b>Yellow</b>	Ernie	For trying his best when engaging in lessons on the carpet.	Layla	Respect: for attentive listening while on the carpet. Well done!
<b>Red</b>	Sagun	For her amazing description of Barnaby bear.	Tommy	Resilience – for persevering and being very brave when coming to school.
<b>Green</b>	Shakil	For his outstanding effort in all his learning this week. What a brilliant start to year 2.	Frankie-Leigh	Responsibility- for taking care of classroom equipment and thinking of others whilst working.
<b>Blue</b>	Ibrahim	For his fabulous singing and dancing in Music lessons.	<u>Huzaifa</u>	Challenge – for challenging himself in all subjects.
<b>Purple</b>	Buddy	For improving in swimming after only 3 lessons!	<u>Eshan</u>	Challenge – working so hard in our swimming lessons.
<b>Silver</b>	<u>Kaasiny</u>	For demonstrating super listening and following instructions straight away for every lesson.	Georgina	Resilience – For putting in a great effort to keep going with challenging learning.
<b>Gold</b>	<u>Anisia</u>	Amazing netball skills in PE	<u>Isireli</u>	Respect – for school property, making sure that playtime equipment is tidied away

*Hummingbird Team Point Chart: Autumn 1 2021*



whole school	Rufous	Comet	Zafiro	Xanthus	Firecrown
wc 2.9.2021	51	56	45	45	55
wc 9.9.2021					
wc 16.9.2021					
wc 23.9.2021					
wc 30.9.2021					
wc 7.10.2021					
wc 14.10.2021					
wc 21.10.2021					
Total	51	56	45	45	55

### SCOOTER RACKS

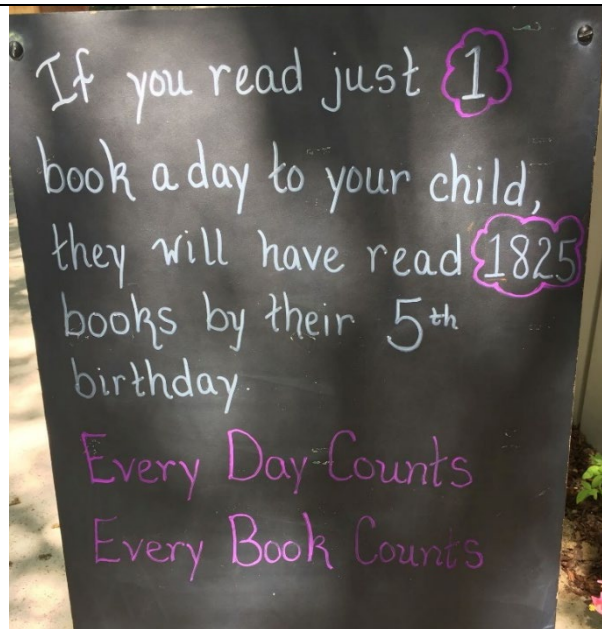
From next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be able to leave their scooters in our newly added scooter racks. Please note that we are not able to accommodate bikes at this end of the school. Whilst rare, the school cannot be held accountable for missing items. Scooters are left at the owner's risk.



Children in Years 2 and Year 4 who enter through the staff car park may walk across the carpark (staff will supervise) to leave scooters in the bike shed by the Office gate. Please note that children in Y2 and Y4 will not be able to bring in bikes. Once again, items are left at the owner's risk.

Children in Y3, Y5 and Y6 can continue to leave their bikes and scooters in the bike shed by their entrance. Please note that we highly recommend children bringing bikes use a lock.

**An interesting fact:**



**REMINDER OF START TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER**

Bubble/Class	Start Time	End Time
Nursery	8.30/12.15	11.30/3.15
Reception	8.45	3pm
Y1/2/3	8.45	3.15pm
Y4/5/6	8.35	3.05pm

**MORDEN GO FUND ME – IT EQUIPMENT**

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/morden-primary-post-covid-classroom-upgrade?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/morden-primary-post-covid-classroom-upgrade?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer)

We are trying really hard to fundraise for much needed funds to upgrade our 9-year-old iPads. Our aim to fundraise is £10,000.

**HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!**

Winners this week...

**BRONZE: Huzaiifa**

**SILVER: Sama, Ameen, Zafarullah**

**PLATINUM: Zara, Atifa**



**Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher**