

Spring Term Number 1

Week ending
14th January 2022



Dear Parents and Governors

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

KEY DATES

Wednesday 19th January – Years 4-6 Polka Theatre trip

24th-28th January – MATHS WEEK

Tuesday 25th January – Dress up for Digits Day

HALF TERM Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

Monday 14th March – Parents Evening

Friday 1st April – Term Ends at 1.30pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

Tuesday 19th April – INSET DAY – Closed to children

Wednesday 20th April – FIRST DAY BACK OF SUMMER TERM



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The first two weeks of the new term have certainly proved challenging with high staff absence as a result of covid. Access to supply teachers is problematic as many other schools in the local area face the same issues. You may notice that your child sometimes has a different teacher. Where possible, we are trying to cover internally with our own Morden staff. Mr Carrington, Mrs Green and I have shared teaching responsibilities for Silver class this week. Thank you for everyone's support during these very busy times.

AUTUMN ATTENDANCE

This week 114 children received certificates for having attendance of 97%+ for the Autumn term. This is a fantastic result, especially in light of the covid pandemic affecting absences. Amazingly, 37 children received a 100% attendance certificate!

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE AT DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

We are sad to report that more parents/carers are continuously parking illegally and dangerously at drop off and collection. This week a parent mounted the pavement across the car park gate as children were queuing to come in. Parents are also still parking on the red route and then allowing children to jump out to come into school.

Safer Merton and the Metropolitan Police have been informed and footage has been passed on to the parking complaints team and CCTV. Traffic Police do monitor the situation outside our school and parents may incur a fine.

Please can I remind all parent/carers that it is **all** of our responsibility drive and park safely outside our school.

Thank you

COVID SYMPTOMS

Please remember if your child has symptoms of Covid, they must take a PCR test. Tests can be booked from the website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please do let us know and inform us of the result, even if it is negative. Results can be reported via our school email address on info@morden.merton.sch.uk with the subject line COVID.



MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Unless you are medically exempt, please wear a mask to collect your child.
Thank you for helping to protect all our Morden families.



RECEPTION – YELLOW CLASS – HOME LEARNING

Across the school the expectation is that all children use google classroom for their home learning. This starts even with our youngest children. Rio, in Yellow class, chose to make his favourite recipe at home as part of his home learning task for this week! Well done Rio! I look forward to seeing more Reception children engaging with home learning. If you are struggling with devices, or how to use google classroom, please email homelearning@morden.merton.sch.uk



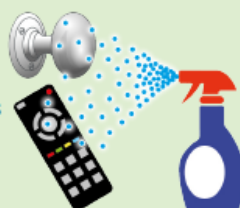
How to reduce the spread of infection with the people you live with if you have COVID-19.

If you have COVID-19, there is a high risk that others in your household will catch it from you. There are several things you can do to reduce the spread of infection in your household.

- 1** Limit close contact with others. Spend as little time as possible in communal areas.



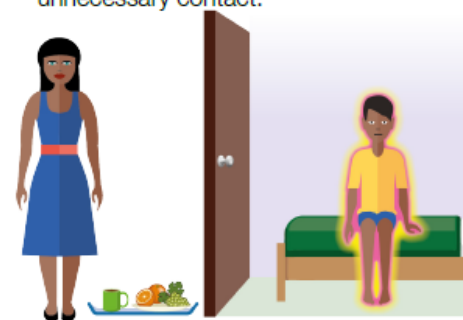
- 2** Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces and shared rooms like kitchens and bathrooms.



- 3** Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, particularly after coughing and sneezing.



- 4** Get help where possible from those you live with. Ask for help with cleaning and being brought food safely to avoid unnecessary contact.



- 5** Use a face covering if you need to spend time in shared spaces.



- 6** Keep rooms well ventilated.



- 7** Catch coughs and sneezes in disposable tissues and put them straight in the bin.



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week- the first ones for 2022 🎉

w/e 14th January, Week 2

CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 - VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
Yellow	Jay-Sean	For trying his best when forming his letters!	Laura	Teamwork – for working well within a team!
Red	Ares	For his fantastic reading in class.	Aleeza	Challenge- for always trying her best in class.
Green	Juwain	For his consistent effort in all subjects this week. Well done Juwain.	Boe	Resilience- in computing this week. Super effort Boe
Blue	Huzaifa	For his excellent cricket skills and helping to coach others.	Marian	Teamwork – for being an excellent learning buddy.
Purple	Hazel	For putting 100% effort and producing high-quality writing.	Yusra	Challenge – aiming high in all lessons.
Silver	Georgina	Independence in maths & literacy – excellent!	SILVER	For managing virtual learning & having different teachers this week.
Gold	Russell	For great work in Maths, showing depth of understanding.	Demi	Responsibility – in PE following instructions to learn new skills in tag rugby.

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS – HAPPIER JANUARY

Happier January 2022

SATURDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

SUNDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

16 Contribute positively to your local community

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

30 See how many people you can smile at today

MONDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

TUESDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

WEDNESDAY

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

THURSDAY

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

FRIDAY

7 Learn something new and share it with others

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

Winners this week...

BRONZE: Scarlett
SILVER: Alipate, Alicia, Sophia
GOLD: Iona, Naomi
SILVER 2: Lilymay



Hummingbird Team Point Chart: Spring 1 2022



Gold Class	Rufous	Comet	Zafiro	Xanthus	Firecrown
week 1 & 2	86	88	100	88	102
week 3 w/c 17th Jan					
week 4 w/c 24th Jan					
week 5 w/c 31st Jan					
week 6 w/c 7th Feb	86	88	100	88	102

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Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher

