

Spring Term Number 6

Week ending  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Dear Parents and Governors

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

**KEY DATES**

**HALF TERM Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March Book Week**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Secondary school offers made to Y6 parents

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – PJ Day for Story and Hot Chocolate!**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book day dress up day**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – PTA selling second hand uniform in coffee morning

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – MUFTI DAY – Bring in a chocolate egg/gold coin donation**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Mother’s Day raffle drawn

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter bonnet parade and Easter raffle drawn**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – SCHOOL CLOSSES 1PM Parents’ Evening – **CHANGE OF DATE****

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of term for Nursery

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – WINNING HUMMINBIRD TEAM WILL HAVE MUFTI

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Term Ends at 1.30pm for Reception to Year 6**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY – Closed to children**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – FIRST DAY BACK OF SUMMER TERM**



**HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE**

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and your properties didn’t sustain any damage from Storm Franklin! Sadly, one of our large trees on the field had a big branch fall onto our trim trail and picnic tables. Thankfully it was at half term when no children were here! Mr Bowtell, our Site Manager, has busily been chopping down the branches and has plans to create benches from the wood. Make sure you check out our website which has some photos on it.

We are very much aware that a large proportion of our children have family in Eastern Europe and may be feeling anxious about recent activity in Ukraine. If your family are affected by recent events, please do let us know so that we can work with you to support your children. Thank you

**BUSY WEEKS COMING UP**

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up for parents at Morden! So that children don’t miss out, here’s a reminder of what the events mean:

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – children wear PJs to school (no charge)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – World Book day dress up (you don’t have to buy a costume – home-made are just as good!)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Children can come in Mufti for exchange for bringing in an Easter egg!

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – make sure you have your Easter Bonnet hats made for our parade 😊

**PRIME MINISTER’S ANNOUNCEMENT ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

We are fully aware that in a community of more than 180 families, there will be a wide variety of opinions relating to the new guidelines. Within the parameters of being a Local Authority school, we are looking to interpret and implement these in a way that keeps all members of the community as safe as possible whilst maintaining excellent education for our students. At a time when we are moving towards the end of restrictions we would like to repeat once more our sincere thanks for all for your support.

Finally, and predictably, it is likely that the guidelines will change again in the forthcoming months. We will of course keep you updated as to any significant changes that affect your children.

**JOGGING BOTTOMS/TRACKPANTS DONATIONS**

Do you have any spare grey jogging bottoms aged 3-4? If so, we would love some donations. Please do send them into the office for our Nursery children. Thank you

## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

After the Easter holidays, we will begin to expect all children to adhere fully to our uniform policy. In particular, we will be focusing on shoes that are worn. We require and expect all children to wear black suitable shoes. Ankle boots should not be worn as uniform. Trainers should only be worn on PE days.

## RECEPTION TRIP TO POLKA THEATRE

Yellow class had their first school trip to Polka theatre this week to see "The Gingerbread Man." They were so excited to get the 93 bus to Polka. The children were exceptionally behaved and really enjoyed the show. Many of them have been writing super independent questions about the gingerbread man for Mrs Blow this week! Look out for photos on the website 😊

## EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

80% of UK children are not eating enough vegetables with a third eating less than one portion of vegetables a day. Perhaps most alarming is that 50% of parents say they have given up even trying. The challenge for this year's national campaign is seeing how many different types of vegetables you can eat at home, eat from your school lunch plate or squeeze into your lunch boxes.

**All children have brought home a promotional pack.** Inside is a chart and stickers for children to complete at home with their families.

Every Monday, for the next 5 weeks, we will be celebrating "**Eat them to defeat them**" at school. School dinners will have the vegetable of the week served on that Monday. If they eat it all, they will get a sticker.

Any child who is packed lunch, can bring the vegetable of the week on Monday, and if they eat it, they can have a sticker too!

Please send photos of your children eating their favourite vegetables into school. Also, all children who return completed charts from home will be entered into a raffle to win a special prize!

Get ready for battle parents.....[Prepare-for-Victory.pdf \(ifour-vegpower-uploads.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000000000)

New advert for 2021: [Eat Them To Defeat Them](https://www.eatthemtodefeatthem.com)



# HOW IT WORKS

- 1. TV Advertising**  
Look out for the Eat Them to Defeat Them TV adverts.
- 2. Celebrities**  
Checkout the celebrity support on social media.
- 3. Veg at School**  
Your school will have vegetable-themed days, fun and tasting activities.
- 4. Stickers**  
If you see these stickers it means your kids have tried these vegetables in school.
- 5. Reward Chart**  
Stick up this chart, encourage kids to hunt down and defeat the veg on their plate and then celebrate together with a sticker on their chart.
- 6. Reward & Praise**  
If you can, pick a reward you know they will enjoy, such as a trip to the park or a toy as their prize for defeating the veg – check out our guide to using reward charts online.

[EatThemToDefeatThem.com](https://www.EatThemToDefeatThem.com)



Hi Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, Friends and Family of Morden Primary,

We are very excited to let you know we now have a PTA Committee. I am joined by Caroline Addison as Secretary and Hayley Cockett as Treasurer.

The PTA would like to invite you to a coffee and cake morning on:

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 8.45-10.15am.**

We will be selling new/used school uniform at this coffee morning and after school outside the studio.

This is a great chance for us to get to know each other and chat about what we are looking to do regarding fun activities and fund raising for everyone at our school.

Any donations of uniform would be very much welcomed. Can you please leave these with the school office before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

We look forward to meeting you!  
Thank you,  
Danielle Keen (PTA Chair)

### REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAYS/LEAVE OF ABSENCES

As restrictions begin to lift, requests for holidays and leave of absences have started to come in. Please note that schools cannot authorise holidays during term time and these will be recorded as unauthorised absences. In some rare instances, the Local Authority may choose to fine parents who take children on unauthorised holidays during term time.

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week

w/e 25<sup>th</sup> February Week 7

CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 – VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
<b>Yellow</b>	Alek	For being creative at the Creation Station.	Mason	Respect: for sitting beautifully on the caret and showing attentive listening.
<b>Red</b>	Stanley	For his amazing work completed in class this week. Well done, Stanley.	Ares	Teamwork – for always helping out in the class.
<b>Green</b>	Adel	For his focus in Literacy this week and producing some super independent writing, well done Adel.	<u>Alipate</u>	Responsibility- in all his learning well done <u>Alipate</u>
<b>Blue</b>	<u>Munira</u>	For trying her very best in her learning.	Faraz	Respect – for his respectful behaviour in and out of class.
<b>Purple</b>	<u>Jumaymah</u>	For working hard to master division calculations.	Iona	Respect – For always showing respect to everyone at Morden Primary School!
<b>Silver</b>	Matilda	For applying 100% effort this week in maths.	Charlie	Respect – for speaking kindly to others and complimenting them.
<b>Gold</b>	Hanan	For writing a great descriptive paragraph in literacy.	Diana	Responsibility – for using a dictionary to check spellings (writing target)

# ACTION FOR HAPPINESS – FRIENDLY FEBRUARY

Friendly February 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with a colleague or friend	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while
	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day
	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun
	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them
	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today						

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

Winners this week...

- BRONZE:** Lovinda, Maria S, Borislav  
**SILVER:** Ronnie, Kyra, Davina  
**PLATINUM:** Mason M, Buddy, Marian C., Anwaar  
**HUMMINGBIRD:** Kaasiny



*Hummingbird Team Point Chart: Spring 2 2022*



whole school	Rufous	Comet	Zafiro	Xanthus	Firecrown
week 7 w/c 21st Feb	64	45	52	67	58
week 8 w/c 28th Feb					
week 9 w/c 7th Mar					
week 10 w/c 14th Mar					
week 11 w/c 21st Mar					
week 12 w/c 28th Mar					
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>58</b>

## EASYFUNDRAISING FOR MORDEN PRIMARY

**Please remember to log onto this website prior to any online purchasing** as the school gets a small commission of what you purchase **AT NO COST TO YOU**. **Please tell your families and friends as well.** 1. Go to <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mordenprimary> and join for free. 2. Over 3,000 online shops are included

**Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher**

