

Autumn Term Number 1  
Week ending  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Dear Parents and Governors

**Learn – Achieve – Enjoy**

***“High levels of pastoral support are at the heart of the school community”  
(Ofsted, April 2024)***

**KEY DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y4 Swimming lessons
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Curriculum Information Meeting (Parents only) 5-7pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Harvest Collection begins
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 class assembly
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photos
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Parents Evening – School closes at 1pm</b>
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu Vaccinations for Rec – Y6
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA Film Night
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1 class assembly
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Show Racism the Red Card (wear it red)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA Spooky Cakes sold after school (in lieu of tuckshop this week)
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Maths Week Dress up Day
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET DAY
<b>HALF TERM – 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Morden Primary! **We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. We would like to warmly welcome our new children and new families to Morden Primary.** Our school community thrives on collaboration, and we believe that when families and school work together, children can achieve their personal best. Children at Morden are very lucky as our hardworking staff offer exceptional pastoral care.

We certainly had an unexpected visit from Mother Nature on Wednesday when the school rear playground was flooded within the short 10 minute burst of rain – typically just as the children were due to go home. Thank you for your patience whilst we made last-minute changes to get all children safely out the building. Moving forwards, if the rear playground is out of action, Year 5/6 will exit through the studio doors; Y3/4 will exit through the main office door and Y1/2 will exit out Door B (the door you use to come into assemblies via the school carpark).

It was lovely to see a record number of parents attending our Meet the Teacher meetings this week across the school. In total 4 meetings were held and it was a great chance for parents to meet their child's new teacher.

This year, we will continue to emphasise our core values of respect, responsibility, resilience, challenge and teamwork. We also encourage all parents to take an active role in their child's educational experience. Whether through volunteering, attending school events, or simply staying in communication with teachers, your participation makes a huge difference!

We have several opportunities for you to engage with the school community, including:

- **Curriculum Information Evening Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 5-7pm:** Meet the teachers and staff and learn more about learning activities pertinent to your child's year group/key stage.
- **PTA Committee:** As a Morden parent, you are an automatic member so we would encourage you to join to help shape events and raise valuable funds.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Scheduled throughout the year, these are key moments to discuss your child's progress.

Our website - <https://morden.merton.sch.uk> - is extremely informative and **Mr Hill, our IT Technician, has been working very hard over the summer to further develop the intranet. Mr Hill will also be at our curriculum evening next week for advice on IT.**

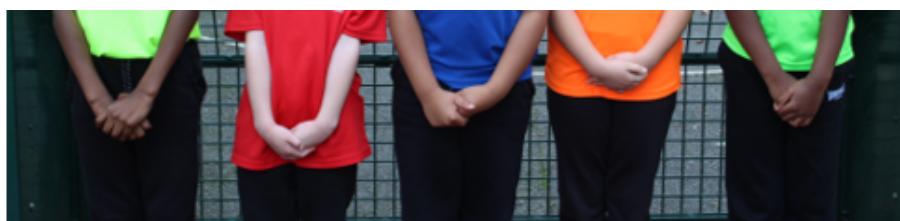
We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. Together, we can make this school year a great success.

### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Currently children can wear grey, black or white socks. After a sensible parent suggestion, we have provisionally agreed that black tights may also be worn in colder weather. So girls can wear black, grey or white.

I say provisionally, as the updated policy will need to go to governors in October's committee meetings. Please see a snip below from the Updated Uniform DRAFT policy.

The PE hoodie will be transitioned in as part of the uniform policy this year. By September 2025, it will be compulsory.



#### SCHOOL UNIFORM – ALL CHILDREN

Royal Blue Morden Jumper with logo or Royal Blue Morden Cardigan with logo

Grey trousers/Grey Shorts/Grey Skirt/Grey Pinafore  
Blue and White "gingham" dress (Summer)

Tights – **grey, black or white only** may be worn

Black shoes/Plimsolls

Grey, black or white socks

#### Years 1 - 6 only:

White Shirt with school tie

*KS1 is an elasticated tie; KS2 is a regular tie*

#### EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage – Nursery and Reception)

White polo shirt or White Collared Shirt

#### EXPECTATIONS OF BAGS

**EYFS and KS1: Must have** a Blue Logo Book bag

**S2: May** bring in a medium-sized rucksack. Please be mindful of the size as the cloakrooms are small.

**OPTIONAL:** A blue fleece, embroidered with the school logo. **Please note, this fleece is in addition to the school jumper, and may not be used instead of the jumper.**

#### PE KIT

### HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

**PLATINUM:** Gracie, Phoebe

**PLATINUM 2:** Cleo, Vihaan, Fawad



Comet 91		Firecrown 81		Rufous 95		Xantus 90		Zafiro 76	
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### Learner of the week

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow	Whole Class	For a brilliant and positive first week in Yellow Class.
Red	Rowan Grobler	For completing all the activities in class. Well done, Rowan.
Green	Isaiah Douglas	For trying his hardest with phonics and showing a great attitude to learning.
Blue	Maisie Kilduff	For following all classroom rules and instructions enthusiastically and being a fantastic role model.
Purple	Amy-Grace Collins	For participating well in class and answering lots of questions.
Silver	Alicia Kennedy	For having a great attitude and enthusiasm for learning every day.
Gold	Nomana Ahmad	For great recall of knowledge in French - formidable!

### High 5 of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow Class	Patrick Costache	Resilience-For being brave and happy coming into school this week. Keep smiling Patrick.
Red Class	Whole Class	Challenge – for being very brave this week.
Green Class	Troy Thompson	Responsibility- for helping with tidying up.
Blue Class	Kyra Henderson	Resilience. For perseverance and working hard in our maths lessons.
Purple Class	Ares Attah	Responsibility - for helping others in class.
Silver Class	Imani Barry	Responsibility - for speaking to adults with confidence and excellent manners.
Gold Class	Matthew Stephens	Respect - shown in contributions to our Class Charter

### CONTACT DETAILS

If any of your contact details (address, telephone number, email etc) have changed, please let us know. It is essential that we have the correct details for your child on our system. We also require at least one other contact person in the event that we are unable to get hold of you in an emergency. Thank you



### AUTUMN TERM CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Throughout the Autumn term, each class presents a class assembly for their parents. These are held at 9am and entrance is via Door B (the carpark door) Please see below the dates each of these will be held:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Silver Class
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Red Class
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Gold Class (Remembrance assembly)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Purple class
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Green Class
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Blue Class

*Reception will have an assembly in the Spring term to give them time to settle into Big School!*

### MORDEN MARVELS SHINE

Our new after-school club, Morden Marvels, had a fantastic start! We welcomed over 70 children throughout the week, who enjoyed a variety of games, toys and activities. The new air hockey table was a big hit, and the children loved having the playground all to themselves. Adrianna prepared delicious food, and the many empty plates were proof of how much the kids enjoyed it. We still have some spots available for this term, so please email [mordenmarvels@morden.sch.uk](mailto:mordenmarvels@morden.sch.uk) to secure your child's place.

Don't forget, Morden Marvels children can attend after-school basketball for free this term, as long as it's on the same day as their booking.





## **CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING**

*A one-stop shop for key curriculum information you will need across the year.*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 5:00 – 7:00pm**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September all parents are invited to our curriculum evening.

Parent Workshops and Presentations will include:

- **Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip to Sayers Croft** – find out why this annual trip is an absolute must for your child's personal, social and emotional development!
- **Sex and Relationships Year 5 & Year 6 curriculum workshop** – hear about the curriculum content (what we do and do not teach) so that you are prepared for any questions they may ask at home.
- **Little Wandle Reading and phonics** – find out the strategies we use to teach reading and how you can help your child achieve.
- **Morden's Intranet, Internet Safety and Online Learning** – hear from Mr Hill how you can keep your children safe and learn about our new, exciting log on system to support learning at home.
- **Phonics Screening (Year 1)** – what is it and how can you help your child to achieve their best?
- **Evidence Me (EYFS)** – introduction to using the Evidence me app and viewing your child's observations
- **Multiplication Check (Year 4)** - what is it and how can you help your child to achieve their best?
- **KS2 SATs – Year 6** – find out what you need to know to support your child to achieve their very best whilst maintaining their positive wellbeing.
- **The Morden Mission and Vision** – hear from the Headteacher about the focus for the year ahead.

## AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Get ready for some football fun! Multisports4U is back running after school football clubs at our school, kicking off at 4.15pm. Don't miss out—reserve your spot and get all the details through the link below!

<https://multisports4all.co.uk/morden-primary-school/>

## CASH FOR SCHOOLS

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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**ROCK STEADY**

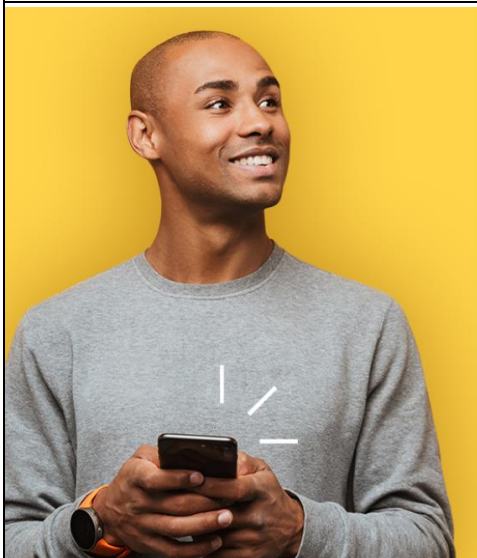
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Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- 2 Download our browser extension**  
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***Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher***

