

Summer Term Number 13  
 Week ending  
 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Dear Parents and Governors

Learn – Achieve – Enjoy

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

**KEY DATES**

DATE	EVENT
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR 11am-1pm</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Lawrence’ Church – 2pm. Guests are invited for tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards at the Church.
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am – Y1 & Y2 Nativity performance. Guests are invited for tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards in our Studio.
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm – Nursery & Reception Nativity performance. Guests are invited for tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards in our Studio.
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am – Nursery & Reception Nativity performance. Guests are invited for tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards in our Studio.
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm – Y1 & Y2 Nativity performance. Guests are invited for tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards in our Studio.
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Discos: Rec-Y2 3.15-4.15pm Y3-Y6 4.20-5.20pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day 🎄
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class parties with special visitor in school. Please check with your class rep for further details 🎅
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery last day
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime to Wimbledon Theatre – <b>Sold out</b>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term – <b>1.30pm finish</b>

**HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE:** Morden children have been fantastic ambassadors this week in the community. On Thursday our Winterfest performers visited St George’s Church hall to perform for our elderly residents in the FISH (Friends in St Helier) community. Resident William was particularly popular with the children. As they finished singing, “Where did my snowman go?” William humouresly called out, “He melted,” much to the delight of the children! I was very impressed with how the children engaged in conversation, despite some initially needing a prompt



to approach the residents. Thank you to Mrs Lloyd who has worked tirelessly giving up her time to rehearse with the children since September!



Also on Thursday, I had the pleasure of attending the Dean City farm nativity with Mr Roberts and Green class. The children were brilliantly behaved – especially when our journey home became a nightmare with 4 buses being too full for us to board. Apologies to Y2 parents for our delayed return – we were at the mercy of public transport.

On Friday, I proudly took 10 Year 6 children to sing Christmas carols at the Morden civic centre as part of the St Helier Cluster schools’ fundraising event for the Mayor of Merton’s charities. They sang beautifully and were a real



credit to our school. A number of Senior Merton Directors commented on the beautiful and confident singing coming from the Morden Primary children.

Finally, I was very pleased to learn that one of our Y6 boys was a fantastic ambassador for the school in the community. After wishing the staff member a good evening, he then made way for an elderly gentleman to get onto the bus in front of him and



then helped him to ensure he got a seat on the bus. Well done Adam! Morden children really are the best!

**HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!**  
**BRONZE: Alexandra, Betsy, Mason B, Theo**  
**GOLD: Kaydeigh**



Comet <b>657</b>		Firecrown <b>614</b>		Rufous <b>654</b>		Xantus <b>533</b>		Zafiro <b>548</b>	
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**Learner of the week**

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow	Bettina Duah	For learning her words and saying them so clearly for our 'Nativity Performance'
Red	Sophie Ayres	for her amazing Art & Crafts (Home learning). Well done, Sophie!
Green	Patrick Langford	For an excellent fact file on Christmas.
Blue	Alicia Bertilho	For reading and sounding out correctly in Phonics sessions.
Purple	Elsie McNamara-Johnson	For focusing, having a positive attitude and getting great results in her assessments.
Silver	Gracie-Iris Smith-Reilly	For amazing project work in Science.
Gold	Whole Class	For amazing energy, effort and positivity during our practice SATS week.

**High 5 of the Week**



Class	Name	Reason
Yellow Class	Maxim Ivanov	Resilience-in all his learning this week. Well Done!
Red Class	Ivyanna Lewis	Respect - always showing respect to all adults and friends.
Green Class	Lewis Hawkins	Respect- For always using good manners and demonstrating respect when travelling to and from the trip to Deen City Farm.
Blue Class	Theo-James Hargrave	Responsibility – for making good choices in class and the playground. Well done, Theo.
Purple Class	Whole Class	Challenge - for the whole of Purple, who had a brilliant attitude towards their assessments, this week. Well done!
Silver Class	Arthur Cooper	Challenge - for making new friends in the playground.
Gold Class	Zafarullah Khan	Responsibility - shown in his response to feedback to further develop his writing skills

**READING KINDLE WINNERS**

Every child in Y1-Y6 who has 5 adult signatures Wednesday to Wednesday, has their name entered into a raffle. Three winners are selected in assembly to win our Kindles for a week. This week's winners are:

- **Y1 & Y2 – Thasvin**
- **Y3 & Y4 – Dunya**
- **Y5 & Y6 – Jaishan**

*Well done everyone and keep reading! Mrs Danaher, Literacy Leader*



## MATHS TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS CHAMPIONS

Each week in assembly, we celebrate children on the TT Rockstars leaders' board. Children in Year 2-6 compete in this competition. **All children In Y2-6 are expected to complete a minimum of 30 minuter PER week and this is checked every Wednesday ready for our celebration assembly on Thursday.** This week's winners are:

Improved Speed	Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	Layla
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ivan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Viola

Improved Accuracy	Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	Emmanuella
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nathan

Most Correct Answers:	Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aurora
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vihaan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anayah B



Well done everyone! *Mrs Green, Maths Learning Leader*

# Christmas Fair Alert!

**Date:** *This Saturday*

 **Time:** *11 AM - 1 PM*

Get ready for a festive day filled with fun!

**With your support, we can make this the best Christmas Fair yet!**

 Don't miss out! 

## PYJAMAS DAY

This week we had Pyjamas Day at school to raise donations for our summer fair. A big thank you to all the families who donated!



## DEAN CITY FARM – GREEN CLASS

This week Green class were invited to Dean City Farm by St Lawrence's for a Christmas nativity in a real barn with real animals! 11 of the children were chosen to be actors and did a fantastic job in their roles. It was a magical experience and the children enjoyed their learning coming alive!



## MESSAGES TO THE OFFICE

We would like to remind parents that if there are ANY changes to your child's collection arrangements, these need to be communicated with the office as early as possible. Often there is only one admin staff member in the office after lunchtime. **After 3pm, any messages cannot be guaranteed to be with the class teacher before 3.10pm.**

## SCOOTERS

Please do not let your child scooter at high speed outside the school gates or on the footpath. Our school is located near a busy main road, and the area is crowded with children and families during drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, there have been instances of children falling off their scooters or colliding with others and parked cars, which poses a serious safety risk. Please help us ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation!

## COAT IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY

As the weather changes and temperatures drop, we want to remind everyone about the importance of keeping our children warm and dry. Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school each day.

**NO COAT – NO PLAY**



## MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones should not be used on school grounds. This especially includes taking photos and filming as it is a safeguarding concern. Please ensure your phone is kept out of sight while you are on the premises.

## APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a medical appointment, or has any other commitment during school hours, please provide evidence of this **before** the event. Please do not inform us or send in the letter on the day of the event. We need time to update the register, notify staff, and adjust school meal plans accordingly.

All routine GP and Dental appointments will not be authorised and need to be made out of school hours.

Thank you for your understanding.

## NO DOGS IN SCHOOL

No dogs, even carried ones, are allowed on school premises or near any entrances.

## TISSUES

As the weather gets colder and runny noses make their way into school, we are in need of extra tissues. If you are able to donate a box for your child's class, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!



## NO UNIFORM DONATIONS

We currently cannot accept any uniform donations as we have too much stock. Pre-loved uniform is on sale every Friday at our coffee morning.

Date: Saturday 7 December

Time: 10:00-14:00

Venue: 5<sup>th</sup> Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

Date: Tuesday 10 December

Time: 15:00-18:00

Venue: 5<sup>th</sup> Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

Date: Thursday 12 December

Time: 15:00-18:00

Venue: The New Horizon Centre, Mitcham, CR4 1LT

## FREE Taster Session

Comet Drama Taster

- Date: Friday 13th December
- Time: 3:15 - 4:15 PM
- Who: Open to Year 1-6

[lucy@cometdrama.co.uk](mailto:lucy@cometdrama.co.uk)

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new weekly drama club at Morden Primary, starting in the new year!

To give your child a chance to experience our classes before signing up for the term, we're offering a free taster session!



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