

Spring Term Number 11  
 Week ending  
 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents and Governors

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

**KEY DATES**

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY FOR STAFF
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Summer Term starts back</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	St Giles Workshops for Y3-Y6
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 at Chessington World of Adventures
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Nursery Farm Visit
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS</b>

**HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE**

This week I had the pleasure of taking Ronnie and Nikkai from Y6 to the Children’s Parliament in the Merton Civic Centre Chambers. Both represented Morden Primary extremely well and I was proud of the input they gave around how to make Merton parks and playgrounds a more inclusive area to play.



We welcome Mr Marlow back from paternity leave this week. We thank Miss Jarman for working full time in Nursery to cover his absence.

I hope you all enjoy a fortnight of sunshine and family time. In addition, I wish our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak over the holiday period.

We know many members of our Morden family are deeply affected by the Gaza/Israel conflict. Political impartiality in schools is Government requirement in the UK, however, we wholeheartedly recognise the grief, fear and anger the ongoing catastrophe in the region is causing to our families, staff and the wider community. That’s why we have been very responsive to questions and concerns that children bring up - their wellbeing is our highest priority.

At Morden, we work very hard to promote our school values which include Respect. (This is both a golden rule - Be Respectful - and a Morden Value). Kindness is a core expectation at our school. I am proud that our children demonstrate and promote the value of mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

As a school united by our Morden values, we hope and pray for peace and an end to all conflicts.

**Year 5 Bookfest Trip**

On Monday, Year 5 visited Wimbledon Theatre to see two authors. Katie & Kevin Tsang, talk about their new book 'Dragon Force - Infinity's Secret'. We were luck enough to sit in the very front row. Nickoy and Nomana even got to ask the author questions on the microphone in front of the whole audience. Every child received their own copy of the new book and dug right into chapter 1 on our return to school. **Mr Tyler, Y5 Class Teacher**

**PTA Movie Night**

Our movie night turned out to be a fantastic success, with over £180 raised! Every child who joined us had a blast watching our Easter film and indulging in sweets and drinks. A huge shoutout to our PTA helpers, Miss Burn, Mrs Burn, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Cooper and Miss Jennings. Your assistance was invaluable, and this event wouldn't have been possible without you.

An extra special thank you goes out to Miss Williams, who returned to school with her children to lend a hand at the film night.

### **PE Hoodies**

It's wonderful to see many children already sporting the new PE hoodie! However, I kindly remind all families that the PE hoodie should **only** be worn on PE days, paired with the school PE kit. The hoodies are now available for purchase through our uniform supplier, Mapac, and the school office has sample sizes for you to try after school. Additionally, the samples will be available for fitting during Friday coffee mornings. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Do you have a 2 year old child who is due to turn 3 in the Summer term? If so, you will be pleased to know that we are able to accept applications for a Rising 3 place in our Nursery.**

### **What are Rising 3s?**

Rising 3s are children who join a nursery following their third birthday but earlier than their standard point of entry. Most children will start nursery the term after they turn three. A child joining a nursery **during the term that they turn three** is known as a Rising 3.

### **How can families access nursery provision before the term their child turns three?**

If you have accepted a place in our school nursery for your child, you can request that they join our school as soon as they turn three years of age - without having to wait until the start of the new term. *For example, if your child turns three on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024, and you have been offered, and accepted, a place at our school nursery to start in September 2024, if places are available, your child could join us from 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024.*

**Currently at Morden Primary's Nursery, from April 2024, Rising 3's will have three options (space dependent for full time):**

- 1. Rising 3's – 15 hours - with a DERN code (free – see below)**
- 2. Rising 3's – 35 hours - with a DERN code + 20 hours extra paid per week**
- 3. Rising 3's - 35 hours without a DERN code (35 hours paid per week)**

Further information about childcare options can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

If you are interested in enquiring about your options, please do speak with Mrs Cockett in the office to ask for further information. **Spaces are limited and applications are available from the school office.**

### **OP-COURAGE: the Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Service**

Op COURAGE is an NHS mental health specialist service designed to help serving personnel due to leave the military, reservists, armed forces veterans and their families.

#### How Op COURAGE can help

Op COURAGE can help you and your family with a range of support and treatment, including:

- helping you transition from military to civilian life by providing mental health care with Defence Medical Services (DMS)
- helping you recognise and treat early signs of mental health problems, as well as more advanced mental health conditions and psychological trauma
- providing support and treatment for substance misuse and addictions
- helping you to access other NHS mental health services if you need them, such as [finding an NHS talking therapies service](#) and eating disorder services

- liaising with charities and local organisations to support your wider health and wellbeing needs, such as help with housing, relationships, finances and employment
- supporting armed forces families affected by mental health problems, including helping them to access local services

**One of our brave parents is using her experience to promote the work of this wellbeing service.** <https://youtu.be/q8G5InGfABs?feature=shared>

Further information about the service can be found here: [Mental health support for veterans, service leavers and reservists - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

**LOOKING FOR D-DATE SURVIVING VETERANS**

One of our long-serving Governors, Cllr Dennis Pearce, is leading a committee who are organising a special 80 year anniversary for our D-Day Veterans on 6<sup>th</sup> June in Merton. As part of this historic and important remembrance event, the committee are looking for surviving D-Day Veterans who can be invited as special guests. Cllr Pearce has made connections with Haig Housing, but they are specifically looking for those veterans who may be in the area and not known to Haig. Do you know anyone? If so, please do get in touch with the office so we can connect you with Cllr Pearce. Thank you

**TESCO VOUCHERS**

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, look out for Tesco vouchers that have been sent to you this week. Please note that the Local Authority have hinted that after Easter, these may no longer be issued. We will keep you updated on this as we receive information.

**WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK**

Merton Mencap will be celebrating World Autism Acceptance Week on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, from 11am - 1pm with a social stroll around Morden Hall Park, followed by refreshments.



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# AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS CLUB

We have new sports clubs starting next term. All clubs are run by Multisports4U. Please contact them direct to book. 🗣️ 🏀 🏈



**After School Basketball Club**  
**KS1 Pupils**

**FREE**

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM:  
Weds 24th April - Weds 10th July  
\*10 SESSIONS\*  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**What to expect**

- Dribbling drills
- Passing Practice
- Tactical Team Play
- Shooting

Half Term 27th May - 2nd June (No sessions)  
No Session on 5th June



Enquiries: Msports4all@outlook.com      Scan QR to book



**After School Basketball Club**  
**KS2 Pupils**

**FREE**

EVERY THURSDAY FROM:  
Thurs 25th April - Thurs 11th July  
\*10 SESSIONS\*  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**What to expect**

- Dribbling drills
- Passing Practice
- Tactical Team Play
- Shooting

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**After School Tennis Club**  
**ALL PUPILS**

**£45.00 + FREE T-SHIRT**

EVERY TUESDAY FROM:  
Tues 23rd April - Tues 11th July  
\*10 SESSIONS\*  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**What to expect**

- Rallying drills
- Tennis games
- Technique work
- Tactical Play

Half Term 27th May - 2nd June (No sessions)





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**After School Football Club**  
**YEARS 3 - 6**

**10 SESSIONS**

**£45.00 + FREE T-SHIRT**

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM:  
Weds 24th April - Weds 10th July  
4:15pm - 5:15pm

**What to expect**

- Dribbling drills
- Passing Practice
- Tactical Team Play
- Matches

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**After School Multisports Club**  
**Reception - Year 2**

**10 SESSIONS**

**£45.00 + FREE T-SHIRT**

EVERY FRIDAY FROM:  
FRI 26th April - FRI 12th July  
3:15PM - 4:00PM

**What to expect**

- DODGEBALL
- BASKETBALL
- TENNIS
- FOOTBALL
- FUN & GAMES

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<https://www.sme-news.co.uk/winners/community-advantages-sports-coaching/>

# GYMNASTICS

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**Morden Primary School,  
London Road,  
Morden, SM4 5PX**

Session delivery time is  
5.15pm - 6.15pm



Email: [info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk)  
to book a **FREE TASTER SESSION**,  
or to make any other enquiries.

**COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES**

## Hands On Day – Try a Musical Instrument!

Merton Music Foundation will be hosting its popular 'Hands On' event where children aged 7+ can try a range of brass, woodwind, guitar, singing, accordion and string instruments in a fun and relaxed environment, to help decide which one is right for them.

Saturday 20 April, 9:45am – 11am and 10:45am – 12pm at Merton Music Centre, South Wimbledon (Merton Abbey Primary School, High Path, SW19 2JY).

£8 per child, booking is essential.

To find out more, visit: [www.mmf.org.uk/handson](http://www.mmf.org.uk/handson)

What's next for your musical child?  
**HANDS ON DAY**  
A CHANCE FOR YOUR CHILD TO TRY A RANGE OF INSTRUMENTS TO SEE WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR THEM.

- ACCORDION - BRASS - GUITARS -  
- SINGING - STRINGS - WOODWIND -

SAT 20 APRIL  
£8 PER CHILD  
SUITABLE FOR AGES 7+

MERTON MUSIC FOUNDATION  
MERTON ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HIGH PATH, SOUTH WIMBLEDON, SW19 2JY

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!  
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**P. Blow, Headteacher**