

Spring Term Number 1

Week ending
6th January 2023



Dear Parents and Governors

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

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 13 th January	Silver class' assembly (postponed from Autumn term)
Thurs 19 th January	Nursery/Reception visit to Wimbledon fire station
Friday 20 th January	Yellow class' assembly
23 rd -27 th January	Maths week celebrations
Wed 25 th January	Y6 at British Museum
Friday 3 rd February	MUFTI in lieu of mother's day items
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet day
Friday 10 th February	Winning Hummingbird MUFTI day
13 th -17 th February	HALF TERM BREAK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed time with family and friends over the holidays. We say a temporary farewell to Mrs Tapadar, who supports in Year 6, this week as she is leaving to have a baby girl. We wish her the best of luck as she has her third child. We also welcome Mr Olaniran to the Morden team this week. Mr Olaniran is the new teacher for Year 3 whilst Mrs Danaher is on maternity leave.

PTA News A MASSIVE thank you to our PTA team for the successful Christmas fair in December. They raised a super £2,105! Thank you for supporting this event with your attendance and contributions. The Christmas raffle raised £890 and the Mufti days £647. Thank you for supporting your PTA.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Please see below for the after school clubs being offered this half term.
Tag Rugby for Yrs 1-6
Dance Fitness for Yrs 3-6
Sketchbook Club for Yrs 3-6
Please contact Mrs Freeman for more information.

Christmas disco and tuckshop. The total sales made from Christmas Disco & Tuck Shop was £548.70.

All money raised is going towards improvement of the outdoor area – especially as our trim trail urgently needs equipment replacing and our EYFS climbing frame is no longer able to be used.

BIRTHDAY TREATS As part of our wish to promote healthy eating, please do not send in cake or birthday sweets to share with your child's class. Instead you could donate something to your class such as a reading book, stationery or educational toy. This helps us sustain our bronze healthy school status – we are in the process of applying for silver.

CHARITY We appreciate that charity starts at home and finances are very tight for many families in today's economic climate. Therefore, it is very much appreciated when donations are made for our external charities that we support at Morden. £160.69 was raised by cash donations given by our families after the nativities and Christmas shows last month. This money will be going directly to SPEAR – A Morden based charity that supports homelessness. [SPEAR - Merton Young People's Project - Homeless England | Homeless Link](#)

In addition, we recently received a letter from the Royal British Legion thanking us for our contributions to the Poppy Appeal. £93.50 was collected through the sale of poppies. Thank you to Year 6 for selling them before/after school.

FUNDRAISING – DO YOU WORK FOR A COMPANY/ORGANISATION THAT MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE CHARITABLE DONATIONS?

As many of you may have seen, part of our KS1 trim trail has had to be condemned. As this has been such a popular part of our playground, we will be hoping to replace the condemned items this academic year. We are also hoping to replace the rotten seating around our yarning circle and firepit, so children can continue to enjoy outdoor learning. However, with school budgets so tight at the moment, we will need to fundraise in order to do this. **If you work for a company or organisation that may be interested in making a charitable donation, please speak with an office staff member** as this could really benefit the children and help us to maintain our focus on incorporating outdoor learning in our curriculum.

MEXICAN DINER DAY

On Thursday 19th January our school kitchen will transform into a Mexican Diner and will be offering this delicious menu.

If you normally have packed lunch and would like a school dinner on this day please email the school at info@morden.merton.sch.uk by Friday 13th January.

School Dinners are free to all children in Reception - Year 2 and charged at £2.40 for all other years unless you qualify for free school meals.



TESCO TOKEN COLLECTION

We are continuing to do very well with the Tesco collection. There are two more weeks for collection – **KEEP UP**
THE GREAT WORK – THANK YOU 😊



TESCO

Community Grants



Do you shop at Tesco's?

Use your token to vote for Morden Primary School in the boxes in store.

VOTING will commence in store from the 1st week of October and continue until mid-January 2023

1st Prize - £1500

2nd Prize - £1000

3rd Prize - £500

We want to use this money to purchase tents and outdoor equipment to offer Morden Primary children outdoor experiences.

Tokens to vote can be found at:

- Cheam Express: SM3 8HY Express (in a petrol station)
- North Cheam Exp: 668 London Rd SM3 9BY Express (in a petrol station)
- Sutton-Cheam Extra: 55 Oldfields Road SM1 2NB Extra (Oldfields Road)
- Brighton Rd Sutton Exp: 14-17 Regent Parade SM2 5BQ Express
- Wallington Express: 72-82 Woodcote Rd SM6 0LY Express
- Sutton Angel Hill Exp: 77 Angel Hill SM1 3EH Express
- Sutton Lower Road Exp: 10 Lower Rd SM1 4QW Express

Thank you!

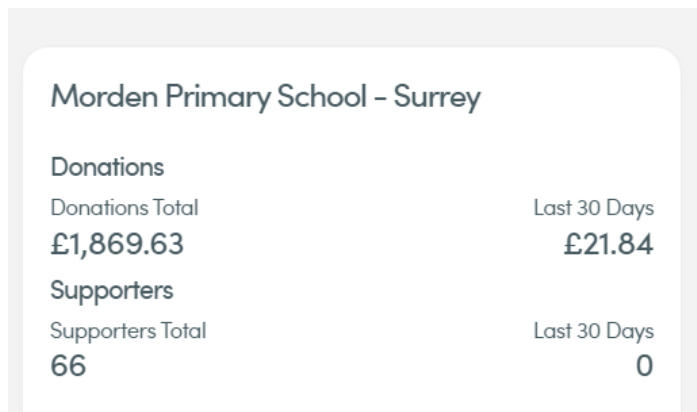
EASYFUNDRAISING – Please do sign up – it’s easy. We only have 66 supporters at present.

We’ve registered Morden Primary School - Surrey with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it’s completely FREE and doesn’t take long.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mordenprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-gs-f1

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Happier January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				



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Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher

