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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our team the following members of staff – Vikki Watson our Yr 2 teacher, Chris Gomersall and Emma Baines two midday supervisors. We are fortunate to have such enthusiastic and committed members joining our team.

Thank you so much for sending your child with a change of shoes – it has made a dramatic difference to playtimes and lunchtimes. The children have contributed ideas as to how to keep the mud out of school and so far it is working very well – Well done everyone!

Don't forget you can also find our newsletters and curriculum newsletters on our website and in the case outside the front entrance.



Yours sincerely,  
Beverley Riddle

### FOMTS – Chocolate Bingo Success

I would like to say a big thank you to the FOMTs for organising such a fun packed evening! It was made even better by the fact I even won some chocolate! Thank you also to those who came along and supported the event and/or donated the chocolate.

The event raised over £300 net profit! This will be put towards the new lunch tables the children have asked for.

THANK YOU!

We need more volunteers! If you can give any time to help please let them know at the office. You do need a sense of humour!

### Improving Communication and building Partnerships!

The Governors, the Parish Council and I have set up a sub-committee to join forces to improve our community playing fields.

#### What are we working on at the moment?

- Developing an up-to-date share agreement to benefit the school and community.
- Working together to source funding to improve facilities for all ages on the field area.
- To improve the signs so that it is clear what access is allowed and when to the community

#### Access to the field and school site:

It has become apparent that perhaps there is some confusion in the community as to the access rights of the general public during the day. I would like to clarify this and the Sub committee intend to improve the entry signs so that it is clear.

- There is **no public access** during school hours across the field or car park area.
- Children do play on the field during the school day but are supervised.
- Dogs **are strictly forbidden** at **anytime** in the school grounds or on the field.
- There are bi-laws in place to uphold this. They are displayed on the side of the garage building for further information.

#### How are the children being involved?



The Parish Council have asked the children to come up with a design for the Morton Village sign. We are linking with the Art Club at the village hall to help us with our design. Watch this space!



# NEWSLETTER

## February 2011

### Well done Young Voices!

Congratulations and well done to all the children who bravely sang in front of 5000 people at the Young Voices Concert at the Sheffield Arena! Thank you to the parents who supported them and thank you to Mrs Toward and Mrs Lambert for all their hard work in organising this wonderful event!



Dear parents and Carers,  
An issue has arisen. The problem is that people are walking their dogs on our school field. This is not allowed at anytime. That is not the only issue – they are allowing their dogs to foul on our school field and then we aren't allowed to play on it! This is not fair.

Please can you walk your dogs somewhere else so we can play on our field?



Abi, Georgia, Jack M  
Yr 6 Representatives

### Viking After School Club

#### A sad farewell:

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to Val Beacock who has worked tirelessly for the club and the staff, committee and children will miss her greatly

#### Lights:

The club has had new outdoor lights fitted so that the children can access the outdoors all year round!

#### New Sofa:

We have finally got our comfy new sofas which make our reading area cosy and just right for a good read!

#### Extra computer

We have got another computer which is great so everyone can have a turn.

### The children and lunch staff need your help!

Our lunchtime junk modelling box is nearly empty! Please keep sending in:

- Cardboard boxes (any size)
- Tubes
- Plastic cartons/ bottles/tubs
- Selotape/ masking tape
- Card



Thank you!

We love our junk modelling!

### Snack Time Fairness!

Reception and KS1 do not need snack sending in from home because they are given fruit which is funded by the fruit for schools scheme.



We would like this opportunity for KS2 children as well so that all the children in our school are encouraged to eat a healthy snack and have one of their 5 a day!

### FROM MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>

All the children at Morton Trentside will have access to fruit for their snack

for

Only 70p per week!

More about the payment details will be sent out nearer the time.

Please support us to keep our children healthy!

### Just some of the benefits:

- Your child will have 1 of their 5 a day.
- You won't have to worry about shopping for snacks as we will do that for you!
- Children won't need to worry about forgetting their snacks.
- All children will have the same healthy snacks so children will see it is fair to everyone.
- Less litter in the playground!

**If you do not want to buy into this scheme please feel free not to but please support our Healthy School by only sending your child in with fruit.**

**Thank you!**

### Permission Agreement updates:

Please read and sign the updated Permission agreement regarding video and photographs of events.

Please can you return the form to the school office by **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>**

### E-Safety Week – 7<sup>th</sup> February

Over the week we will be working with children on E-Safety activities. It would be great if you could support this at home too. There is a quiz for parents to see how much you know about E-Safety- the website is: [www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk//At-Home/Internet-safety/](http://www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk//At-Home/Internet-safety/)  
Also there is a Parents section on the CEOP website: <http://thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents/>

**The official Internet Safety Day this year is 8th February 2011.**



## Interactive Maths Family Challenge

Are you interested in taking part in a family maths challenge and represent Morton Trentside against other school across Lincolnshire? Following the success of last year's Year Five Maths Mania competition (you might remember our team made it through to the finals), the organisers have decided to put together a family quiz this year.

Each school is invited to enter one family team, to compete against teams from other local schools. Each heat will run from 2.00 pm till 3.00 pm. A Final will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

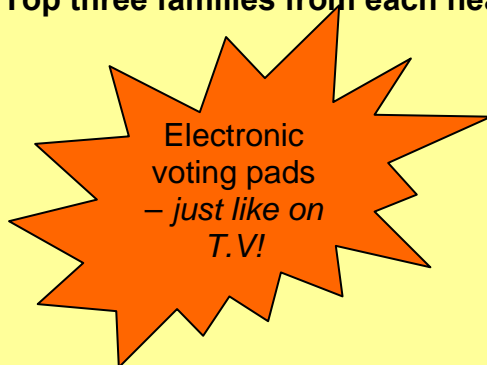
A team will consist of:

- *Four members - maximum two adults over the age of 18*
- *all children must be pupils in the same school - at least one pupil related to the adults in the team*
- *recommended pupil ages 9 to 11*

Below is a flyer from Lincolnshire School Improvement Service with further information.

We're on a mission to crown Lincolnshire's family maths champions

- √ **A challenge for families**
- √ **Each school invited to enter one family team \***
- √ **Eight heats held across Lincolnshire – there's one near your school!**
- √ **Top three families from each heat invited to County I.M.P. Final**



Boston March 16<sup>th</sup>    Stamford March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Gainsborough March 18<sup>th</sup>    Horncastle March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Lincoln March 24<sup>th</sup>    Grantham March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sleaford March 29<sup>th</sup>    Spalding March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Coast April 5<sup>th</sup>  
  
Final May 6<sup>th</sup>

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## Do you want an exciting, interactive quiz event in your school?

If you are interested, pop in and see Mr McLean for further information before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you

Peter McLean

## World Math Day, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

Also returning this year is World Math Day, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. Children play at home and at school against other students around the world in live games of mental arithmetic. Each game lasts for 60 seconds and students can play up to 100 games, earning points for their personal tally.

If you would like to take part at home, or would like to play at home, visit [www.worldmathday.com](http://www.worldmathday.com) and register before the day.



## Events this term

Date	Event	Details
<b>February</b>		
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term	
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday 1st	Return to school	Please note that this is a Tuesday
	World Math Day	Visit <a href="http://www.worldmathday.com">www.worldmathday.com</a> and play along
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 Multi skills 1 15 to 3 15	This is a great opportunity as part of the School Sports Partnership for the Yr 3 children to participate with other school at Gainsborough Leisure Centre. Details will be sent out nearer the time.
<b>April</b>		
Date to be confirmed	FOMTs Race Night	Details will be sent out by FOMTs <b>We need volunteers to set up!</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 4pm to 8pm	Due to times over running in January (Apologies!) We have allocated 10 minutes for each slot as opposed to 5.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Easter	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	A Royal Event	FOMTs will decorate the hall for a Royal Occasion! Children to come dressed for a wedding! More details to follow.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday	Extra date for the Royal Wedding – school closed
<b>May</b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bank Holiday	School closed

### VACANCY

#### Deputy Co-ordinator Before and After School Club Minimum of 7.5hrs per week

##### You will be responsible for:

- Providing full care for the children attending our breakfast and after school sessions;
- Preparing refreshments which meet the required standards for hygiene, health and safety;
- Consulting and involving the children in the planning of activities;
- Assisting the club co-ordinator to plan, prepare and provide creative and appropriate play opportunities in a safe and caring environment; and
- Performing the Club Co-ordinator role in their absence.

##### You will need to have:

- Minimum Diploma (level 3) for those working in the children's workforce or equivalent qualification in play work;
- Previous experience of working in a similar environment;
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to work well within a team.
- A willingness to attend training including mandatory training for Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding.

In return we offer a competitive benefits package, a commitment to your development through regular training programmes, and a friendly and supportive working environment.

**Closing date for applications is noon 25th February 2011.**

If you require more information or an application form please contact:

Beverley Riddle, Chair

Tel: 01427 613472

Email: [enquiries@mortontrentside.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@mortontrentside.lincs.sch.uk)

**A full enhanced CRB and references will be required**

*We do hope to open as a holiday club so there will be opportunities for more hours in the future.*