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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back and an especially warm welcome to our new families who we look forward to getting to know. Where did the summer go?

On our mission to continually provide a high quality learning environment for your children, we have had the builders in again over the summer. They have refurbished the Year 2 and Foundation stage classrooms, revamped the science garden and the Foundation stage outdoor play area; fitted new doors to the PE cupboard in the hall and outer storage area. I have to say a big thank you to staff that have come in over the holidays and helped organise the school!

Just a reminder, a newsletter is sent out at the start of each month with dates and useful information/ news for the term. The newsletter is also uploaded onto our website in case it doesn't find itself home! Also don't forget our celebration assembly each Friday for the children who have won a certificate, we will send you a text on the Thursday so you can join us if possible. We would love to invite all parents every Friday but unfortunately the hall is too small.

Please remember that my door is always open and if you feel you have concerns or queries that can't be solved by speaking to the class teacher then please do let me know. I would much rather see you sooner rather than later and what can seem a small issue to us can be significant to a child.

Beverley Riddle
Headteacher



Parent Involvement!

To improve home school communication we have organised three termly events:

Meet the teacher session: *In this half term we will have a meeting for parents to come in and meet the teacher and be informed about homework/ reading books etc*



Celebration Event: *At the end of each term each class will hold an open afternoon whereby parents can come in and see what their child has been doing over the term.*

Parent Consultation: *In December you will be invited to a 1:1 parent consultation meeting to discuss your child's progress*

Please note we operate an open door policy and hope that you will come in as issues arise rather than leaving anything to the end of term.

Homework

We really valued your comments about Homework on the previous Parent Questionnaires and would welcome more details in order to inform our whole school Homework Policy.



Please can you complete the short questionnaire at the end of this newsletter.

**Return by Monday 12th
September**

'Developing a love of reading' is one of our priorities for this year. To support this and encourage you to join with us, we would like you to read to your child each night some of your favourite childhood books/ stories over the next two weeks. This will be the only homework we will set to ease the pressure of time!



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Uniforms!

We value your support in sending your child in wearing the appropriate school uniform especially footwear.

White trainers/ logos are not allowed. If you are in doubt please ask at the office.

Jewellery

Watches and small stud earrings are the only jewellery allowed in school. Earrings must be taken out for PE.

Bracelets of any kind are not allowed in school.



PE kits

Please can your child bring their PE kit in on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. Sometimes PE days are swapped around so this will mean they always have their kit in school for when they need it. Trainers/ Plimsolls will be needed for outdoor PE for the first part of the autumn term.

Thank you for your co-operation

Contact details

We operate a texting service so that you are kept informed as soon as possible of events and news. This can only work if we have an up to date mobile number.

Please if you change your number let the office know as soon as possible. New permission forms and contact details will be sent out soon.

THE BLITZ!

We are extremely fortunate to have talented children and staff performing in Lionel Batt's Opera - Blitz! at the Trinity Arts centre! They would really welcome your support!

The show is on **Tuesday 13 th September to Saturday 17th September.**

Tickets are available from the box office.

Good Luck to our budding stars!

Water Bottles

Children's concentration is improved dramatically when they drink lots of water.

So please don't forget to send your child in with a water bottle for the classroom. Just a reminder that only water is allowed in the classrooms.



Thank you! We appreciate your support.

Keep our local residents safe!

I have received a polite letter from a local resident in Southlands Drive asking for your help. Although the residents do not object at all to parents parking on the street to pick up their child from Morton Primary School, they have been extremely concerned that people have been double parking and parking on the paths.

Please can I ask you to consider that the residents need to access their homes safely and also use the paths. A few residents have disability vehicles and can't get through if cars are half parked on the paths. This is also a real hazard for the children who walk home that way as it creates blind spots.

Southlands drive has plenty of parking spaces further down and safe turning area.

I really appreciate your support over this.



Healthy School Reminders!

Morning snack: Please **only send in fruit or raw vegetable sticks** for morning snack or KS2 can purchase fruit for school for 70p a week – ask at the office. KS1 get free fruit from the Fruit for school scheme so they do not need a morning snack from home.

Lunchboxes: Please support us by ensuring there are no chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or sweets in lunchboxes!

Hot meals: We have a brand new lunch provider who offers 4 different choices a day. Contact the office for more details.

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Homework Questionnaire for Parents

1. My child is:

A Girl

A Boy

2. My child is in year:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

3. What do you think about the amount of homework your child gets?

- Is usually too much
- It is Just about right
- It is too little It varies too much to say
- I don't know

4. How difficult does your child usually find his/her Homework?

- It is usually too easy.
- It is just about right.
- It is too hard.
- It varies too much to say.
- I don't know.]

5. My child learns a lot from doing his/her homework

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

6. Doing homework helps my child to become independent

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Please write any further comments on the back of this sheet and send in by Monday September 12th

Dates for your Diary

Date	Details	
September		
Monday 12 th	Curriculum Newsletters	Each teacher will send out a letter explaining this terms topic area.
Week beginning 19 th	Meet the teacher	Parents will be invited to attend an information meeting where homework/ topic ideas/ communication/ reading books will be discussed by your child's class teacher.
October		
Tuesday 4 th	Morton Vikings AGM 6pm All welcome	Please come along if you would like to join our friendly committee or to offer ideas/ support.
Tuesday 11 th to 18 th Book week!	Scholastic Book Fair in school	Each evening the fair will be open from 3 30pm to 4 pm for you to look round with your child. If you can't get in don't worry each class will have the opportunity to visit the book fair in the school day. Book Week: We are having lots of reading activities e.g. staff will be reading their favourite book to all the children; paired reading with different ages; drama production - If you are interested in coming into read your favourite book or support the activities please let the class teacher know
Wednesday 12 th	FOMTS AGM 9 15am All welcome!	Friends of Morton Trentside school play an active role in fund raising for the children – we are always looking for new members so please come along!
Thursday 20 th	Harvest Festival 9 10 am All welcome!	Children will present a selection of Harvest songs or poems. Again we will be asking for non-perishable food items to be brought into school over the week before. They will be delivered to Gainsborough House
	Break up for half term	Please note this is a Thursday!
Friday 21 st	School closed for INSET Day	
Monday 31 st	Return to school	
November		
Week beginning 28 th	Celebration Event	Over this week parents will be invited into their child's class to celebrate the achievements of this term!
December		
Tuesday 6 th	Parent Consultations	Letters will be sent out for times prior to this date.
Tuesday 13 th	Nativity Dress rehearsal	
Wednesday 14 th	Foundation Stage/ KS1 Nativity performance	
Friday 16 th	KS2 Christmas Carol concert 9 30 am	Please come and join in our Christmas celebrations!
	Break up for Christmas	
January		
Tuesday 3 rd	Return to school	Please note this is a Tuesday!