

Moretonhampstead Primary School Newsletter

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21st December 2018

Dear parents, children and families,

Upcoming Events

First day of term:
Tuesday 8th January

Science Week:
14th January



Members of the choir performed at the Moreton Carol Service at the Church on Tuesday and represented the school brilliantly as always- I received this lovely message from a member of the community- 'I want to let you and your school choir know how much pleasure they gave last evening- absolutely beautiful! Moving, bravely sung with no conductor..... loved it!!!'

Our children all shone during their performances of 'We're Going on a Star Hunt' and 'Bah Humbug!' this week and all the shows were very well attended. I am sure you were as proud of the children as we were and thoroughly enjoyed their wonderful singing and acting. Thank you to Ian Goodwin for setting up the microphones, FOMs for refreshments and for all your help with the costumes. The shows were testament to our talented staff team and I sincerely thank them for the hard work they put in to bring it all together.

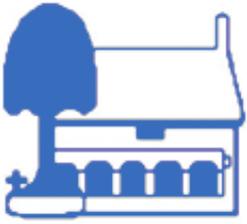
Thank you also to the Moretonhampstead Carnival Committee for a very kind donation which has, together with your donations, enabled us to purchase our own school stage for future shows.

The FOMs Christmas Fair was a huge success- thank you to all of you who were able to help set up, run stalls and pack up at the end. You were brilliant and raised over £900 for the children. Thank you to all the local businesses who donated generous prizes for the raffle.

Our Christmas Jumper day raised £68 and this has been sent to Save the Children.

Today is Miss Haley's last day and she enjoyed a 'Craft Afternoon' yesterday with three classes. We wish her every success in her new role. Miss Jasmine Chugg was able to spend the day in school last Friday and we look forward to welcoming her as our new Pepperdon teacher from January. We also hope that Mrs Burns will be able to return at the start of next term.

We had an emotional goodbye during a special lunch and assembly for Mrs Chris Holding on Wednesday. The children presented her with flowers and cards made by all the classes and the choir sang for her. We will miss her and thank her for her 21 years of service to this school.



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This has been a very successful term for the school- I am so proud of all the children and of all the staff for their dedication and thank you to all of you for your continued support. Have a lovely holiday and a happy and peaceful Christmas.

*With best wishes,
William Bentall*



Golden Circles

These are awarded for outstanding work and learning. Since the last newsletter, these children have been awarded a Golden Circle:
Sennen, Amber-Rose, Eva, Caleb, Ariella and Jules.

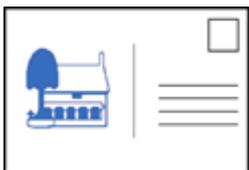
Admissions

Do you have a child born between 1st Sept 2014 and 31st Aug 2015? If you would like them to join our fantastic school, you need to apply for a school place. You can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline from now until 15th January 2019. You can also call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Stars of the Week

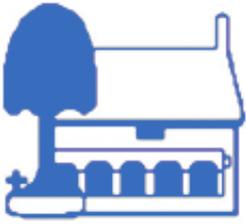


Pepperdon: Ted G, Freddie and Ivy
Easdon: Sennen, Amber-Rose and Jess
Shapley: Reuben B, Lily-Mae and Linden
Mardon: George, Izabella and Owen
Butterdon: Holly, Isaac and Camilla
Beckaford: Phoebe M, Jasmine and Harry



Postcards

These have been sent to Bonnie for the help she gave a friend, to Hal for being lovely to everyone and for always offering to help and to Lily H for always trying hard and for bouncing in with a smile! We have sent postcards to Jake for being fair and always willing to help others, to Phoebe M for being kind, helpful and caring and to William for treating everyone with kindness. Joe has been recognised for his fantastic attitude to learning and his consideration of others, Summer for being a good friend to everyone and Hazel for her excitement for learning, her smile and her generosity.



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Class News

Cranbrook (pre-school)



What a busy time we have had building up to the end of term! We started by continuing our space theme, which then led us into our Christmas celebrations starting with learning the story 'Aliens love Santa Claus'. Father Christmas's grotto appeared overnight in our classroom, with Father Christmas giving us the task of helping his elves wrap presents for all the children around the world. Our children have been making and decorating paper plate angels and baubles for their tree. Most importantly, our children have also been making their own top secret gift and card for their loved ones.

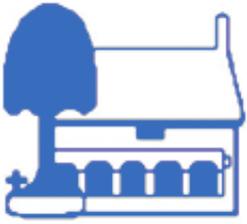
The children enjoyed rehearsing for the Christmas play and were fantastic dancers and singers. They also spent an afternoon visiting Coppelia House with the children from Pepperdon where they performed songs from their show. The residents really enjoyed our performance and gave us cookies as a special treat.

Our children have continued to make the most of their outside space, even if the weather has tried to keep us in. Water play, bikes and the mud kitchen being our wet weather favourites.

If you are interested in your child joining our pre-school family please do contact us by telephoning 01647 440482 or emailing preschool@moretonhampstead.devon.sch.uk to arrange a time and date to come and visit us.



We accept children from 2yrs of age; some 2yr olds may be eligible for the 2gether funding and all other children can claim either 15 hours or the extended 30 hours from the term after they turn three. Please take a look at the website www.childcarechoices.co.uk which provides useful information on early years funding for parents/carers.



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Pepperdon



What a wonderful end of term in Pepperdon! The children have been very busy spreading Christmas joy across the community.

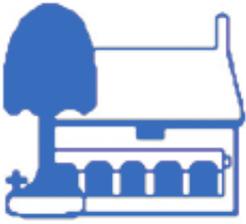
Last week they performed to the residents of Coppelia house. They were nothing short of angelic and wowed their audience by remembering every lyric and action to all of the songs we have been learning for our show. They were a true credit to the school and were rewarded with a well deserved mince pie from the staff at the residential care home.

We hope you have all enjoyed their Christmas performance, "We're going on a Star Hunt". The children helped to write the show, thinking of the different parts of the Nativity and thought about the actions they could use to tell the story. The children were amazing and performed with enthusiasm and lots of smiles! We are extremely proud of all of you - well done!

We have also been busy making repeating patterns, comparing the weight of different parcels and writing Christmas cards and letters to Father Christmas. The children met their new teacher Miss Chugg on Friday and are excited to start the new year with her, learning about 'Frozen Worlds' after the holidays.

It has been an absolute privilege to teach Pepperdon and lead the Early Years team at Moretonhampstead. I will miss you lots and wish you all a wonderful festive holiday and send you all my best wishes for the future.

Miss Haley



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Easdon



What a busy and exciting end to the term we have had in Easdon! The children have loved rehearsing for the play and I am sure you will agree that they looked fantastic and did a wonderful job performing in front of friends and family.

We have been continuing our space topic in English by watching 'The Baboon on the Moon'. The children have written their own monologues to accompany this silent video and have enjoyed performing them in front of the class.



We also had a great time at our Christmas teddy tea party. We played party games, made hats for ourselves, paraded our teddies and had a tea party. Lots of festive fun!

We are pleased it is now time for the holiday and hope you have a fun-filled Christmas break

Shapley

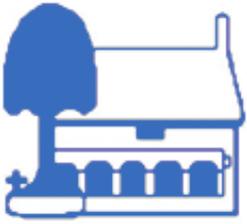
Shapley have been working hard in the run up to Christmas applying our knowledge of the 3 and 4 times tables and reasoning and problem solving in maths. We have had fun making up 'Christmas clauses' applying the important skill of including more than one idea in a sentence by using a range of conjunctions.

We then improved the sentences to ensure they also contained expanded noun phrases.

For example: While I was asleep, Santa delivered a sparkly, red Christmas hat with a white bobble.



Shapley were fantastic in the show and we are so proud of them. Have a lovely Christmas.



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Mardon



WOW! What an amazing end to a busy term. Mardon class were amazing in the Christmas show and they all worked so hard on learning their lines, singing their hearts out and even smiling while doing so! Each of you deserves a fabulous festive break full of fun and magical moments with friends and family. I wish all of the children in Mardon class, and your families, the merriest of Christmases and look forward to seeing you all in 2019. Mrs Scholz

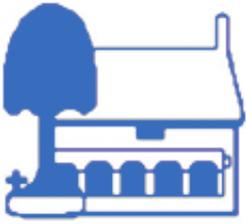
Butterdon



The last few weeks of term have been great fun and very busy in Butterdon, as we have put a lot of hard work into our Christmas play while keeping up with our regular timetable!

We have been using fractions to solve problems about the real world and discovered that pizza is full of fractions as well as cheese! We have enjoyed using short animations to inspire our writing and have been focusing on using paragraphs to make our writing clearer for our readers. Our topic work included writing from the point-of-view of a Tudor explorer, with all the perils and excitement that this might present!

We are looking forward to a well-deserved break before starting our Space topic in the Spring term.



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Beckaford



Beckaford have had a really productive half term. Mrs Burns unfortunately had an accident and broke her ankle; we have missed her enormously but have been soldiering on with the help of Ms Denney and Mrs Solly.

We have been making 'Secrets of the Greeks' booklets, mixing our literacy with our topic and art work. We concentrated on using informal and formal text to create a colourful piece that we hope to send to some Year 6s in another school. We concluded our Greek theme today with a class feast, helped by Mrs Alden, which included Lemon Chicken, salads, hummus, tzatziki, pitta bread, thyme, oregano and garlic roast potatoes, all finished off with honey and cinnamon cake. We all sat and 'feasted' together! Thank you Mrs Alden.

In maths, we are now all great at multiplying and dividing decimal numbers and have moved on to start looking at different types of angles.

Last night saw the final performance of our Christmas Show, Bah Humbug! which we all enjoyed very much and are super sad that it's over. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us. We are looking forward to the Christmas holidays now and a big rest ready to start 2019 with a BANG!

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.

Written by Daisy H

Community News

Messy Church

Dates for 2019 are Jan 15th, Feb 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 11th, July 2nd, Sept 10th, Oct 1st, Nov 5th and December 3rd. These are all Tuesdays and there are no sessions in August. Messy Church runs from 3.30-5.50pm in the Parish Hall.

