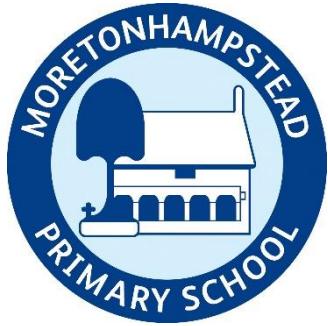


Moretonhampstead Primary and Preschool Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026



Dear all,

We have had a good few weeks back since the start of term with the children working hard and lots going on! With this newsletter, we attach the new diary dates. We will add to this list as we go on. Please do make a note.

Mardon's News

We've had a great week in Mardon. In science, we tested the hardness and permeability of rocks and we made paper sheets out of pulp with Alex Mack when she visited the school to talk about recycling. We loved making paper and the results were brilliant!



Beckaford News

Beckaford have done a wonderful mural of the journey of a river in their outdoor (indoor due to rain) learning, which is linked with their Geography topic on Rivers. We are very excited to be joined by AnnKatrín and Penny for our walk up the Wray Brook next week, who will share their knowledge of the brook along with some other local information regarding the reservoir, Victorian drains and the local spring.



Little Tors News

This week, our school was visited by Alex Mack from Recycle Devon. Devon County Council works with Resource Futures to deliver a wide range of workshops, assemblies, resources, training and visits to support pupils - and teachers - to reduce waste at home and school and to embed the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and composting into the curriculum and everyday school life.

Reception children became pirates in their learning about the 3Rs (or should that be 'arrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr's?!). They sailed the seven seas (very apt for Wednesday's weather!) in the search for plastic waste putting our wild and sea life in danger. Together, they prevented Tommy the Turtle from ingesting a plastic bag thinking it was a jellyfish, helped Sammy the Seagull make a less rubbish (pun intended!) nest out of twigs instead of litter and ensured that Sammy the Seal would not again become entangled in fishing nets.

Plastic - both hard and soft - is recycled in school, and we hope the children will continue to dispose of plastic sensibly and safely here and at home.



Little Tors have also been learning about the Arctic. The children have been turning the role play area into a research station finding out about the Indigenous communities and animals that have made the Arctic their home. They learnt that because it is so cold the sea freezes and can be 3-6 feet deep and the Indigenous communities have to drill fishing holes in the ice to enable them to catch fish. We have been working on our fine motor skills through threading, mark making and matching the correct nut to its bolt.

Easdon News

This week in computing, Easdon class have been using a painting app to create their own lovely pieces of artwork. They used different features to get their desired effect, including spray paint, fill and pencil tools. They look great!



We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Alex Waterman

DIARY 2025/2026

Mon 5 th Jan	Non Pupil
Tues 13 th Jan	Multisport club starts
Wed 21 st Jan	Environmental Workshops, all school
Fri 23 rd Jan	Launch of Body Language (Y5/6)
Mon 9th Feb – Wed 11 th Feb	Skern, Y6
Half Term	
Mon 16th Feb – Fri 20th Feb	
Fri 6 th March	Artist Visit – working with KS2
Wed 11 th March	Body Language 1pm till 8pm (South Dartmoor)
Mon 23 rd March	Cricket Day, all school
Tues 24 th March	Y3/4 Hockey event
Fri 27 th March	Reports to parents Y1-Y6
Mon 30 th March – Wed 1 st April	Bikeability, Y5
Thurs 2nd April	Easter Assembly 2.30pm (Parents/Carers welcome)
BREAK UP AT 3.30PM	
Easter Holiday	
Friday 3rd April – Fri 17th April	
Mon 4 th May	May Day
Mon 11 th May – Thurs 14 th May	SATS week, Y6