

# Moretonhampstead Primary and Preschool Newsletter

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026



Dear all,

We have had a busy and enjoyable Spring Term. We are so lucky to have happy and motivated children who are so proud of their achievements. This term the children have 'worked hard and played hard', a perfect mix of work and play! Thank you to all of you for supporting the school with attendance, trips, uniform and homework. Thanks also to everyone who has helped out with the FOMS events and activities which have really enhanced school life.

### Easdon's News

This week in science, Easdon were exploring different types of seeds and bulbs. We had a go at labelling them with the correct plant name. We also planted our beans and started our potato growing competition. We've also very much enjoyed reading in our new and improved book corner! (Tim's Legacy – see below!).



### Mardon's News

In Mardon, we have been enjoying lots of sporting events. We performed excellently and got third place in a recent hockey festival and rounded off our hockey lessons with a class tournament. We also had a cricket session with Holly from Devon Cricket which the children all really enjoyed. Also, in outdoor learning, we planted our strawberry seeds and we look forward to our harvest!



## Little Tors' News

Little Tors had a fantastic morning learning new cricket skills with Holly, we all became 'Super Savers and Brilliant Batters'. The children continued to use their newly learnt skills in the afternoon by independently holding a cricket match during their outdoor learning.

We also have been learning how to work together as a team by having a bucket of balls, some drainpipe and an empty tray. We had to work out how to get the balls from the bucket to the tray by only using the drainpipes, we discussed how we could make it work and tried several different ways and in the end found out that we would have to introduce some wooden blocks to lift one end of the last drainpipe so that the balls could run down into the tray.

During P.E we have had a great time learning a 'Super Hero Dance', we were very excited to be able to wear masks of our favourite Super Heros for our final performance.



## Beckaford News

We had a productive afternoon learning about emergency scenarios and how to react to them. This included learning how to place someone unconscious in the recovery position, an essential skill which we hope will never be needed.



## Booking Lunches

The new summer term lunch menu is now published on Parent Pay. Please make bookings by the 15<sup>th</sup> April for the first week back.

The kitchen remains unable to take orders for lunches that have not been booked.

## **FOMS NEWS**

### **Easter**

*FOMS have had a busy couple days of Easter activities. Firstly, thank you to Easdon for some wonderful Easter themed bakes, raising an impressive total of £161. Our Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Egg Design Competition was lots of fun yesterday. This was an event put on for the children who thought of and voted for these activity ideas themselves. If you haven't yet paid your £1 please leave with Vicky in Reception.*

*FOMS are keen to be working with and for the children of the school. We have been working with the student council to ensure we are running events the children want. We have shared our plans and sought feedback at the relaunch evening and will be bringing a short survey to the Easter assembly. Please do leave us any thoughts or feedback outside of this too.*

*The student council have designed thank you cards for those who have kindly donated funds or their skills to support the school. This month we say thank you to Moretonhampstead Choir and Phylls Follies, Postbridge Pantomime Group for their kind donations. Some of which have gone towards an upcoming class production.*

### **Wall Mural**

*We are excited to share that a new mural is being created on the long wall outside the primary school reception by local artists Jen Moore and (our very own) Miss Cat Steer. Inspired by the beautiful surroundings of Dartmoor, the design is being shaped by the wonderful drawings created by the children of Easdon. Their ideas, creativity, and unique perspectives of the local landscape will come together to form a vibrant, community-led artwork that celebrates both our environment and the imagination of our pupils.*

### **Tim's Legacy fund**

*Moretonhampstead and Ilsington primaries have been the lucky recipients of some very special local funding donated by a publishing company in memory of a local and much loved person from Moretonhampstead called Tim Hall. Tim was a journalist and writer, and was passionate about reading, so this fund in his memory is to inspire a true love of reading in our children.*

*Thanks to this money you will see brand-new reading spaces outside like a book barge and train to make the act of reading fun, the indoor reading spaces in each classroom are getting some TLC, a touring theatre show called Locked in the Library about a girl who discovers forgotten books has recently visited the school, and there is also going to be an award presented to a child from each class at the end of the year: this award - Tim's Acorn - will be presented to a child who has shown a real passion for books, not necessarily the person who has achieved the highest level of reading in a class but one who has improved, being passionate, or has simply taken time to nurture their love of reading.*

*Lookout for more lovely things connected to this legacy fund such as a visit from a Devon author and theatre company to bring reading passions to the fore.*

*Many thanks*

*Steph, Jen, Abby and the FOMS team*

**We hope you all have a really super Easter Break.**

Kind regards,

Alex Waterman

## DIARY 2025/2026

### Easter Holiday

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April

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| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April  | Firefighter visit to Y2&3 and Y5&6  |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May   | May Day                             |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May   | Y1/2 Trip (details to follow)       |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thurs<br>14 <sup>th</sup> May                      | SATS week, Y6                       |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May   | Spring Market after school.         |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May  | Y5/6 Football                       |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>May                       | MED theatre working with Beckaford. |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May  | Mardon – Cake Sale                  |
| <b>May Half Term</b><br><b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> |                                     |
| <b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>  | <b>Non pupil day</b>                |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | Sports Day                          |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July  | Swim Gala                           |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July   | Y5/6 performance!                   |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | Leavers Assembly at 9.30am          |