



"The World for our Children, our Children for the World"

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Family Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a week of smiles and fun in the sunshine, enjoying time with friends and staff. As the weather continues to brighten, it is heartening to see our school grounds filled with such positive energy and collaborative play. We hope you have a wonderful bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another productive week of learning together.

Mrs Sánchez



✨ South Moreton 's Got Talent! ✨

A Showcase of Stars!

Last Friday, the school hall was transformed into a stage for our "South Moreton's Got Talent" showcase, and what an afternoon it was! We were treated to a spectacular variety of 16 different acts, ranging from soul-stirring singers and energetic dancers to impressive Taekwondo demonstrations and mind-boggling magic tricks.

The courage and dedication shown by our performers were truly inspiring. It takes a great deal of "Growth Mindset" to stand in front of a full audience, and every single child rose to the occasion like a true superstar.

A Community Effort

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us in the audience. Your cheers and applause created a supportive, electric atmosphere that helped our performers shine. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the PTA volunteers (Danielle, Vicky, Laura, Clemmie and Steph) who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the show run so smoothly.

Incredible Fundraising Success

We are absolutely delighted to announce that through your generous donations at the door and the purchase of refreshments, we raised an incredible:

✨ **£257.82** ✨

These funds will go directly to the PTA to support future projects and resources for all our pupils. Thank you for your continued generosity and for making the afternoon such a resounding success.

South Moreton certainly has talent!

Dyslexia SEND Coffee Morning

It was wonderful to welcome parents to our SEND Coffee Morning on Wednesday. Over hot drinks and biscuits, we enjoyed an insightful session focused on demystifying dyslexia and exploring practical ways both home and school can support our learners. A highlight of the morning was the opportunity for families to speak directly with our Educational Psychologist for the Didcot Partnership, who provided invaluable expertise and guidance. Thank you to everyone who attended for making it such a collaborative and supportive morning; your engagement truly helps strengthen our school community.

Sunsafer at school

Please can we ask parents to activate 'Summer mode' by ensuring that your child has the following in school every day. Children without protection on sunny days may be asked to play in shady areas which might not be their preference.

- Sunhat labelled with child's name
- Suncream (children need to apply this themselves, or you can apply a long-lasting one before school)
- Water bottle
- Waterproof coat (we can't pretend the rain won't make an appearance!)

Uniform reminder for Summer Term:

As the weather improves, please can we remind you of uniform expectations. Children are permitted to wear Summer dresses after the break if they wish. Shoes must be closed-toe and sturdy for outdoor play.

All shorts - girls and boys, for school or PE MUST be mid-thigh length or longer.

We will be contacting parents if uniform is not appropriate for school.



SOUTH MORETON SCHOOL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION!



In assembly, we have looked at the work of a very talented artist, David Bird, who makes 'Becorns'. *Becorns* are little characters made from natural materials, like acorns and sticks. David Bird then places these outside and takes photos of them in their environment. Sometimes, these Becorns are lucky enough to have visitors, like birds!

Your challenge...make a **mini-character** using **natural materials**, inspired by David Bird's *Becorns*.



1. **Create** your natural-material character.
2. Give it a **name** and a personality.
3. Take a clear **photo** of your creation.
4. Bring your photo to school or email it to the school office to be **shared** with Mrs Salmon.

Prizes for the most successful Becorns!



Last Date for submissions: 18th May
(That is the last week of term)

Moki Band fun!

Children at South Moreton continue to be active and busy every day, making the most of our beautiful site indoors and outdoors!

Our School total steps this week is 977,514 - equivalent to walking from South Moreton to the palace of Versailles!



House averages:

Gryffindor - 9016 Ravenclaw - 8569 Hufflepuff - 8513 Slytherin - 8290

Class averages:

Wrens - 10792 Swallows - 9701 Herons - 9355 Puffins - 7537 Red Kites - 7355

READING NIGHTS AT SOUTH MORETON

**We don't set homework at South Moreton
(research says it's not impactful for Primary pupils, and
parents told us they agree)**

BUT - we do expect children to read at home.

1 night of Reading = 1 "Reading Night"

15 minutes R / KS1, 20 mins KS2

Recorded in their Reading Diary

4 nights = 1 point to win prizes

**Reading is the single biggest way parents can support their
child's academic success.**

HOW WE MEASURE

Engagement in reading at home forms part of our assessment of your child. Those that don't read, fall behind.

Children should read at home every day Monday - Thursday. Reading diaries are checked on a Friday.

Those with 4 Reading Nights will be entered to win prizes for their House and Class.



Important changes to booking and payment systems

All bookings and payments for school dinners, wraparound care, extra curricular clubs and trips are now managed within the MyChildAtSchool app or website. It will no longer be possible for the Office to make bookings for you.

Payment for wraparound care continues to be possible with childcare vouchers. Parents can select 'CV' in the MCAS checkout, which allows you to place the order while arranging the voucher transfer.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need any help. We recognise that change can pose challenges and are very happy to support you.

If you are still catching up:

Please log in to 'My Child At School' via the online website or app using the login detail sent to your email address. You can alternatively add your email address and select 'forgot password' for a reset email to be sent to you.

The app can be downloaded from [Google Play](#) or [App Store](#) here.
The website is here www.mychildatschool.com

Pupil Premium eligibility - help us to support your child

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and a variety of other financial supports, and school receives additional funding to support your child's teaching and learning. Please help us to claim this funding by contacting the Office if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Don't forget to join our [@SouthMoretonPrimary](#) Facebook page!
We welcome you to search and 'like' so that you get the best insight into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
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