



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

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Family Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Children have settled back into routines beautifully and we are looking ahead to learning challenges and lots of fun!

Thank you for your patience with the move to My Child At School for booking lunches and clubs. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help or something doesn't work. We continue to look for ways to make this easier moving forward. Huge thanks to the Office team for their time organising and supporting the change.

Mrs Sánchez

South Moreton Primary School in the news

Our school received some exciting media attention over the Easter break, following our Ofsted report which found the school to be achieving the **'Strong' standard in all areas**. Take a look here:

- [Herald Series](#)
- [Oxford Mail](#)
- [Yahoo News](#)



Expert Educators!

Did you know that all our teachers are qualified as Google Certified Educators?

This week we took / renewed our examinations so that we can remain experts in the delivery of digital education in the classroom. Certification tests proficiency across the full Google platform ensuring that we can deliver the very best teaching to our pupils across the curriculum. Well done teachers!



Google Certified Educator



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)

Class letters and learning webs

A letter from your child's class teacher and a learning web showing opportunities this half term are available on the [school website](#). These can be found under the classes tab of the website menu. Please do take a look to find out about new routines, PE days, reading expectations and learning for the half term.

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.

Dyslexia SEND Coffee Morning

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 29th April at 8:45am**. The focus for this session is to look more closely at what dyslexia is and how parents and schools can support children with dyslexia, all while enjoying a hot drink! The session will also give families the opportunity to talk with the Educational Psychologist who supports schools around the Didcot Partnership. We hope to see lots of you there.

South Moreton's Got Talent – Friday 24th April

Calling all superstars! Introducing The South Moreton's Got Talent Show! We want to see your amazing skills on stage – singing, dancing, music, magic or anything you love to perform!

If your child would like to take part, please complete a registration form by the end of today and hand it into the school office.

- * **When:** Friday 24th April, 3:30–4:30pm
- * **Where:** Sports Hall
- * **Entry:** £2 suggested donation – pay on the door.

Don't miss out on a fun-filled afternoon celebrating the incredible talent of our children! Come along, cheer them on, and support our amazing young superstars, you won't want to miss it!



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

Term 6 Club bookings now open **within MCAS**

Please do ask if you need any help. Bookings for clubs can no longer be made with the Office.

Day	Club offered	Club offered	Cost (6 weeks)	Collect at
Monday (5 weeks, due to Bank holiday)	Hockey All <i>Build teamwork and stick skills in fast-paced, fun matches and drills.</i>	Curling All <i>Try this unique precision sport and develop strategy, control and teamwork.</i>	£42.50	5pm
Tuesday	Coding All <i>Create, problem-solve and bring ideas to life through exciting digital projects.</i>		£51.00	5pm
Wednesday	Lego Masters All <i>A creative wonderland of Lego and construction challenges designed to develop critical thinking, teamwork and technical skills!</i>	Chess and board games All <i>Challenge your thinking, strategy and decision-making in friendly competition.</i>	£51.00	5pm
Thursday	Soft Rounders KS1 <i>A fun introduction to batting and fielding with lots of teamwork in the fresh air</i>	Rounders KS2 <i>Develop skills, tactics and teamwork in this energetic and competitive game.</i>	£51.00	5pm

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 817,377 - equivalent to walking from South Moreton to Inverness!

House averages:

Ravenclaw - 9768 Gryffindor - 9254 Hufflepuff - 8713 Slytherin - 8003

Class averages:

Wrens - 10267 Swallows - 9885 Puffins - 8985 Herons - 8700 Red Kites - 7695



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.



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](https://www.facebook.com/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.
www.facebook.com/SouthMoretonPrimary





How to Prepare for an EMERGENCY with Your Google phone



If you need to provide emergency services with personal medical information (such as medication, allergies or blood type) during an emergency, you can present it on your Google phone's lock screen. It is crucial to provide emergency services with your specific medical information so that they can provide effective care while responding to your call.

How to Add Emergency Contacts

- 1 Go to 'Settings'
- 2 Tap 'About Phone'
- 3 Tap 'Emergency Information'
- 4 Enter the information you want to display
- 5 For medical information, tap 'Edit Information' or 'Info'
- 6 For emergency contacts, tap 'Add Contact' or 'Contacts'

Location Services

If you dial an emergency number, your Emergency Location Service will automatically share your location. This will allow the emergency services to locate you easily and provide help as soon as possible. The Emergency Location Service may also provide additional information to the emergency services such as the language in which your Google phone is configured.

How to Turn Emergency Location Services on

- 1 Go to 'Settings'
- 2 Tap 'Location'
- 3 Tap 'Advanced'
- 4 Tap '(Google) Emergency Location Service'
- 5 Turn on Emergency Location Service

