



Welcome to the new school year. I hope you and your children enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to the new school term.

'Thank you all so much'. Our children look wonderful for the start of term. All of the staff commented on how smart the children looked in our first assemblies of the year.

Good luck and farewell to the new Year 7 pupils (Our old Year 6)

We had a fantastic end to the summer term when our Year 6 pupils left. Our previous Year 6 had worked so hard all year and achieved results of an exceptionally high standard. As this was the first time children in England had ever sat the new tests, national results are now starting to emerge it is apparent that we did fabulously well.

These results are well above the national average and also show the progress the children

	<i>Mortimer Primary School 2016 Achieving the National Standard</i>	<i>England National Standard 2016</i>	<i>Mortimer Primary School 2016 Greater Depth (Higher Level)</i>	<i>England 2016 Greater Depth (Higher Level)</i>
<i>Reading</i>	78%	66%	24%	19%
<i>Writing</i>	91%	74%	39%	15%
<i>Spelling, punctuation & grammar</i>	85%	72%	31%	23%
<i>Maths</i>	86%	70%	20%	17%
<i>Attaining the national standard in reading, writing & maths</i>	72%	53%	9%	5%

made from Reception to Year 2 and then onto Year 6. Children at Mortimer Primary attained academic standards well above the national average in all areas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARENT ASSEMBLIES

Autumn Term

- Friday 7th October 4RF
- Friday 14th October 6FH
- Friday 21st October 3JM
- Friday 11th November 1KL
- Friday 18th November 6KM
- Friday 25th November 2KA



PARENTS' EVENINGS

- Monday 10th October 3.30 pm—6.30pm
- Monday 17th October 3.30 pm—6.30pm

New Starters

Our new Nursery and Reception children have made an excellent start and are just getting used to the fact that they have to come back tomorrow and the day after and for a long time after that. We very much look forward to working with the children and their parents and carers for the next seven years.

HOLIDAYS

School closes for October Half Term Holiday at 3.30 pm on Friday 21st October and re-opens for the children at 8.50 am on Monday 31st October.



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National College for Teaching & Leadership

KEY STAGE 2 NATIONAL TEST WEEK 2017

Year 6 SATs Week- **Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May 2017**. May I remind parents not to request a leave of absence during these times.

Choir Practice and Wake up Shake up resume on **Tuesday 4th October 2016**

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding the Harvest Festival for our children in the Infant and Junior classes on the morning of **Tuesday 11th October. (DOORS OPEN AT 8.45AM)**

Following the service, food parcels made up from Harvest donations which are displayed at the Harvest Festival, will be distributed to local senior citizens.

We hope that each child in our Nursery and Infant classes could bring in a small quantity of either FRESH PRODUCE (fruit, vegetables, etc) or TINNED OR PACKET PRODUCE. It would be very helpful if these gifts were brought into school on **Monday 10th October**.

Our junior children will be asked to **make a donation**, proceeds of which will be used to help a good cause.



PACKED LUNCHES

May we remind you that Mortimer Primary holds an award for being a Healthy School, therefore could we please request that children do **not** bring sweets, chocolate, chocolate biscuits or fizzy pop in their packed lunch bags. Due to a number of children with severe **NUT ALLERGIES** could we please ask parents to avoid using anything with **Peanut Butter** in. Thank you.

Can we please also remind you if your child is having Packed Lunch in school this needs to be marked on dinner envelope as PL.



APPOINTMENTS

Can we please remind you if your child has an appointment to send in their appointment letter or alternatively a note to their class teacher or the school office. Whenever possible we would appreciate appointments be made outside of school hours. Thank you.

BOOK WEEK

Monday 17th - Friday 21st - October 2016.
(further information to follow)



We would be very grateful for donations of any soft toys which are in good condition to be sold at the Christmas Fayre. Could all donations be sent to Mrs Hamill in Year 2. Thank you.



Has anyone lost a 'drone' electronic toy in the vicinity of Whitburn approx. 3 months ago. The school has been notified of a toy being found belonging to a child believed to attend Mortimer Primary. If you think it may be yours please contact the school office for further information. Thank you.

SPARE UNIFORM

We have some decent, second hand school uniform for sale. £1 for sweat-shirts and trousers and 50p for polo shirts. If you come in to school at 3.30 pm any day, you will be able to look through it.

