



# The Morningside Messenger

Morningside Primary School and Children's Centre Newsletter



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Happy Holidays



There has been lots of super learning going on at Morningside and at home this week. The children have learnt all about Hanukah and Christmas. The nativity songs and plays have been recorded and can be accessed on Google Classroom for years 1-6 and on the website for Early Years (all families have been sent a link/password.) There has also been lots of super spelling (see below) with an amazing 380 children taking part in our Autumn term Spelling Bee competition.

Christmas lunch on Tuesday was delicious. Many thanks to Ben and the catering team. The children loved their crackers and the festive music.

Hackney Council celebrated the switching on of the festive lights and menorahs with a special film this year due to COVID-19. The film features Morningside steel pan band and pupils from year 5 and the nursery. It is available to watch on [lovehackney.uk](http://lovehackney.uk) and on the Council's social channels.

The children and staff have done amazingly as we have adapted so many of the things that we do and introduced many new rules and control measures to keep us all safe. Thank you to everyone in our school community for keeping our children safe and learning. I want to send you all my warmest wishes for some much-needed down-time over the holiday period and for better times (eventually) in 2021.



## Important Dates

Inset Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Back to School

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Half Term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

February 2020



Thank you to everyone who dressed up on Thursday and donated to school fund. We have raised £274. The School Council will be deciding how to spend this money.

## Value of the Week



## Phrase of the Week

Feliz año nuevo



Happy New Year



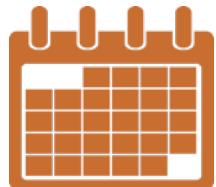


# School Term Dates

## 2020/2021

### Check school term dates

School calendar for 2020/21



#### Autumn Term

- ✓ Start - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020
- ✓ Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Total days =  $37 + 35 = 72$

#### Spring Term

- Start - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Half Term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- End - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Total days =  $30 + 29 = 59$

#### Summer Term

- Start - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Half Term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

#### Public Holidays

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### Inset Days

- ✓ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020
- ✓ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

The Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations (1999) require all maintained schools to open for teaching for 190 days a year, offering 380 sessions. The above table sets out dates for 195 days. Pupils are to be released for a further 5 days for the purpose of teachers' staff development (INSET). These days can be taken as inset days or equivalent twilight sessions.



# What's been happening in Morningside?



We have been very busy this half term in Nursery. We have been practicing our balancing skills outside Creating our Christmas decorations!

Play dough - creating play dough winter snowmen and Christmas scenes.

Coloured water - creating potions and practicing our pouring and filling skills.



In Year 1, we are learning how to use *Busy Paint* in ICT. We created text boxes, labelled animal body parts and practised our typing skills.



In Year 2, we used Now Press Play to learn more about the Christmas Story! We can't wait to write about it in our writing lesson.

In Year 4, we enjoyed biting into some breadsticks this week in Science to see which teeth they used. They learnt about the functions of the incisors, canines, premolars and molars.



In Year 6, we have been studying collage work by various artist like Hannah Hoch. We worked on background today using skills of contrast, layering, shade, tone and tint. We spoke about how art is subjective and can be interpreted differently by different people.



# Children's Centre



We have been getting ready for Christmas in the Centre.

The children who stay all day enjoyed their lunch.

We are also dressing up.

We have also really enjoyed Storytime and acting the story for each other.



# Festive Activities





# Spelling Bee



The Spelling Bee Honeybee flew back to Morningside once again for this autumn term Spelling Bee Competition. A big well done to all the finalists. Congratulations to the winners of this term competition.

# Celebration Awards



## Stars of the Week



## Mathematicians of the Week



# Celebration Awards



## Commendations



for good work and progress



# Information

If there is any other information that you would like please get in touch. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Information can also be found on our school website and social media accounts which are updated regularly.

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