



Mornant: Heart of the Community
Two languages
Twice the choice and opportunity

Note from Head-teacher

Dear Parents

Reflections

We come to the end of another term and year at Mornant. What an exciting and successful term we have had.

As this will be my last newsletter to you as Head-teacher, I'd like to thank the staff formally for their hard work, support and positivity towards the children and school - not just this term but since my arrival at Mornant in September 2018. We have a very special team at Mornant, and I am so very grateful to each one.

We have negotiated an Estyn Inspection and a pandemic as well as numerous other challenges. We have had lots of fun and exciting adventures with the children and all are flourishing, and bilingualism in our little corner of Wales strengthening. Pupil numbers have blossomed, the outside classroom has been improved hugely, a new boiler, lights, and office established inside.

The school with its supportive wonderful families - and children who are amazing - have made my Mornant days some of the happiest of my 35 year plus career. I am so grateful to you all and will carry these wonderful memories with me throughout my retirement. We have a happy community school where each child flourishes. The school is in safe hands under the Acting Headship of Mrs Closs-Griffiths, initially until Summer 2023 by which time a permanent head will have been appointed ready for a September start and of course under the care of our outstanding staff.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a 2023 and future full of health, happiness and God's blessings.

Thank you all. I will love hearing of Mornant's continuing success and popping in to visit from time to time also.

Very kind regards and best wishes
Bethan E. Jones MEd

- 19.12.22 - Christmas Parties
- 20.12.22 - Panto (Reception – Year 6)
- 22.12.22 - Film and Disco
- 22.12.22 - School closes for the children
- 23.12.23 - Staff Training Day
- 09.01.23 - Staff Training Day
- 10.01.23 - School opens for the children
- 10.02.23 - Welsh Whisperer
- 17.02.23 - School closes - Half Term
- 27.02.23 - School opens
- 31.03.23 - School closes - Easter
- 17.04.23 - School opens
- 26.05.23 - School closes - Whitsun/Half Term
- 05.06.23 - School opens
- 20.07.23 - School closes for the children

Carol Concert

Our Carol Concert was a great success. It was marvellous to see so many children taking part so confidently. Thank you to all at Llanasa Church for their support and to staff and pupils for a wonderful service. Thank you also to all who attended. Many thanks for the contributions of £79.00 which was made towards costs, and continued work of the church.

Tesco's Community Grant to benefit Mornant

is underway – please continue collecting tokens and popping them into the Mornant box at Tesco in Holywell and Tesco in Flint to benefit from the Tesco Community Grants Scheme. (Flint Express CH6 5HR, Express Holywell Superstore CH8 7AN).

Any you pick up from Prestatyn Tesco's and you bring to school will be taken to the Holywell store if you can't get there. We would really appreciate your support by voting for us at these stores, and please share this list of stores amongst your supporters and within your community.

Raffle

Thank you to all those who contributed to the school raffle prizes and to those who took part. Huge congratulations to the winners. Many thanks for your continued support – much appreciated.

School Day – Reminder

The school yard is unsupervised until school starts. Children will be supervised from 8.45am when a member of staff will be there to look after them as they arrive. Children **should not come** onto the yard until there is a member of staff there to ensure they are safe. Breakfast Club is available from 8am daily. Weekly questionnaires are sent to enable you to book a place for your child.

School Improvements

Markings on the yard

The playground markings have now been completed. The children are enjoying their 100 square snakes and ladders game, compass points, fitness trail, netball court and the Welsh alphabet snake. They have already started to invent their own games using the new markings.

Thank you to John Thompson for his fundraising gift and to you for fundraising activities over the last year that have been used towards the cost.

The outside classroom now has walls, and the shelter in the Forest area now has a slanting roof. Thank you to Joe Hughes for this.

The pathway on the infant field has been resurfaced, the grassy area re-levelled and re-seeded. We look forward to the Spring when the grass is established and we can once more use this outside space.

We have also been busy planting additional trees, contributed by the Woodland Trust, as we continue to expand our outside area.

Many thanks for the generous gifts from The Llanasa Bee Festival and The Llanasa Village Conservation Society, which will be used towards the development and enhancement of the outside area.

School dinners and Free School Meals

Free school meals are currently provided for Reception pupils (from September 2022) as well as to those who already qualify for free school meals.

The programme will be extended to include others in Foundation Phase later this year. We will keep you informed of the developing county programme.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you are now entitled to Free School meals, please phone school for additional guidance.

School meal prices are £2.50 a day which is £12.50 a week per child.

School Uniform

We have some uniform which has been donated to the school to be recycled.

If you would like to benefit from these, please contact the school office and we will see if we have available uniform in your child's size.

Communication with the School

We appreciate the importance of working closely with our wonderful parents and families for the benefit of our children. Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries, let us know through telephone, email to the office or Seesaw. Staff will try to respond to *SeeSaw* requests between 9 and 5.

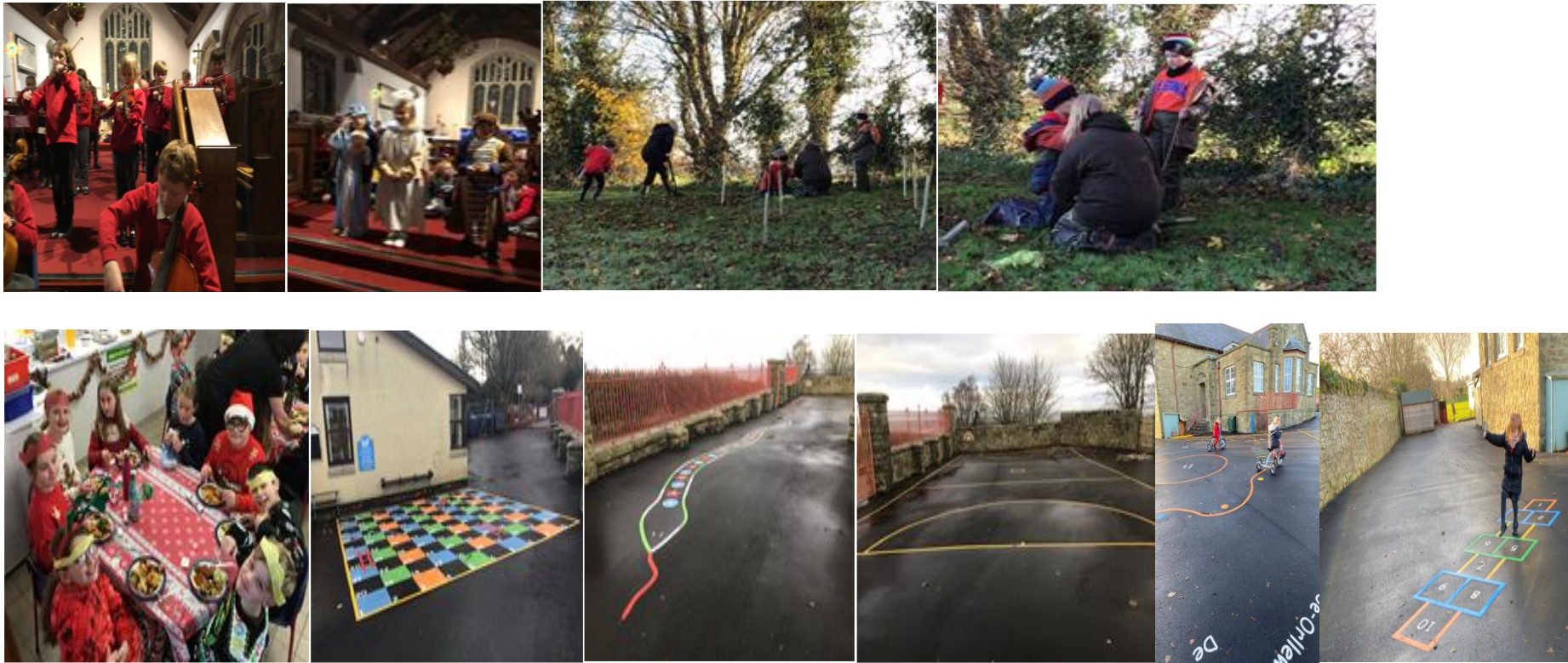
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