



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can...



8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED Inspection

As you know, we had an OFSTED Inspection this week. The inspectors spent two days in our School and they were very interested to understand the values and the ethos of Moorland Primary School and to find out about the progress we have made since joining Campfire Education Trust. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and appreciate the feedback submitted in the OFSTED surveys and when many of you spoke to the inspectors themselves. There have been so many positive and supportive comments about the progress and development of our school as a whole and your children too. Parents will receive a letter from OFSTED with their report findings in the new year. We will share this information as soon as we have it.

Angels at the Abbey – Sunday 3rd December

Our Year 4 children did a fabulous performance at Bradwell Abbey on Sunday 3rd December. Thank you for coming along to support them – it was such a wonderful way to spend a Sunday. They sang so beautifully and we are very proud of them. Well done! Our thanks to the Abbey for inviting us to join their event and for organising the transport. Well done also to these children who all received their swimming certificates this week.



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Christmas Fair – Thursday 14th December 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Please return the reply slip by Monday 11th Dec to confirm whether you are able to attend and join in the fun of the Christmas fair with your child. Don't forget to put a reminder on your calendar. Children will not be able to go around the fair unaccompanied so if you are unable to come along why not see if another family member or friend can join in the fun.

We are very excited that Father Christmas has taken time out of his busy schedule to visit all the children when they visit him in the grotto with their classes.

If you would like to **visit Father Christmas as a family** and have your photo taken with him, this will cost £2. The money raised from the photographs will go to Father Christmas's chosen **charity**. We would like the proceeds from the family visits to Father Christmas to benefit others as we know how lucky we are as a school, and the support we have received from Tesco's and the Milton Keynes Hospital. It would be wonderful to be able to give something back.

Cake donations for our Student Council Cake stall are very welcome. If you are able to help, please bring them into school the day before. Thank you.

Here's a selection of our stalls:

Free arts and crafts activities for all ages	Visit to Father Christmas grotto for a special photo with Father Christmas £2.	Cake Stall (various prices)
Face painting 50p	Glitter tattoo 50p	Eco-friendly reindeer food 50p
Tombola stall	Guess how many sweets are in the Jar 20p	Refreshments (various prices)
Raffle draw	Icing Biscuits 20p	Sweet table (various prices)

Raffle Tickets are still on sale before and after School at the playground gates and cost £1/strip

School dinners



Chartwells have published their dinner menu for the start of the Spring term on ParentPay, **so please get ahead and order your child's school dinners now.** The deadline for the first week back in January is **Tuesday 26th December.**



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Attendance and Time-Keeping

Well it was close this week. But congratulations go to **Squirrels who just edged ahead of Skylarks as they bounced back from being in the Red last week.** Well done. Attendance improved overall this week but we really need to raise the attendance standards and get all classes out of the **RED**. So much is planned over the last two weeks of term and we want everyone to enjoy the fun and make everyone a **Moorland Attendance HERO** – **H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady to learn, **O**n time.

Attendance for week 4th Dec



Ladybirds ~ **89.1%**



Owls ~ **91.7%**



Hedgehogs ~ **86.3%**



Squirrels ~ **95.2%**



Foxes ~ **91.7%**



Badgers ~ **93.1%**



Falcons ~ **92.3%**



Skylarks ~ **95.0%**



Whole school ~ **92.0%**



Lateness = Lost learning

A small number of children have missed a staggering **1292 minutes (over 20 hours)** in learning time **this week!**

Please arrive at school between 8.30-8.45am. You owe it to your child to get them to school on time.



Please remember that arriving late will affect your child's attendance records so please turn over a new leaf in the spring term and help your child feel the enormous satisfaction of getting 100% attendance from January to Easter.

Pet Food Bank at Moorlands Family Centre

Moorlands Family Centre has set up a Pet food Bank to help out if you have a pet in the family and are struggling with the cost of living at the moment. Please just drop in and they will happily help you.



Starting School in September 2024?

Attending the Moorland School nursery does **NOT** mean that your child will automatically be offered a place in our School for September 2024. There are a number of parents who have yet to apply for a school place for September. If you are one of them and your child is **born between 1 September 2019 and 31st August 2020**, then you must act now. Please set aside the time to visit the Milton Keynes Council website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions, to submit your on-line application, before the end of the school term. Then you can relax, forget about it and enjoy the family celebrations. If you have any difficulties applying on-line, then please come and speak to us. We are always more than happy to help.

DIARY DATES:

Date	Event
Mon 11th Dec	Year 1 and 2 children will be accompanied to Moorlands Family Centre where they will be performing Christmas songs for local elderly residents. Please ensure the children are wearing their school uniform. <u>Please note that previously the newsletter suggested that the After-School Club Singing Group was going to Moorlands Family Centre for this performance. We are sorry for the misinformation.</u>
Wed 13th Dec	Children's Christmas lunch and Jumper Day
Thurs 14th Dec 1.30– 3pm	Christmas Fair – Come along for some Christmas fun
Fri 15th Dec 4.30pm – 5.45pm	Santa's Grotto Milton Keynes Academy MK6 5LA (This is a free event. If you would like to go, please see attached poster for details about how to book tickets by Thursday 14th December).
Tues 19th December	Early Years Christmas fun morning for parents/ carers (Nursery and Reception) 9 – 10.30: Christmas Crafts & play – Come along and have fun learning with your child. 10.30: mince pies and refreshments with the Well-being team (Children get ready) 10.45: Christmas songs performed by the Nursery & Reception in the hall.
Tues 19th Dec	KS1 Christmas Nativity for parents/ carers (Year 1 and Year 2) 1.15: Mince pies and refreshments with the well-being team in the hall 1.30: The Nativity performed by Years 1 & 2
Thurs 21st Dec	Children's Christmas Party (Donations of party food are welcome)
Fri 22nd Dec – 3pm	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
The School is closed: Monday 25th December – Monday 8th January	
Tues 26th Dec or sooner	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week commencing Monday 8 th January 2024.
Tuesday 9th January 2024 - School re-opens at 8.30am	



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LEADENHALL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION & MK ACADEMY Present:

SANTAS GROTTO*

Friday 15th December

4.30-5.45pm

Milton Keynes Academy

Fulwoods Drive MK6 5LA

***FREE EVENT:**

*Please book via Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/757640492107

Register by Thur 14th Dec for free gift for under 16s

Children must be accompanied by an adult (18+)

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