



# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can...

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Parent/ Carer Survey - You Spoke and We Listened

Thank you to all of you who completed our recent survey, we really appreciate all of your feedback and are delighted with how positive the results were. We will attach the full results and comments with this newsletter but here is a summary of our improvement areas...



## Moorland Primary School Parent Survey - Improvements feedback

### What you said...

- 1 You wanted more feedback about behaviour at school and the rewards and consequences behaviour system we have in place.
- 2 You wanted more bike stations near the gate
- 3 You wanted better communication on See Saw
- 4 You wanted us to encourage children to finish their lunch.
- 5 Your child wanted more football at break time.
- 6 You wanted to be better informed about situations such as staff absence.
- 7 You wanted to be better informed about how bullying is dealt with.
- 8 One individual felt that there were no Christmas performances, or community events. They did not feel that they knew what their child was learning. They did not like people smoking outside the school gates and felt that it needed to be more secure.

### What we will do...

1. We have contacted Trackit lights & they have offered us parent access to the app so that you track your own child's behaviour in live time. You will have now received the log in for this.

2. Once we have secured funds to improve the paving area around the gate, we will definitely add more bike racks to the entrance area.

3. SeeSaw is an online resource for recording work. It is not monitored or used by staff for personal communication. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, staff will continue to be available at the end of every day to speak to you or you can call the office to make an appointment to speak to teachers.

4. Lunchtime staff always encourage children to finish their lunch & stickers are often given to reluctant eaters who do. We will continue to remind children of the importance of filling up at lunchtime!

5. We have introduced a "Lunchtime Leaders" team who will provide a wide range of activities at lunch and break - We vary the sport choices on a rota so that all preferences are catered for.

6. We endeavour to keep parents well informed of any changes but unfortunately this is not always possible with some illnesses. However, we have a dedicated team of staff who have provided consistency in cover.

7. We have a clear behaviour policy that outlines how we deal with any instances of bullying. It is adhered to at all times by staff in the school. It is available on our school website or on request at the school office.

8. The Christmas performance is taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> December. The overview of exactly what each class is learning in on the class page on the website. In November we had new security measures put in place at the gate and around school to ensure increased security for all our families. We agree that ideally, people would move away from the school gates to smoke.

## Harry's Rainbow – Dress the Rainbow - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you for supporting our colourful dress down day today for Harry's Rainbow. We are delighted to tell you that we raised **£141.68**. Thank you to everyone for their generous contribution and support. If you would still like to support the Charity, you are welcome to bring in your donation early next week.



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## Dodgeball Friendly at Langland School

A group of children had a fabulous time when they visited Langland School for a friendly Dodgeball event on Wednesday evening. I am proud to share that our children displayed all of Moorland's values. They were **Respectful**, **Passionate** and they **Communicated** so well with everyone they met and their **Teamwork** was fabulous! Thank you also to all their families who stayed to cheer them on. Well done!



## Design a Christmas Card - Competition



Our "Design a Christmas Card" competition closes next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you haven't already entered, let your creative Christmas ideas flow and get the colouring pencils and paints ready. The School Council are looking forward to judging the entries and deciding on the Winner!

## Christmas Fair – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December



We are looking forward to seeing parents and children at our Christmas Fair on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30pm. Make sure you put a reminder on your calendar and come along and join in the fun! Here's just a selection of the Christmas stalls to entice you. We are of course, expecting a visit from a very important person!

Tombola and  
Raffle

Face Paints and Christmas  
Arts and Craft

Cake Stall and Sweet  
Table

A reminder that raffle tickets are on sale before and after School at the playground gates. They cost £1/strip.



## Parent/ Carer Virtual Training: Autism Workshop

You might be interested in this workshop which has been organised by Autism Bedfordshire. If you are interested, please contact them direct for more details.

<https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/support-for-children-and-young-people-in-milton-keynes/>

parent/ carer virtual training

**FREE**

# Autism Workshop

**AUTUMN 2023**

23/11/23	Autism & Sensory Processing	10am-1pm
28/11/23	Autism & Demand Avoidance	10am-1pm

**SPRING 2024**

11/1/24	Autism & Behaviour	10am-1pm
16/1/24	Autism & Demand Avoidance	10am-1pm
16/2/24	Autism, Women & Girls	6pm-9pm
27/2/24	Autism & Eating Disorders	10am-1pm
14/3/24	Autism & Mental Health	6pm-9pm

**SUMMER 2024**

18/4/24	Autism & Sensory Processing	10am-1pm
26/4/24	Autism & Behaviour	6pm-9pm
1/5/24	Autism, Women & Girls	10am-1pm
7/5/24	Autism & Eating Disorders	6pm-9pm
6/6/24	Autism & Mental Health	10am-1pm

See Autism Bedfordshire's website for more details on course content

For families living in Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT ENQUIRIES:

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[enquiries@autismbeds.org](mailto:enquiries@autismbeds.org)

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Autism MILTON KEYNES

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## 'Angels at the Abbey', Bradwell Abbey – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11am – 3.00pm


Here's details of a free Family Day at Bradwell Abbey. Our **Year 4 children** have been **invited to join in and sing some Christmas songs** following their successful visit to the Abbey this term, so we are sure they would appreciate your support. Come for the day or pop in for a cheeky mulled wine and mince pie at the MK City Discovery Centre's annual Christmas event:

- \* Sing Christmas songs and carols
  - \* Warm the soul with warm mulled wine
  - \* Live school choirs
  - \* Silver band
  - \* Christmas Puppet show
  - \* Craft stalls
  - \* Meet the majestic snow queen in her snow globe
- Santa's Grotto:
- \* Visit Santa Claus in his Grotto
  - \* Prepare for Rudolf's visit by making him reindeer food
  - \* Post your Christmas list in our Victoria post box



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## DIARY DATES:

Date	Event
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 11am</b>	'Angels at the Abbey' - Free Family Event at Bradwell Abbey. Y4 children performing
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 9-10.30</b> 	Reception class parents/carers – Story Café "Stickman" with Miss Tindle and Mrs Nicholls
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec -11am</b>	The After-School Club Singing Group will be performing at Moorlands Family Centre
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Children's Christmas lunch & Jumper Day- <b>Book your child's -Christmas lunch by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm – 3.00pm*</b>	Christmas Fair – Come along for some Christmas fun <i>*Please note the finish time has changed to slightly earlier</i>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Early Years Christmas fun morning for parents/carers (Nursery &amp; Reception)</b> 9-10.30: Christmas Crafts & Play - Come along and have fun learning with your child 10.30: Mince pies and Refreshments with the wellbeing team (Children get ready) 10.45: Christmas Songs performed by the Nursery & Reception children in the hall
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Nativity for parents/carers (Year 1 and Year 2)</b> 1.15: Mince pies and Refreshments with the wellbeing team in the hall 1.30: <b>The Nativity</b> performed by Years 1 & 2
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Children's Christmas Party (Donations of party food are welcome)
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	3pm – School closes for the Christmas Holidays
<b>The School is closed: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - School re-opens at 8.30am</b>	

## Attendance and Time-Keeping

### Attendance for week 20<sup>th</sup> Nov



Ladybirds ~ **82.2%**



Owls ~ **80.3%**



Hedgehogs ~ **92.9%**



Squirrels ~ **90.7%**



Foxes ~ **84.3%**



Badgers ~ **88.6%**



Falcons ~ **91.2%**



Skylarks ~ **95.7%**



Whole school ~ **88.6%**

Congratulations to **Skylarks** for bouncing their attendance back to **over 95%** after their attendance was just **87%** last week. Attendance was overall very low with all other classes dipping below into the **RED** and **Amber**. There have been so many children unwell this week that we hope they all begin to feel better over the weekend. Let's see whether the other year groups can follow suit next week and make everyone a **Moorland Attendance HERO – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time.**

We have **50 children** across the School who currently have **100% attendance** since September. **This is**

**fantastic!**



Would you believe that since the start of September, a staggering **9084 minutes (152 hours)** have been lost to learning due to children arriving late! Please arrive at school between 8.30-8.45am. You owe it to your child to get them to school on time.



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