



# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Together We Can*



21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Staffing Plans for September

Can you believe that we only have **4 more weeks** left until the summer holidays; Where has this year gone? Plans for September are all agreed and preparation for this important transition are all in full flow so we are now pleased to be able to share our plans with you. We recognise that for some children and parents that this can be a worrying time so please do come in and talk with us if you have any concerns or questions.

The Transition session for children moving up to Year 1 to Year 6 will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. This will be an opportunity for the children to move up into their new classrooms and spend time with their new teams. In addition, Reception children moving up to Year 1 will have extra Transition days on Friday **28<sup>th</sup> June** and Friday **5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July**. On those days, Years 1 and 2 children will be having special project days led by Mrs Carson.



We are delighted to be welcoming a new teacher to Moorland in September who will bring lots of experience to our school. We also welcome Miss Cheshire who will be training as a teacher with us next year and supporting Mrs Bull. They are both very much looking forward to meeting all of the children and families over the coming weeks. I am sure that you will all make them feel very welcome.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lane, Our Senior Nursery Nurse who has been a huge part of our school since our nursery was opened. Although we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best in her new adventure and would like to thank her for the years of passion and commitment she has given to our school. Miss Simm remains off work currently and will be moving on from Moorland at the end of this academic year. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

The staffing arrangements from September are as follows:



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Class name	Teacher	Supported by
Nursery – Ladybirds Reception - Owls	Miss Tindle – EYFS leader	Miss McDonald - HLTA Mrs Rodriguez - Nursery Nurse Miss Carey – EYFS TA
Year 1- Hedgehogs	Miss Norfolk	Mrs Watson – TA Mrs Harrison – Wellbeing & Achievement Miss McQuillan – SEN TA
Year 2 - Squirrels	Mrs Vidal	Mrs Maxwell Mrs Coyle
Year 3 - Foxes	Miss Laud	
Year 4 - Badgers	Mrs Bull & Miss Cheshire (Trainee teacher)	
Year 5 - Falcons	Miss Gargan	Miss Trofa Mrs Wontner
Year 6 - Skylarks	Miss Tompkins & Mrs Punter (Mornings)	
Wider school team		
Wellbeing Team	Mrs Holmes (Mon-Wed) - Safeguarding & Attendance Lead Mrs Nicholls (Mornings) – Child and Family Worker Mrs Harrison – Wellbeing & Achievement assistant *	
Office Team	Mrs Clarke – School Officer manager Mrs Dredge – PA to Headteacher (Part-time)	
Senior Leadership Team working alongside Headteacher	Mrs Carson – Deputy head leading Curriculum, Teaching, learning and Assessment and will continue to teach across all year groups Mrs De Voogt – Inclusion leader with responsibility for pupils with SEND and alternative provision. Will support specific children across the school to reach their full potential individually and groups	
Site and MDS staff	Mr Jamie Brandom – Site manager Mrs Wontner – lead cleaner Mr Nana Ansah Cleaner Mrs Jane Johnson – MDS Mrs Natasha Andrews – MDS & Cleaner	

## Moorland Primary School Parent Survey

As you are aware, we are proud to be part of Campfire Education Trust and work closely with them to improve the life chances of all our children. We have been asked to circulate the annual Parent/Carer Survey. We have 5 other schools in our trust and it would be great if we receive as many (if not, more responses) than our other schools. **Your feedback is really important to us and we work incredibly hard to listen to and respond to your feedback.** Together we can continue to improve our school. **Please scan the QR code below and take a few moments to complete the survey by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

Moorland Primary School  
Parent/Carer Survey Summer 2024



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## School trips – making memories & enriching learning

Another busy week full of trips and visits for our children. There has been excitement, awe and wonder and much to talk about. A huge thankyou to all of the parents and volunteers that have helped to make these trips a success.

### Year 2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

What a thrilling day out our Year 2 children had to Whipsnade Zoo. The excitement started when the poor coach driver caught the rear of the bus on a gate post, much to the bewilderment of the zoo staff who helped all the children depart the coach safe and sound. As you can see from the extracts of the children's writing, they thought that was the main highlight of the day. But no, the excitement continued as the children were amongst the first visitors to meet and greet a new-born giraffe. How cute is she! The children spent a wonderful day at the Zoo and saw donkeys, elephants and flamingos to name but a few of the sights. Thank you for supporting your child's learning by making this trip possible.

*"One sunny Wednesday we were going on a trip to Whipsnade zoo on a coach. When we arrived the bus crashed into a metal gate! So we had to get off the bus. Once we got off we went to see lots of different animals.*

*We saw donkeys, elephants and flamingos."*

*By Joseph*



*"On Wednesday it was time for a trip so we had to find a partner we also packed extra lunch. We went on the steep steps to the inside of the coach. Then we went on the tall chairs next to partners. Before I knew it I heard a big bump. The driver crashed on the metal, black gate with a big bang so he called the bus repairers while we were inside Whipsnade zoo."*

*By Dylis*



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## Year 3 Trip to Wrest Park

Year 3 spent a day discovering all about the Romans at Wrest Park this week. If you have never visited Wrest Park, as you can see from the photos, it is a very impressive home in Silsoe, Bedfordshire.

The children visited the archaeological store and were able to touch items from the Roman era (2000 years old!). The children explored the grounds and visited the pavilion with its ornate roof and secret stairs. They had a lovely picnic by Sculpture Gallery and made some Roman coins.



## Year 4 Music Festival at the Ridgeway Centre

Badgers Class were privileged to attend a music event at the Ridgeway Centre on Tuesday organised by the Music Service.

They got the opportunity to perform in front of other schools from the area, two pieces of music that they have been learning to play on guitars in school. The pieces were - Mild Thing and Batman.

Performing in front of an audience is a wonderful opportunity and gives a real confidence boost to anyone learning to play a musical instrument. Well done Year 4. We are so proud of you.



## Reception: Story Café – A Huge Bag of Worries

Parents and children from Owl class enjoyed our final Story Café of the year by sharing activities and learning about the story called 'A Huge Bag of Worries'. You can see from the photos how much everyone got involved in the morning. Thank you so much for supporting these sessions.



## Warning about Children handling Lighters

There have been a couple of instances of children bringing lighters and Vapes into school over the last few weeks. We have also had several dropped on the floor by parents which younger children could have found. Please be vigilant with your personal possessions and put them out of reach and sight of your children – however old they may be.



## Headlice

We really appreciate those of you who continue to check and treat any little visitors that may appear in your child's hair. However, not everyone is doing so and therefore the cycle won't break. If you need any support or guidance on how to treat headlice please speak to the wellbeing team. Your child will thank you too!



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## HAF – Holiday Activity Fund and Vouchers

The food vouchers that were introduced during the pandemic as a temporary support to families will soon be ending. As funds are now limited, eligible families will be **offered 1 week of food vouchers** from the Household Support Fund during the Summer holiday. They will then no longer be offered in other holidays.

Any families that are currently eligible for benefit related free school meals can sign up to the **HAF activities and food programme**. The HAF Summer Activities and Food programme will be taking place Monday 29th July to Thursday 22nd August 2024 – providing over 24,200 free activity and food sessions for children, young people and their families who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

The programme will go live on **Monday 1 July** via the online booking system. More information can be found via the HAF webpage

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/HAF)

We are **delighted to be welcoming APA back to Moorland primary school** to run sessions for our families. The local family centres and other schools will also be running a variety of activities so please get booking as soon as the portal opens to avoid disappointment. See also a poster for anyone with teenagers aged between 14-16, an opportunity to join in with 2 games of bowling and a Nando's meal for free.

## ALL PEOPLE ACTIVE SUMMER FIT & FED!

**Moorland Primary School, Beanhill, MK6 4ND**

**FREE HOT LUNCH & HEALTHY SNACKS INCLUDED!**

Mon 29th July - Thurs 22nd Aug (Mon - Thurs for 4 weeks)

Registration 9:55am, pick up 2pm

FREE SPORTS (football, basketball, boxing, rounders, fitness)

**For Children on FSM** DANCE, TEAM CHALLENGES, ARTS & CRAFTS, HEALTH, WELLBEING & NUTRITION EDUCATION **for 6-14 year olds**

Info: [james.gregory@allpeopleactive.org](mailto:james.gregory@allpeopleactive.org) 07739840717

BOOK HERE: [www.eequ.org/experience/8986](http://www.eequ.org/experience/8986)

## ALL PEOPLE ACTIVE TEEN SUMMER BOWL!

**HOLLYWOOD BOWL & NANDO'S @ XSCAPE!! MK9 3XS**

**2 GAMES OF BOWLING & DINNER OUT AT NANDO'S!**

Weds 31st July, Weds 7th Aug, Weds 14th Aug, Weds 21st Aug

6pm - 9:30pm

**For young people who receive Free School Meals**

**For 14 - 16 year olds!**

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

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## Together We can Improve Attendance

Well done Skylarks for bouncing back into Green and gaining 1<sup>st</sup> place and to Owls and Foxes for running them a close 2<sup>nd</sup>. Keep up the great efforts!

### Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

 Ladybirds ~ <b>93.0%</b>	 Owls ~ <b>95.2%</b>
 Hedgehogs ~ <b>90.0%</b>	 Squirrels ~ <b>90.7%</b>
 Foxes ~ <b>95.0%</b>	 Badgers ~ <b>83.8%</b>
 Falcons ~ <b>94.5%</b>	 Skylarks ~ <b>97.6%</b> 
 Whole School ~ <b>92.5%</b>	

With just four weeks to the end of term, if your child has been attending school every day for the half term, term or especially the whole year – that's absolutely brilliant. Well done and keep it up. If not, it isn't too late for your child's own attendance to improve. Every minute of every day counts. There's still lots to learn, lots to do and this is our final push to the end of the school year.

**Moorland Attendance HERO** – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time.





Date	Event
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 visit to MK Museum
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS starters – Stepping up session 1: 9.30-11am Reception class – Stepping up to Y1 all day
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 visit to Bletchley Park
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school transition day for current Reception - Year 5 pupils Y6 pupils moving up to Secondary will be contacted by their new schools with details of days and times of their transition visits
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	New EYFS starters – Stepping up session 2: 9.30-11am Reception class – Stepping up to Y1 all day
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS sports afternoon with parents 1.30-2.30
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 sports afternoon with parents (Y1&Y2) 1.30-2.30
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	LKS2 sports afternoon with parents (Y3&Y4) 1.30-2.30
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	New EYFS starters – Stepping up session 3: 9.30-11am Reception class – Stepping up to Y1 all day
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year reports sent home
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 5pm	Year 6 Performance for Parents – a letter has been emailed to parents
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 sports afternoon with parents (Y5&Y6) 1.30-2.30
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom – a letter has been emailed to parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 3pm	Last Day of term
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – The School is closed for the Summer Holidays</b>	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.30am</b>	<b>All Children return to School</b>

Best Wishes

*Angela*

Mrs. Angela Garner  
Headteacher



**Moorlands Family Centre - Under-fives Calendar**  
Fun for all our 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Baby Sensory Sensations</b> 9.00-1.30</p> <p><b>Baby Cafe Bean</b> 9.00-9.30 <b>Little Ravers Disco</b> 9.30-11.00 Grab your glowsticks and join the Moorlands team to start the week with a good, happy dance and sing</p> <p><b>LGBTQ+ Family Session</b> 1.30-3.00 Providing opportunities for parents and carers and their children to take part in a range of activities in an inclusive, safe space</p>	<p><b>Story Cafe</b> 9.30-10.30 Come and enjoy reading stories to your children</p> <p><b>Parent and Toddler Group</b> @ MK Christian centre Oldbrook 10.00-11.30</p> <p><b>Baby Group</b> 1.45-3.15 Come and join our relaxed, nurturing, baby sensory session. A chance to meet other parents in the area and share experiences</p>	<p><b>Well-Being Wednesday</b> @ Moorlands Primary School 8.45-10.00</p> <p><b>Singing with Moorty &amp; Mooreen</b> 9.30 – 10.30 Join our new friends with some lively songs &amp; rhymes to help with speech &amp; Language</p> <p><b>Stay and Play</b> 1.30-3.00 A play session for the under-fives, with indoor and outdoor play. Including a healthy snack, songs, rhymes and a story</p>	<p><b>Soft Play</b> 9.30-10.30 Encourages children to explore and play independently and build confidence</p> <p><b>Story and Rhyme Time</b> 10.30-11.00 An interactive session with books and singing to help with speech &amp; Language</p> <p><b>Baby Sensory Sensations</b> 1.30-3.30</p> <p><b>Messy Play</b> 1.30-2.45 A fun sensory session to promote imagination, language, and development</p>	<p><b>Baby Sensory Sensations</b> 9.00-1.30</p> <p><b>Music and Movement</b> @ Coffee Hall Community Centre 9.30-10.30 A fun music and movement session for the under-fives.</p> <p><b>Coffee Morning and Play</b> 10.00-12.00</p> <p><b>Baby Sensory Sensations</b> 2.00-3.30</p> <p><b>Socotots</b> 2.00-2.45 Fun football session for children walking to age five</p>



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