

MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can



16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Already Halfway through the School Year

This has been such a busy half term. We cannot believe how quickly it has passed. So much has been enjoyed and achieved within the school community. What have been the main highlights of the Spring term so far? - A new entrance gate and path to the school for parents and children; the OFSTED inspection report; another successful Story Café for our Reception class; a riverside exploratory walk for our year 4 children; Year 5 have loved the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory writing unit with some very impressive diary entries by the Oompa Loompas, Year 6 and Year 2 children have completed their SATS practice tests and of course the other year groups have been steaming ahead in their learning too.



We are so proud of how well the children have achieved in all areas of their learning and development. Pupils on the whole behave exceptionally well and have shown such a passion for learning. The school team continue to give everything they have to make all our children and families proud of what we can achieve when we work together. I truly believe that "Together we can" ... achieve so much more ... when we work together.

Parent / Carer Meetings with Class teachers

Meetings for parents / carers with their child's class teachers are planned for Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February between 3.15pm and 6pm. Appointment lists are in the classroom, but you can speak to your child's class teachers at the end of the day if you need to work around these times. We love to share your child's learning and progress and when we work together in partnership, we all reap the benefits so please come along.



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Well-Being Wednesdays

Why not come along to our weekly Wellbeing Wednesday coffee mornings with Mrs Nicholls - we would love to see new faces. Gemma from Moorlands and Marian from Hedgerows family centres always come along for a chat and can offer advice and signpost to support in relation to any financial/family/ behaviour/ health services and much more. You will always be made to feel most welcome!

Moorland Easter Egg-stravaganza Family Coffee Morning

Moorland School and the local Family Centres are collaborating to organise a special coffee morning for parents to attend on **Wednesday 27th March** between **9.00am and 11.00am**. Several agencies and organisations will be available to provide advice and information for parents including;



Internet Safety Team	Neighbourhood Watch	SEND
Child bereavement UK	Illegal Money Lending Advice team	
Q:Alliance	Carers MK	Enuresis



So, after you have dropped off the children at school and nursery, why not come along for a cup of coffee, a piece of cake and see what's available for children and families. The Easter Bunny is bound to leave some Easter eggs hidden around the hall.

Developing a new School Website

Our school website is looking rather tired at the moment so plans are in place to create a brand new one. Maria Podbury, Your parent governor attends our Well Being Wednesdays so if you have any ideas or suggestions, then please come along and share them with her.

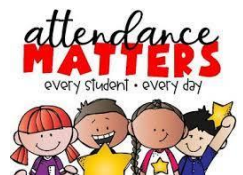


Persistent Absence from School

As you know we monitor children's attendance every day. Sadly, some children are what we would describe as persistently absent.

What exactly does that mean?

A child is described as persistently absent from school when they have **missed more than 10%** of school sessions and their attendance is less than 90%. That's actually a little more than 1 day missed every two weeks, or 3 days in a six-week term. You can see how easy it is to fall into that category.



Over the last half year, we have been working really hard with parents to support them in dealing with the issue of Persistent Absence and we have seen some real improvements. We aim to continue this support as we can really see the benefits in class learning and well-being. We will share your child's attendance with you in your Parents meetings so please feel free to ask us any questions. I will be available to meet if you have any worries or concerns.



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Attendance Winners this week...

Well done **Skylarks** – **for their Amazing Attendance** this week. They just missed out last week, but everyone else was left standing as our Year 6 children stormed ahead into the lead. **Lateness – valuable minutes lost to learning** - rose sharply to over 1400 minutes. We really need this to fall next half term!

Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week, even if the overall class attendance fell short of that you are doing great! At the half way point of the year, we are so proud of the **25 children** who have achieved 100% attendance since the start of the school year. Well done.



If you have managed to achieve **100% attendance so far in the Spring term**, there are just 24 school days to the Easter holidays so keep going strong. We really want everyone to be a **Moorland Attendance HERO** – **Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time**. So please help us achieve the success your child deserves.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 12 th February 2024	
 Ladybirds ~ 80.5%	 Owls ~ 94.6%
 Hedgehogs ~ 94.5%	 Squirrels ~ 91.5%
 Foxes ~ 92.6%	 Badgers ~ 89.7%
 Falcons ~ 90.7%	 Skylarks ~ 98.2% 
 Whole School ~ 92.6%	

Wishing everyone a fantastic half term. Hopefully, we will enjoy continued nice weather so you can get out and about to our wonderful parklands and look out for the beautiful snowdrops and daffodils. Remember the family centres and food banks/ Community Fridge will be open as normal so pop in and see what they have to offer.

Best wishes

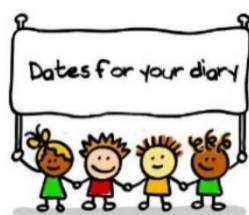
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Date	Event
Fri 16th Feb – 3pm	End of Term
Tues 20th Feb	Deadline for ordering school dinners for week beginning 4 th March
February Half Term Holidays	
Mon 26th Feb – 8.30am	Children return to School
Mon 26th and Tues 27th Feb 3.15pm – 6.00pm	Parent/ Carers Meetings with class teachers. Contact your child's teacher to book a time-slot.
Tues 27th Feb	Deadline for ordering school dinners for week beginning 11 th March
Thurs 29th Feb until Thurs 28th March – 3pm – 4pm	Aladdin Drama Rehearsals start for children in Years 3 and 4 – a letter will be sent to parents next week.
Tues 5th March	Deadline for ordering school dinners for week beginning 18 th March
Fri 8 Mar	Proposed trip to see an Orchestra (details to follow)
Tues 12th March	Deadline for ordering school dinners for week beginning 25 th March
Tues 19th Mar	Story Café for Reception parents and children
Wed 27th Mar	Year 5 Trip to Manor Farm, Chearsley
Wed 27th Mar	Easter Egg-travaganza Coffee Morning - in Partnership with our local Family Centres – more details to follow
Thurs 28th Mar – 3.00pm	End of Spring Term
Easter Holidays	
Mon 15th April – 8.30am	Children return to school
Mon 29th April	Class photos – this is a little earlier in the school year than usual. Please ensure your child is wearing their school sweatshirt.
Tues 14th May	Story Café for Reception parents and children
Fri 24th May – 3pm	End of Term
May Half Term Holidays	
Mon 3rd – Tues 4th June	Year 6 Residential trip
Tues 18th June	Story Café for Reception parents and children