



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Flu Vaccinations – Friday 6th December

Children in Reception class up to year 6 are able to have a flu vaccination in School on Friday 6th December. But all parents/ carers must have given their consent in advance. You should have received an email with a letter attachment explaining how to give consent for your child to have the flu vaccination. Please check your email in-box and possibly the junk folder in case it was diverted there. **The deadline is Wednesday 4th December – so don't delay – do it today.**



Santandar's Community Project at Moorland Primary School

Our friends at Santander have started work on a mural in school which we will include pictures of in the weekly newsletter once it is complete.

While they were here, they took the opportunity to share books and read with many of our children. This was a great way to build reading confidence and share our passion for books!

Speaking of reading... keep your eyes out for a new **“Reading for pleasure” newsletter** that will be coming out this term with lots of book recommendations, ideas for reading and new releases.



Brrrr! It's Cold Out There

Remember a warm coat is essential with the arrival of wintry weather. Children continue to play outdoors and enjoy the fresh air, even when it's cold. But, please make sure that your child's coat has their name written clearly on the label.



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Wading through dozens of coats and reuniting them with their owners at the end of the day can be very challenging when they are not named.

Starting School for the First Time in September 2025

Just a quick reminder for parents whose children are in nursery and were born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 – you must apply for a school place now, ready for September 2025. Although the deadline for applications is **15th January**, don't delay – apply on line by the end of November, then you can relax and forget about it.

In England, every parent must apply for a school place for their child even if it's linked to the child's current nursery. Maximise your chance of getting your preferred school place by doing the following:

<p style="text-align: center;">Apply on Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Closing date is 15th January 2025 (starting school for the first time) • Any applications received after this date will be processed after the National Offer day • A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences • Notification of places offered will be made on 16th April 2025 (unless your application is late). 	<p style="text-align: center;">Apply On-line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can only apply on-line at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions before 15th January 2025 • You will be able to view, update, submit and check the status of your application through the Citizen Portal • Notification of the place will be quicker and your application will be secure • You will be able to log in on 16th April to view the School that has been allocated
<p style="text-align: center;">Choose Wisely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the School's allocation and oversubscription criteria. This is how all the applications will be ranked. • Don't assume that you will be allocated a place at your catchment school, if you don't state it as one of your preferences • Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a nursery class attached to your preferred school. • Consider how easy it is for you to get your child to and from school on time. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use all four preferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You could disadvantage yourself if you do not use your opportunity to express a preference for four schools • Each preference is considered in its own right, so give yourself four separate chances, the schools do not know the order of your preferences. • If more than one school is able to offer your child a place, the order of preference is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order you want them to be considered.





Nursery Stay and Play

We had our Nursery stay and play on Wednesday and it was lovely to see the parents and carers getting involved with the learning through play. More dates are planned in the Spring term.



Christmas Singalong for Reception and Nursery parents

Our annual Christmas Singalong for Reception and Nursery parents will be on **Thursday 12th December at 10.30am.**

KS1 Christmas Performance

Our KS1 Christmas Performance will also be on **Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm.**

School dinners

You can order school dinners just one week in advance through Parent Pay. Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners for the next few weeks. You can of course order school dinners for the whole term, but **if you miss these deadlines, your child will need to bring a packed lunch from home.**












Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Tues 26 th Nov	Monday 2 nd Dec
Tues 3 rd Dec	Monday 9 th Dec
Tues 10 th Dec	Monday 16 th Dec
Tues 31 st Dec	Monday 6 th January
Tues 7 th Jan	Monday 13 th Jan



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

Attendance has really dipped this week – was this down to illness or the weather and the first snow of the year? It was pleasing to see Owls jump from bottom of the table to the top this week. If you have been unwell this week, we hope that you are feeling much better and look forward to a return to excellent attendance next week.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 18th November 2024

 Ladybirds ~ 78.1%	 Owls ~ 94.7% 
 Hedgehogs ~ 84.4%	 Squirrels ~ 93.9%
 Foxes ~ 90.8%	 Badgers ~ 94.1%
 Falcons ~ 93.3%	 Skylarks ~ 90.0%
 Whole School ~ 90.8% 	



Date	Event
Tues 3 rd Dec 9am	Story Café for Reception parents
Wed 4 th Dec 9am	Deadline for giving consent for your child's flu vaccination
Fri 6 th Dec	Flu vaccinations for all children from Reception to Year 6 whose parents have completed the online consent form
Wed 11 th Dec 1.30pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thurs 12 th Dec 10.30am	Christmas Singalong for Reception and Nursery Parents
Fri 20 th Dec 3pm	Last Day of term
Tues 7 th Jan 8.30am	Children return to School
Wed 15 th Jan	Deadline for Nursery Parents whose child was 3 years before 31 st Aug 2024 to apply for a school place

Best Wishes
Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher



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