



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Wow, what a wonderful final week of term it has been. Our **Christmas Fair** on Monday was a smash hit and I'm sure you cannot **thank the staff** enough for all the work they put in to make it such a success. All of that, on top of organising and running rehearsals for the Early Years and KS1 performances last week and keeping the important job of learning going on in the classrooms. Over the weekend the library was transformed into a magical Santa's Grotto and the playground and classrooms became wonderfully festive too. It is as if we have magic elves working behind the scenes to make this all happen?



Our week would not have been such a success without **two amazing parent helpers** who came in and put together tombola and raffle prizes for you to try and win (and not forgetting lots of wrapping for Santa and his Elves). **Thank you to Jules and Lisa** for spending so much time in the weeks running up to the fair. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining the fun at the Fair; Whilst it was chilly, everyone wrapped up warm and had a fantastic time. As well as the stalls in the playground, there were lots of free craft activities in the classrooms and we hope you were able to take some time out to sit down with your child and create something special.



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Our School has a lot to be grateful for. A huge thank you to **Father Christmas** for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend not one, but two days with your children. A **massive thank you to Tesco's** for their continued support and donations, without which we could not provide the gifts and treats that you and your children perhaps won and received. And of course, a big thank you to all our parents for supporting your school by coming along and spending money. We really do appreciate it. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £766.25 and we are planning to use this towards new stage lights and blinds in the hall. As you know our children love to perform, so as we continue to fundraise over the school year we will get closer to this goal,



As a thank you for our School Council members who helped with the Christmas fair, our Well-Being leaders, our Playground leaders and our Librarians who have committed to these additional responsibilities throughout the school year, they were presented with a special Christmas selection box in today's assembly.

Christmas Parties

The children had a wonderful time at their Christmas parties yesterday and Father Christmas very generously spent even more time with the children. Thank you for your donations to make their parties extra special. Whether you celebrate Christmas as part of your tradition or not, the magic and excitement of seeing Father Christmas is a joy to see.

Movie Night

The KS2 children spent a fun evening watching the festive movie 'Home Alone'. The children enjoyed spending time relaxing with their friends, munching on popcorn and laughing at the antics of the characters in the film. Thank you to Miss Tompkins for organising the event and to the staff who stayed late after school to support it.



Lockdown Practice

Even with the excitement of Christmas, our school continues to be prepared. The Christmas Grinch visited the school today to try and steal the Christmas gifts but was not successful at all! We went into lockdown (just a practice, of course) and the Grinch could not get close. After a stern talking to by Mrs Carson, the Grinch agreed to sign into school safely and gave a cheeky wave to all of the children from high up on the balcony. The children behaved very responsibly and understood the importance of listening to adults during this time. Well done!



Catch-Up Flu Vaccination

With the number of people being admitted to hospital with flu on the increase, it is worth considering getting your child vaccinated against flu. Anyone can catch flu and it isn't just like a seasonal cold. Perhaps older members of your family would benefit from children in their household being vaccinated. If your child was not vaccinated in school a couple of weeks ago, then there is still an opportunity to attend a Catch up Flu Vaccination clinic. Please call 0300 555 5055 (option 5) to book an appointment at the Clinic on 23rd Dec or just walk in to the clinic on 27th Dec or 3rd Jan. Check out the posters below for all the details.



PACA MK are joining our Coffee morning on Wednesday 22nd January

PACA MK is an independent voice influencing change by representing what matters to **SEND families in MK**. They are an organised committee of parents and carers who have a steering group which meets regularly. PACA MK works in collaboration with service providers in health, education, social care and leisure services in Milton Keynes. Our aim is to fully include parents and carers in the development and improvement of local services.

Come along to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 22nd January, where you will be able to find out more about PACA MK and the advice and support they could offer you and your child if they have SEND.



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School dinners

Get ahead and order school dinners for the whole Spring Term. Chartwells have just released their new menu with lots of tasty options. If your child brings packed lunches, why not take a look at the menu. Remember that **school dinners are free for all children from Reception up to Year 2 and for older children in receipt of Pupil Premium**. But if you are not in receipt of Pupil Premium, perhaps you could ask your child if they would like a school dinner occasionally.

Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners for January. **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 31 st Dec	Monday 6 th January
Tues 7 th Jan	Monday 13 th Jan – look out for the special menu on 16 th Jan to celebrate the New Year. 
Tues 14 th Jan	Monday 20 th Jan
Tues 21 st Jan	Monday 27 th Jan











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

Congratulations Squirrels – Your attendance stands out like a beacon this week.

The School's attendance was extremely disappointing this week with lots of children missing the last day of term. We hope that the children who have been unwell this week feel better soon and that everyone takes time to relax and recuperate over the holidays so that our school's attendance will soar in the Spring term. **If your child achieved above 95% attendance for this term, then well done. You should feel very proud of your efforts – it really does make a difference to their learning and social skills.**



Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 16th December 2024

 Ladybirds ~ 85.7%	 Owls ~ 87.5%
 Hedgehogs ~ 82.4%	 Squirrels ~ 99.6% 
 Foxes ~ 91.9%	 Badgers ~ 89.7%
 Falcons ~ 91.0%	 Skylarks ~ 86.6%
 Whole School ~ 89.5%	



Date	Event
Mon 23 rd Dec – Mon 6 th Jan	School is closed for the Christmas holidays. Monday 6 th is a teacher training day so school is not open to children.
HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Tues 7 th Jan 8.30am	Children return to School – Welcome Back
Mon 13 th Jan	School nursing team to see Year 6 and Reception children
Wed 15 th Jan 9.30am	Nursery Parents are invited to Stay and Play in Nursery
Wed 15 th Jan	Deadline for Nursery Parents whose child was 3 years before 31 st Aug 2024 to apply for a school place
Thurs 30 th Jan	Year 6: Empower and Challenge Workshop – a fully funded workshop presented by Hazard Alley. This is taking place in School so there is no cost to parents.

Whatever you have planned for this holiday season and however you celebrate, it is the season for sharing kindness and spending time with your families. We wish you a very enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January ready for a new term.

Best Wishes
Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher

Christmas At Moorlands Family Centre

Sat 21st Dec 5:00-8:00 Santa's Sledge coming to Beanhill

*Mon 23rd Dec 11:00 -12:30 Moorlands Christmas Party all welcome**

HAF Girl Guides Scouting Taster Days

Dec 30th, 31st, Jan 2nd, 3rd 10am - 4pm

Moorlands Community Larder CLOSED!

Friday 27th Dec & Friday Jan 3rd

Booking essential, pop into the centre to put your name on the list



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Monday 23 rd December	Tuesday 24 th December	Wednesday 25 th December	Thursday 26 th December	Friday 27 th December
<p>Free 11.00 – 12.30 Moorlands Christmas Party For all the family Join us for music, food and activities!</p>  <p>Please book at the Centre</p>	<p>9.30 – 11.30 Christmas Café Pop into the Centre for mince pies and a hot drink to celebrate Christmas with all the Team</p> <p>Centre will close at 12.00</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY CENTRE CLOSED</p> 	<p>BOXING DAY CENTRE CLOSED</p> 	<p>Moorlands Community Larder CLOSED</p> <p>Moorlands Family Centre is closed, but you can access support at Conniburrow Family Centre 01908 675575 9:00am-3:00</p>
Monday 10 th January	Tuesday 11 th January	Wednesday 1 st January	Thursday 2 nd January	Friday 3 rd January
<p>CENTRE OPEN FOR EMERGENCY SUPPORT 9:00-3:00</p> 	<p>9:00-3:00 Moorlands Family Centre is closed, but you can access support at Rowans Family Centre 01908 565852</p> 	<p>NEW YEAR'S DAY CENTRE CLOSED</p> 	<p>Snow Zone Sledging & Lunch Haf Activity Booking is required via eequ.org</p> 	<p>Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00</p> <p>Moorlands Community Larder CLOSED</p> <p>Panto Trip – MK Theatre & Dinner Haf Activity Booking is required via eequ.org</p>