



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can



21th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is definitely on its way! This week the sun has been shining the children have been climbing on the play equipment at play and lunchtime. Let's hope it stays this way for the weeks to come.

Reception story café

A huge thank You to all the wonderful parents and carers that came along to our Chicken Licken Story Cafe this week. We had 73% of parents/carers attend! The children really enjoyed sharing this amazing learning opportunity alongside their parents and carers. We Look forward to our next one and hope to see you there.



The chicks have hatched!

The children have been patiently watching and waiting for the chick's to hatch. Having the chicks in early years help develop important skills such as patience and responsibility. The incubation period was a test of patience for all of the children. Now they have hatched, the children will be taking on the

responsibility of caring for the new-borns, learning valuable lessons about empathy, compassion, and nurturing. They have already all had a little hold and enjoyed watching the chicks run around a larger open space.



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Get well soon Mrs Holmes

Many of you would have already noticed that we are missing a much loved presence on the gates in the mornings and after school this week. Mrs Holmes, our safeguarding and attendance lead will be off until later next term as she has just had an operation. We are pleased to share that Mrs Holmes is now recovering at home following her operation and has already been in touch to say she is missing you all. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her when she is better.



Eid Celebrations

We would like to send our very best wishes to all our families and community during Ramadan and wish you lots of happiness and good health during this very important time of year. If your child is not attending school on Monday 31st March to celebrate Eid please email the school office to request their leave of absence.

Bikeability

Lots of our Y5 and Y6 children have really enjoyed the Level 1 & 2 Bikeability course these last few weeks. They have learnt the **COPP** skills to ride safely on the redways and roads- **C**ommunication, **O**bservations, **P**osition and **P**riorities.

They all showed great resilience and perseverance during the course and returned to school with greater confidence! We hope the children keep up their newly learned skills when riding their bikes at home. Thank you to Miss

Tompkins and Miss May for being such sports and taking part in the training – without them it would not have been possible. Thanks also to the instructors!



After the Easter Holidays **all children** who ride a bike or scooter to school **must wear a helmet**. We thank you in advance for your support in keeping our children safe.





Year 6 - Leavers hoodies

We are in the process of ordering the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies for 2025. If you would like your child to receive a hoodie, please complete the order form that was sent home this week and return it to school by **Friday 25th April 2025**, along with cash payment. We are ordering the hoodies earlier this year so the children will be able to wear them for longer at school.

The cost for each hoodie is **£15.80 or £16.95** (depending on the size ordered). All the children's first names will be printed on the back, unless you tell us otherwise. The hoodies will also have 'Moorland Primary School Leavers' embroidered on the left chest. All hoodies will be ordered in the colour burgundy to match our school colours.



Requesting meetings with staff

If you would like to discuss any concerns about your child at school the **first contact** should always be made via your **child's class teacher** at drop off or pick up time. A telephone appointment can also be arranged but this will not always be immediate. Our teachers are with your children all day teaching and often have meetings after school so please be patient if they cannot meet with you immediately.

Mrs Nicholls and **Mrs Harrison (and of course Mrs Holmes)** from the **wellbeing team** will be on the gate each day and always a great help. They are always happy to support you, so have a chat and request a time to meet for longer if you need to.

If, after speaking to the class teacher, you feel it necessary to speak with a member of the **SLT** you will need to book an appointment as they are not always available straight away. **Mrs De Voogt** our **Inclusion leader** can offer further support to parents of children with special needs. **Mrs Carson** our **Deputy Headteacher** can help with teaching, learning and behaviour concerns.

I will always help and support in any way I can as **headteacher** and try to as visible before and after school so please come over and say hello. However, for more formal meetings you will need to make an appointment and will be asked whether you have already spoken to the team involved in the day to day education of your child.

Mrs Clarke and **Mrs O'Hanlon** are always available in the school office and able to take messages and arrange the appropriate meeting on your behalf.

Your Child's education and wellbeing are of the utmost importance to Moorland and all our staff members are here to offer support when required.















Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time

Congratulations Owls – A fantastic week with 100% attendance. The children absolutely loved visiting the Moorland Market as a reward! A wonderful week for Falcons too – you were just pipped to the post!

There has been a huge improvement in attendance this week and we are seeing a lot less children coming in late too. We are so close to every class turning green fingers crossed for next week.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 17 th March 2025	
 Ladybirds ~ 95.7%	 Owls ~ 100% 
 Hedgehogs ~ 91.9%	 Squirrels ~ 96.8%
 Foxes ~ 90%	 Badgers ~ 96.0%
 Falcons ~ 99.7%	 Skylarks ~ 92.8%
 Whole School ~ 95.2%	

Spring events

Our staff and pupils have organised a few treats in the coming weeks. Look out for more information next week...

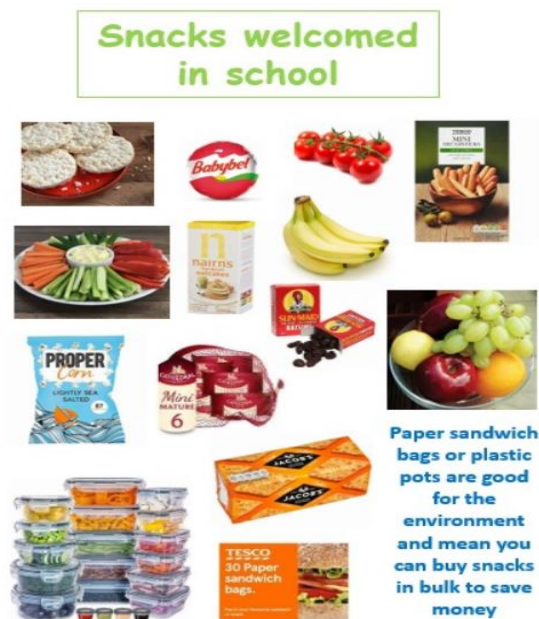


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Breaktime snacks

Children in Early years, Y1 and Y2 are all given a piece of fruit or a vegetable to enjoy at breaktimes as part of a free healthy eating scheme. Unfortunately, these are not provided for our older children so they have to bring their own snacks to school. We encourage the children to bring a drink and healthy snack to refuel them between lessons as this is proven to help them focus and learn. However, we have seen an enormous change in the foods being brought in including crisps, chocolate bars, sweets and cakes – all which can have a detrimental effect on their concentration, behaviour and of course their teeth and overall health.

PLEASE only provide a healthy snack such as fruit, vegetables, crackers, popcorn, breadsticks, cheese or cereal bars. We are a nut free school so please leave these to enjoy at home.



School dinners

The menus have now been updated for the Summer Term. You can book your child's lunches right up until the end of May please make sure you have booked your child's lunches for **after the Easter holidays**. Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners for the rest of this half term



Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Sunday 23 rd Mar	Monday 31 st March
Easter Holidays	
Sunday 13 th April	Monday 21 st April
Sunday 20 th April	Monday 28 th April



If you miss these deadlines, your child must bring a packed lunch from home.

Meals are prepared to order and there is no guarantee that there will be anything spare if you forget your child's packed lunch – **if there are spare lunches these can be offered at the daily price charged from Chartwells.** The office will phone you if

your child has no lunch which is an inconvenience for you.



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Headlice

Sadly, Spring is a good time for head-lice to get busy and they are happy to settle on anyone's head! So, we need **YOUR** help to stop it spreading between the children.

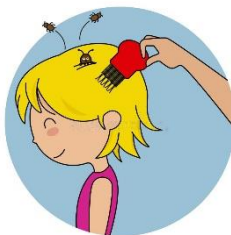
Thank you to all of you who already check and treat your child's hair – if you do not do this already then please start this weekend. If you don't your child will just keep spreading the lice within the class and that really isn't fair.

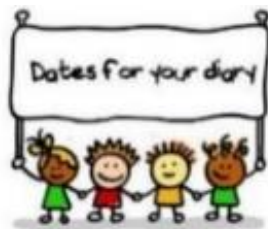


The easiest way to deal with headlice or prevent them really getting hold is to invest in some headlice combs and some cheap hair conditioner. As part of your weekly routine, even if your child does not have head-lice, apply a large quantity of conditioner after a hair wash and systematically comb through your child's hair with a head-lice comb similar to the one in the picture. The conditioner really slows them down and you can rinse them away before they get moving again. Make sure to rinse the comb each time you use it, otherwise, you will put them back on the head!



Remember to comb from underneath the hair as well as on top. If you find any head-lice, repeat this process every 3 days for 21 days and make sure everyone in the household follows the same process. You will stop the cycle of them growing up and having more baby lice. Together we can beat them!





Date	Event
Fri 28 th March	Mother's day bake sale – 3pm on playground.
Tue 1 st April	KS1 Easter Craft session - £5 per child - Tickets on sale next week.
Wed 2 nd April	Moorland Community Day in partnership with MK College and Woughton Parish Council – more details to follow Year 6 at MK College for Bird box project
Wed 2 nd April 1pm-2pm	Nursery open afternoon for prospective nursery parents and their child
Thurs 3 rd April 3pm	Term Ends
Fri 4 th April	Inset day school closed
Easter Holidays	
Tues 22 nd April 8.30am	Children return to school
Mon 28 th April	Class Photos and Year 6 Individual photos
Wed 30 th April 8:45am	Coffee morning – The Trading standards team are visiting to offer advice for scams and door scams and rouge traders.
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 6 th May	Reading Drop in Clinic - an opportunity to ask any questions about Reading with your child
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th May	Y6 SATS week – Free Cooked Breakfast from 8am. Please make sure your children are in school, on time, every day
Wed 21 st May	Nursery Stay and play Songs and story time 8:30am – 10:30am
Fri 23 rd May	Term Ends
May half term	
Mon 2 nd June	Children return to school