



# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

6th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome back to School












We are delighted to welcome back all the children to a new school year. We are so pleased that all the children arrived eagerly at school on Wednesday morning at 8.30am. It has been a really positive start to the year and for our pupils' learning. It is always a delight to see enthusiastic children happily learning in school.

Welcome also to all our new starters in Nursery, Reception and across the school. They are already settling quickly into their new classes and making new friends. We are also very pleased to welcome our new members of staff. Mrs Vidal is our new Year 2 teacher and Mrs Morley, our new senior nursery nurse. Miss Cheshire will be joining Year 4 as a trainee teacher working alongside Mrs Bull.

### Together We Can Achieve Excellent Attendance

It is so wonderful to see such positive attendance figures for the first week back. – Well done everyone and keep up the good team work.

#### Attendance for Week Beginning Wednesday 4th Sept 2024

 Ladybirds ~ <b>100%</b> 	 Owls ~ <b>98.2%</b>
 Hedgehogs ~ <b>93.5%</b>	 Squirrels ~ <b>95.3%</b>
 Foxes ~ <b>100%</b> 	 Badgers ~ <b>98.9%</b>
 Falcons ~ <b>94.3%</b>	 Skylarks ~ <b>91.1%</b>
 Whole School ~ <b>95.8%</b>	

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



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## Congratulations to Mrs Holmes

Our dedicated and very much loved safeguarding and attendance lead, Mrs Holmes **celebrates 20 years** at Moorland Primary this week. What a wonderful achievement and very well worth celebrating. Thousands of families have benefited from all of the time and support she has given over these two decades. We feel very lucky that she continues to be a huge part of our school and continues to work hard to keep the Wellbeing of all our children, families and staff at the forefront of every we do at Moorland Primary School.



## Visit our new website

We are delighted to share that our new website has just gone live! Please visit <https://www.moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk/> and let us know what you think. A big thankyou to Mrs Dredge in the office who has worked tirelessly to make our vision come to life.



## A big thankyou to Tesco

We are extremely fortunate to be working in Partnership with **Tesco's** on a special fencing project. **Bill** and **Craig** have been absolutely wonderful and over recent weeks, together they have constructed a new fence along the outside of the playground – children's safeguarding is paramount and we are so grateful to them for their hard work. Watch out for phase 2 of the project when another team will come into brighten it up for us.



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## Pop along next week to meet the teachers...

<b>Wed 11th</b>	Our Special needs Coordinator, Mrs De Voogt, welcomes parents to drop into the Well-being Coffee Morning next Wednesday where she will join Mrs Nicholls for tea and cakes. If you have any questions or want to find out more about how we support children with additional needs please come along.	Everyone welcome	9.00am onwards
<b>Tues 10th</b>	Miss Gargan and Miss Tompkins	Year 5 & 6	Starting at 3.10pm once all the children have been collected
<b>Wed 11st</b>	Miss Norfolk and Mrs Vidal	Year 1 & 2	
<b>Thurs 12th</b>	Miss Laud and Mrs Bull	Year 3 & 4	

This is an ideal opportunity for you to find out about our plans for the year ahead and how we can work together in partnership to make this another successful year. It would be great to see you.



## PE Days and PE Kit

Here is just a reminder about our PE uniform: Black jogging bottoms/ tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and trainers. Each year group has a specific PE day which can be found below. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and school sweatshirt on those days so that they don't have to change for PE.

Year Group/ Class	PE Day
Rec – Owls	Wednesday
1 – Hedgehogs	Friday
2 – Squirrels	Friday
3 – Foxes	Wednesday
4 – Badgers	Wednesday
5 – Falcons	Wednesday
6 – Skylarks	Friday



## Swimming Lessons for Year 4 Children

Year 4 children will start their swimming lessons on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. We shall email parents with the details.



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## Book Bags

All children will need to bring their school book bag with them every day. The children visit the school's library once a week and can bring home a library book as well as their Reading books. The Bookbags are essential to keep precious school books safe. If a school book is damaged, then we will have to ask parents to pay the cost of replacing the book. Please remember to check your child's bookbag every day for important updates and information from School and so that you can encourage your child to read their book at home. If your child hasn't got one, it can be bought at Kedaph Schoolwear Limited. Information can be found on our website: <https://www.moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Uniform&pid=88>



## After School Clubs

Emails about this half terms after School Clubs will be sent out next week, so please look out for when they start, the cost and how to apply for a place. Remember we are now **cashless** and payments for Clubs are made through **Parentpay**.

## Parentpay

We are currently in the process of setting up all clubs and trips including breakfast club on ParentPay, this will hopefully be completed by the end of next week. It is important that you **activate your ParentPay** asap if you would like to book your children onto any clubs or trips. All payments will need to be made online and no cash will be accepted in the school office once everything is up and running. Please let us know if you require your ParentPay activation details again and we can print them out for you. We are here to help so please come to the main office if you need any support.



## School Dinners

There were significant problems at the start of term with school dinner orders. These were not down to the school. We worked really hard and were successful in making sure that all the children who'd ordered a school dinner received one and we thank you for your patience.

Here is a reminder of 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:
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept – <b>look out for the Special Global Adventure menu on Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct



**Don't forget that all children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school dinner. Children in Years 3 – 6, who are in receipt of Pupil Premium, are eligible for a free school dinner. But you still need to order the school dinner via Parent Pay: [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).** A letter with a Parent pay log-in has been sent to all our new families.

If your child brings a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it includes healthy options, such as salad, fruit or yoghurt. It should not include chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks.

## Allergies

We have a no nut policy at School and ask that you do not bring in food items containing nuts into the school in packed lunches or for celebrations and events. This is to safeguard children and adults in the school who may have a nut allergy. Please ensure that the School is informed about any dietary requirements/ allergies when you check your child's Data Collection sheet which you will receive in the next week.



## Early Morning Breakfast Club

Our Early Morning Breakfast Club has returned. Children can be dropped off at 8.00am for our breakfast club (Buzz at the Carpark gate and come down to Reception) if this helps you to get to work. Please book a place on the breakfast club by emailing the school office at least 48 hours in advance of the days you need: [parentsinfo@moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:parentsinfo@moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk). Your child can enjoy cereal or toast for breakfast and some fun activities for £1.00 per day. Please use Parent Pay to pay for the breakfast clubs.

## Attendance Matters

The Government has emphasised the importance of getting all children into school right from the **beginning of term**. Those first weeks back are really important as they set good patterns of behaviour and help children to engage in their learning and wider development alongside their friends.



## Requests for Absence during Term Time

We recognise that holidays are cheaper in term times but every child in England is expected to attend school during term time. You will be aware that the Government have increased the fines for parents who decide to take their child on holiday during term time. If your child is not going to be in school for a planned reason or you do choose to go on holidays, please remember to fill in the Absence Request form and please be honest with us as the children **ALWAYS** tell us about their holidays. They can't help but share their lovely memories.



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## Absence because of Illness.

If you are ever unsure or concerned about whether to send your child to school if they are unwell, there are some links below that you might find useful to guide you. If your child is not in school because they are unwell, please phone the school by 8.45am.



The link: [NHS advises](#) that it is fine to send children to school with a minor cough or cold provided they don't have a temperature and another link: [what parents can do](#) if their child is facing attendance challenges. Please take some time to read through this information. It will give you the confidence to support your child's attendance.

Please believe me when I say that we are not being nosy or intrusive but it is our safeguarding duty to call, text and home visit until we make sure we have made contact with a family who is absent from school.

## Emergency Contacts

There will be occasions when the School needs to contact you – especially if your child becomes ill or has an accident. The School may contact you by phone, text or email to keep you up to date with events and advise you of any cancellations.



**At the start of term, we shall be sending home your child's Data Collection Sheet. Please check it carefully, update the information as necessary, sign and return it to the school office without delay (even if there have been no changes).**

Throughout the rest of the year, please keep the School office informed of any contact changes especially telephone numbers and email address.

## Year 6 – Starting Secondary School in September 2025

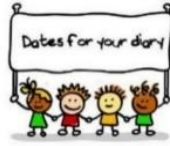
Milton Keynes Council have already opened up the Year 7 application portal on their website.

Secondary schools will be publishing dates for their Open Evenings, so please visit their websites to find out the dates and go along with your child to see what they are offering.

Once you have considered the options and made your decision, go to [MKCC's website](#) and submit your application. **The deadline is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Don't miss this deadline. If you do, it will affect your child's chances of getting a place in their preferred school.



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Date	Event
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Free Family Festival in Netherfield (see the poster below)
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Meet the Teachers (see the table for your child's class dates)
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PE classes start – (see the table for your child's class days)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 4 Trip to Bradwell Abbey
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Helping your children stay out of harm's way - 6.30-8.30pm Zoom session (See poster below)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Last day of term
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual pupil photos

Best Wishes

*Angela Garner*

Mrs. Angela Garner  
Headteacher

## Woughton is 50! Free Family Festival – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

This Saturday sees the “Woughton is 50! Free Family Festival!” come to Netherfield. The event will be a celebration of Woughton with music, stalls, food, and fun, including activities for kids, bouncy castles, live acts and more! See the poster below. Everyone is welcome

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH BIRTHDAY!

**WOUGHTON IS 50!**

**FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL!**

**SAT 7TH SEPT 12-4PM**

**@ALPHABET PARK, FARTHING GROVE, NETHERFIELD, MK6 4HW**

**FOOD**      **MUSIC**      **BEACH PARTY**      **ARTS + CRAFTS**  
**FACE PAINTING**      **BOUNCY CASTLES**      **STALLS**      **GAMES**

 Woughton Primary School  
 PLAY RANGERS  
 Milton Keynes City Council  




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# Parents and Carers:



## Helping our children stay out of harm's way

### Informative and Empowering

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today's climate.

### Workshop Details

#### Where?

Online via Zoom (link at bottom of flyer)

#### When?

Wednesday 25th September

6:30pm-8:30pm

#### How Much?

FREE!

Book your space using the link below:

<https://benkinsellatrust.beaconforms.com/form/498546b0>

### Topics Include:

The current stresses for young people, including fear, violence, knife crime and exploitation.

Online harms, social media, drill music

How to have meaningful conversations with our children

Empowering our children to stay safe



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