



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are already at the end of our second week! The children have all settled really well, including all of our new little ones in Nursery and Reception. It is really great to see them playing and learning together and making new friends.

Thank you for coming to our “**Meet the Teacher**” events this week for children in Year 1 to Year 6. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about what your child will be learning this year and how you can support them. Please remember always speak to your **child's teacher first** if you have any worries or concerns about their learning, friendships or anything that happens in school. If you feel you need support from the Wellbeing team, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Harrison are always happy to help too.

Our new Website

Have you had a chance to look at our new exciting website yet? www.moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk We are delighted with the new fresh look and all the beautiful photos have really added depth and interest. Of course we welcome feedback from parents and carers. We are sorry that there were a few teething problems sending out last week's newsletter, but that should all have been resolved. If you missed seeing the newsletter, please take some time to look at the copy on the home page of our website. It has some really useful updates and reminders.



Reception Parents -Reading Workshop: Thursday 19th September

Our Reception parents are invited to a Reading Workshop on Thursday 19th September at 8.50am – 9.15am. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out how to read to your children at home and how to support them in their learning. Don't miss it. It will increase your confidence and understanding about how to develop your child's love of reading and also show you how we teach phonics. Can't wait to see you there!



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Year 4 Trip to Bradwell Abbey: Tuesday 17th September

Don't forget that Year 4 children are visiting Bradwell Abbey on Tuesday 17th September so they will need a packed lunch. Please put the lunches into a named carrier bag so they can be thrown away after. We do not want to lose any lunch boxes. If you have ordered school dinners have been converted to packed lunches so no need to send one in for your child.



Year 4 Swimming Lessons starting: Friday 20th September

Year 4 children will be starting swimming lessons on Friday 20th September. Please add a reminder to your phone calendar to make sure they bring their swimming costume or trunks, a towel and goggles on Fridays. They won't be leaving until 11am so they will need to come to school dressed as normal and will change when they are there.



MacMillan Coffee Morning: Wednesday 25th September

Our Wednesday coffee mornings have started well and if you have not been before we would love to see you there. You will be made very welcome and Mrs Nicholls always has some delicious treats to enjoy.

Our Coffee morning on Wednesday 25th September from 8.45am – 10.00am is extra-special as we will be fund-raising for MacMillan Cancer Support. Please come along for a coffee and a cake (prices apply). We would also really appreciate donations of cakes to help make our event a huge success. Cake donations can be brought to school on either Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th September. We look forward to seeing you there and, as always, thank you for your generous support.



Hello Yellow in support of World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10th October

The children have asked to wear something yellow or other brightly coloured clothing (please don't buy anything specially) on Thursday 10th October in support of World Mental Health Day. A suggested donation of £1 can be made to this worthwhile charity












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Together We are Improving Attendance

Attendance and Time-Keeping have continued to be excellent this week. Well done everyone and keep up the good work. We are delighted to have such a great start to the school year.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 9 th Sept 2024	
 Ladybirds ~ 100%	 Owls ~ 93.5%
 Hedgehogs ~ 92.2%	 Squirrels ~ 98.8%
 Foxes ~ 99.2%	 Badgers ~ 98.3%
 Falcons ~ 95.5%	 Skylarks ~ 96.6%
 Whole School ~ 96.6%	

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

A reminder of some of the things you might have missed...



Track-It Lights

Parents will have received their log-in details for the track-it light app this week. If you haven't already downloaded it please do so. It's a great way to celebrate all the **green** positive points your child receives each week and where needed a few **yellow** and **orange** reminders too. Where behaviour hasn't been so good we have to give **red** trackit lights which also leads to consequences such as missing time at lunch or play for example. Where red behaviours become too frequent we will ask you to come in and meet with us so that we can work together to support your child, these may also lead to missing experiences such as after school clubs and visits. We hope that you will continue to work together with us to support your child in school and celebrate the successes too.



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Data collection sheets

Data collection sheets with all of your emergency contact details, children medical or dietary requirements were sent out at the beginning of the week in a brown envelope. Thankyou to all of you who have returned these. If you haven't already done so please send them back as soon as possible please. It is vital we check that we have the most up to date information in school.

Parent Pay



By now, we are hoping that you have activated your Parent Pay account. If you haven't please do this asap. Remember that we are now a cashless school and all activities and payments have to be made via Parent Pay.

Lost School Uniform

Please make sure you label your child's uniform so your child and their clothing can be reunited. We have a store of second-hand uniform of previously lost uniform that's in good condition; so, if your child needs an extra sweatshirt, come and speak to the Wellbeing team and see what we have available.



After School Clubs

Check on Parent Pay for details of the following After School Clubs which are starting next week:

Club	Year Groups	Day	Price
Gymnastics	1,2 and 3	Thursday	£2.50
Basketball	4, 5 and 6	Friday	£2.50
Singing Club	All – families welcome too	Wednesday	Free

Details of other after school clubs will be posted on Parent Pay next week to start the week beginning Monday 23rd Sept.

School dinners

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:
Tues 17 th Sept	Monday 30 th Sept – look out for the Special Global Adventure menu on Thurs 3rd October
Tues 24 th Sept	Monday 7 th Oct
Tues 1 st Oct	Monday 15 th Oct
Tues 8 th Oct	Monday 22 nd Oct



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Healthy Packed Lunches

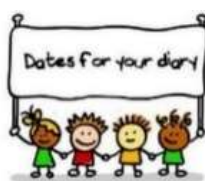
If your child brings a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it includes healthy options, such as salad, fruit or yoghurt. It should not include chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. This is a website with ideas for healthy packed lunches:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Year 6 – Starting Secondary School in September 2025

A reminder for our Year 6 parents to check the Secondary School Open Evenings this half term. Take the opportunity to look around and really help your child prepare for the next exciting stage in their education.

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



Date	Event
Tues 17 th Sept	Year 4 Trip to Bradwell Abbey
Wed 25 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wed 25 th Sept	Helping your child stay out of harm's way 6.30pm – 8.30pm Zoom session: Find out more using the link: https://benkinsella.org.uk/knife-crime-training-for-parents-and-carers/ or see the poster in last week's newsletter for the zoom meeting link.
Mon 7 th Oct	Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Tues 8 th Oct	Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 10 th Oct	Hello Yellow in support of World Mental Health Day
Friday 25 th Oct	Last day of term
Thurs 31 st Oct	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for their child's secondary school place
Tues 5 th Nov	Children return to school
Tues 12 th Nov	Individual pupil photos

Best Wishes

Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher



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