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Moorlands Primary School Curriculum
Language + questioning = communication
Nurturing values and communication

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Staff and Governors would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. Over the last half term, Year 6 have been to Bewdley Museum, Year 3 to Edmond Hall, Year 1 to Dudley Zoo and Reception to Wonderland. In the Spring term, Years 2, 4 and 5 will be arranging educational visits.

The last two weeks have been really busy with a range of Christmas activities: Year 3 and 4 have visited St James' Church to take part in a Christingle service, Year 5 have visited Allerton Court Care home and sang a range of Christmas songs for the residents and Years 1-4 watched a performance of Anansewa: The Legend returns. For the first time since 2019, it was a real joy to put on performances that parents have been able to be an audience for. Reception and Little Learners put on a Nativity performance, Years 1 and 2 performed the Christmas Story and Year 3 performed their own Nativity as they had unfortunately not had the opportunity previously due to Covid restrictions. The children were fantastic and it was great to watch the singing and the acting of your children. Years 4, 5 and 6 treated parents to Christmas singing; they sang beautifully and was a lovely way to end a school day.

Rudolph Run – Thank you for the all of your donations. All children ran or walked around the playground wearing their antlers, even the staff took part running beside them. All donations go to St Giles Hospice, thank you for your support.

Peacemakers - Children in Year 4 and 5 have had the opportunity this term to apply to be a Peacemaker. 16 children have had three days of training and their role is to help children in their class or the classes below to sort out disagreements in the playground. They have a script to follow and work in 2s; this is part of our role to develop children's leadership and communication skills. They are a very strong team and are supported by Mrs Smith who is in Year 2. The school value for the Spring term is respect.

Farewell - Mrs Cheshire, will be leaving Moorlands at the end of term; she has been with us for just over a year. We wish her well as she starts her new role.

Choir - The Key stage 2 choir had the privilege of being invited to sing at the Wednesbury lights switch-on. They really shone and it was a great start to the beginning of Christmas celebrations. The choir will be singing at the Young Voices concert in January 2023, I know they are busy learning the songs with Miss Roper. This is a wonderful opportunity to sing at the NEC alongside many other schools.

Training Day:

The school will be closed to children on Monday 23rd January 2023.

Local Election: Important update

Unlike previous years the school will be **open on Thursday 4th May**, only Little Learners will be closed as this will be the building used for the local elections this year.



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Key Stage 2 SATs update:

Due to the additional bank holiday for the King's coronation. Year 6 SATs will start on Tuesday 9th May instead of the Monday. All tests have been pushed back a day and will be completed by Friday 12th May.

Magic Breakfast - If your child has not had any breakfast before arriving at school – please do not worry. All children have the opportunity to have a bagel as they come into school in a morning, the children have enjoyed this.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available daily from 7.45-8.45 am; this is run by Mrs Smith and Mrs Lunn. The children are provided with cereal, toast and a drink followed by activities. **This costs £3.00 per day which is payable on the day and there is no need to book.**

ELSA support - Mrs Wells' role is to support pupils and families with any concerns that you may have with your child regarding anxiety, anger, their social developments etc. Mrs Wells is usually outside in a morning either on the Key Stage 1 or 2 entrance.

Friends of Moorlands

If you would like to volunteer and help put on events in the school, for example, the discos, summer fairs etc. Please let the school office know. Friends of Moorlands are a small group of parents that organise different events for the children throughout the year. If you can spare an hour or are able to help through prizes, please let the school office know. Next meeting is **Tuesday 10th January 2.00 pm**

Easyfundraising:

Sign up to easyfundraising and every time you spend online they will donate to school. The school's name on the site is: Moorlands Primary School, B71 2NZ. These donations will then be used to benefit the children in school.

Parking: Can we please be mindful of where we park at the start and end of the school day. Residents have complained about their drives being blocked at these times and have contacted the police in regards to parking. The PCSOs have asked us to remind you to not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school or stop blocking the gates to the school car park.

Parental expectations:

So many parents work with us positively to ensure that there is a good partnership between staff and parents. We know that this is successful in supporting the well-being and academic achievement of pupils. However, the Governing Body of Moorlands Primary School would like to remind all parents that we have zero tolerance towards aggressive, violent and abusive behaviour towards staff in our school and other parents.

Attendance

It is important that your child attends school every day.
Attending school every day = 100% attendance. Attending 4 ½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year. Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career. Attending 3 ½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed. **An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.**

As part of attendance procedures if your child's attendance is below 93% the school requires medical evidence when your child is absent. If it is below 90%, you will receive a letter asking you to attend an interview so that as a school we are able to support in making sure your child is regularly attending school. These letters will be going out the first week back in January.

The school's **Attendance Officer** has completed home visits this last term. The aim of this is to support families to ensure that their children are in school and are punctual. If your child/ren are absent, please contact the school office on 0121 556 0352 by 9.30 am on the day with the reason for their absence. It is your responsibility to inform the school office regarding the absence, if we have not had contact with parents then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and we may send the Attendance Officer round to complete a well-being check.

All classes start at 8.45 am and finish at 3.10 pm. There are still a number of children that are arriving late. This means that your child may be embarrassed when entering the classroom particularly if the lesson has already begun (phonics in school starts at 9.00 am) and also means they have missed vital learning time. It is important that children arrive at school on time as it helps set the expectations for their later life and that punctuality is key to success.

Out of School Achievements: Does your child have a talent / received an award that you want to share with the rest of the Moorlands' school community? If so let us know.

Congratulations go to: Mary in Year 5 who has been competing in competitions for Chase swimming club. Mary has won many gold medals and is now swimming for the county. Congratulations to Kate and Lola in Year 5 who danced at Disneyland Paris, performing on the stage, over October half term. Georgia, in Year 4, has achieved her level 1 gymnastic medal. River, in Year 3, has achieved his yellow belt with a white stripe in kickboxing. Shaylee, in Year 6, has achieved her black belt, it was a gruelling 9 hours of assessment and she is now the youngest person in the country to achieve this in kickboxing – well done. Jack, in Year 5, attends cubs and has achieved many badges including a peace badge. Congratulations and well done to all.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023 Christmas holidays

Tuesday 3rd January	Children return to school 8.45 am
Wednesday 11th January	Young Voices concert - choir
Monday 23rd January	Training Day the school is closed to children
Friday 17th February	Children break up for half term at 3.10 pm

Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February Half term

Monday 27th February Children return to school 8.45 am

May – Year 2 will complete their SATs assessment during this month

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th – 13th May SATS week for Year 6

Training Days 2022-2023

Monday 23rd January 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

