

Moorlands Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents that attended parents evening last week, I hope it gave you the opportunity to see how your child has settled into their new class. Thank you also for all the parents and carers who attended the Harvest assemblies, they were well attended and the children's faces lit up when they sang their songs. Over the next half term, I know that classes will be busy preparing for Christmas events, for parents and children to enjoy.

School Priorities:

This year the school will be working with the children on metacognition: this gets the children to think about how they learn in order to retain knowledge and use different strategies in order to complete a task. Well-being focusing on how we can be a resilient learner (Mrs Wells who is our ELSA, will support children with this) and developing children's leadership skills, currently we have some Year 4 and 5's training to become Peacemakers, we have some Year's 5 that are doing Junior PCSOs training and we have our Year 6 leadership team. This term's value is perseverance and the children are learning about this through the curriculum and assemblies.

Attendance

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.

The school's **Attendance Officer** has completed home visits this last half 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.

After half term, if your child's attendance is a concern, you will be asked to attend an interview to look at how we can support you to ensure that your child's attendance is consistent.

Sponsored event – Rudolph Run

On Friday 2nd December which is also Christmas dinner day, the children across the school will be taking part in a sponsored Rudolph Run. The children will run / walk a mile in school. This is to raise money for St Giles Hospice, who help patients maintain their independence and enhance their quality of life. Forms will be sent out after half term.



Breaking Bread

Breaking Bread have asked me to pass on their thanks for your kind donations the total of our donation weighed 153 kg. This will help support our community who are struggling to feed their families.

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.

Support for families

Riverside Housing are hosting a workshop on how to reduce energy bills – 26th October 11-12 pm at Myra Harris Community Room, Brickhouse Lane, West Bromwich, B70 ODZ. Contact Denise 0121 532 5426 DeniseAnn.Heginbotham@riverside.org.uk to reserve a place.

Free Return to Swim Sessions

West Bromwich Leisure Centre, every Thursday 3.00-3.50 pm. Cost: free, running until December. Contact francescaoakley@britishtriathlon.org 0121 580 6430.

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.

School uniform

Please ensure that children are in school uniform as this promotes attitudes to learning, inclusion and equality for all. The uniform is white shirt/polo shirt, blue/grey trousers/shorts, grey skirt and a red jumper/cardigan; red and white chequered items can be chosen during warmer weather. Please ensure suitable black shoes are worn.

Please label school uniform as this helps with any lost uniform.

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.**

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.

Safeguarding helplines and advice

Black Country's Women Aid 9-5pm Monday to Friday 0121 553 0090, 24-hour helpline 0121 552 6448

Childline 0800 1111

Support concerning food 0121 569 2266. Website: www.sandwell.gov.uk/ifo/200354/coronavirus

Confidential advice around benefits or budgeting 0121 569 3158. Website:

welfarerights_team@sandwell.gov.uk





More well-being advice is available on our website: www.moorlandsprimariesch.co.uk

Safeguarding officers in school:

Mrs K.Roberts - DSL

Miss Smith, Mrs Williams, Mrs Wells, Mrs Cramp – Deputy DSL

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.

Well done, Phoebe in Year 2 who gained her Alpha 1,2 and 3 badges in swimming. Congratulations to River in Year 3, who has passed his second grade at kick-boxing and is now moving onto his white with a red stripe belt. A massive success to Mary, in Year 5 who has competed for her swimming team Chase Swimming Club, she managed to register times that were quick enough to secure county qualifying times in 5 separate races, therefore, she is now able to represent her team at county level.

Easyfundraising:

Sign up to easyfundraising and everytime 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.

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.

Dates for the diary:

Half term Monday 24th October –Friday 28th October

11th November Year 6 Bewdley visit

30th November Reception Wonderland visit

2nd December Rudolph Run

2nd December Christmas Dinner

7th December 9.20 am Reception and Little Learners Nativity

7th December Year 1 Dudley Zoo visit

12th December Christmas jumper day

12th December 2.30 pm Years 4-6 Christmas singing

13th December 9.30 am Years 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity

13th December 2.30 pm Year 3 Christmas Nativity

14th December 2.30 pm Years 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity

15th December Christmas parties in the afternoon

16th December School finishes for Christmas at 3.10 pm

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

Tuesday 3rd January Children return to school 8.45 am

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

Monday 8th – 12th May SATS week for Year 6

Training Days 2022-2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Still one day to be confirmed.

