



Moorlands Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff and Governors would like to thank you for all your support in what has been a busy year. Today we say a fond farewell to our Year 6's, who will move onto the next stage of their journey at secondary school, we wish them well. Over the last week they have enjoyed a cinema visit, their Leaver's disco, end of year performances and completed today with afternoon refreshments.

Successes this year:

The school has taken part in a range of events which have allowed pupils the chance to experience a range of artistic and physical activities. These include:

Commonwealth games – P.E Changemakers project, Commonwealth – dance and artwork linked to the Windrush, Musicshare at Lichfield Cathedral, the choir singing at Crankhall Lane at Christmas, Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, Year 3 and 4 Musical performance, Sports Days and a range of different visits.

Awards for Moorlands

The school has achieved the Primary Quality Mark, Values Based Education Mark, Well-being Charter Mark and the National Online Safety Mark.

We were also visited in June by OFSTED for 2 days and we are currently awaiting the report, which will be shared with yourselves.

Values Based Education report stated that:

"From the first moment I arrived at Moorlands it was clear that wellbeing is at the core of this caring school community. Everything that can be done to support the families is done. It truly is a very nurturing school. On greeting parents and children at the gate as they arrived, the SLT showed great care and sensitivity; all parents were treated with respect, and I saw warmth and connection in the relationships. Parents are very appreciative of this and fully supportive of the focus on the whole child, rather than just the academic side of education. They also say that relationships are very positive and that there is excellent communication between the school and families.

On the day of my visit the school had just heard that they have been successful in their bid for a bursary to be trained as a Peacemaker School. This is a West Midlands initiative which teaches a programme of 'Core ideas of Education for Peace which are presented through 5 themes – Inner Peace, Peaceful Choices, Peaceful Actions and Behaviours; Peaceful Relationships and Peaceful Communities.' This will further embed the Values which form the heart of the school ethos."

School opening times:

From September there will be no staggered arrival and leaving times. **All classes will start at 8.45 am and finish at 3.10 pm.** The school gate will open at 8.40 am and will close just before 9.00 am as registers close at this time. If you are late, it is important that you bring your child to the school office rather than leaving them at the gate, to ensure their safety.

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New for September:

The school will have in September an **ELSA, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant**, this is Mrs Wells. Her role will be to support pupils and families with any concerns you may have with your child regarding anxiety, anger, their social developments etc.

The school will also have an **Attendance Officer** who will complete home visits and support families to ensure that their children are in school and are punctual. The **new attendance expectations were included** in your child's report and are based on the new guidelines from the DFE which become statutory in September.

As part of attendance procedures if your child's attendance is below 93% the school requires medical evidence when your child is absent.

If your child/ren are absence 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.

Mrs Smith, becomes the school's HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant), alongside Mrs Lunn. Both of these members of staff run Breakfast Club.

The school will be taking part in the 'Peace Makers' programme. Pupils in Year 4 and 5 will get the opportunity to take part in this. Mrs Smith, HLTA, will be leading this initiative.

Classes 2022-2023

Reception – Miss Butler and Mrs McMullan

Year 1 – Mr Singh

Year 2 – Mrs Williams

Year 3 – Mr Smith

Year 4 – Miss Sharma

Year 5 - Mrs Capella and Miss Minhas

Year 6 – Miss Roper

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.

P.E Kits

P.E. kits can be bought into school at the start of a half term and can be left in school. It is important that children are wearing the school's P.E. kit which is a red/white t-shirt or polo shirt, black/blue shorts and P.E pumps/trainers depending on the PE activity. Children should not be coming into school dressed in their P.E. kit. Please label school uniform as this helps with any lost P.E. kits.

Uniform can be purchased from <https://schoolclothing4u.com/> , [0800 023 6246](tel:08000236246), 69, Stafford St, Wednesbury WS10 7JX

P.E days for the Autumn Term:

Earrings will need to be removed for P.E. and hair tied back.

Reception – Forest school, children can come into school wearing their forest school clothing. Children will need to bring a change of clothing just in case they are needed. A text will be sent to inform you of the start date and time.

Year 1 – Thursday, gymnastics. Starts Thursday 8th September.

Year 2- Thursday, gymnastics. Starts Thursday 8th September.

Year 3 – Monday, games, Albion Foundation. Starts Monday 12th September. (Trainers and jumper can be brought).

Year 4 – Monday, games, Albion Foundation. Starts Monday 12th September. (Trainers and jumper can be brought).

Year 5 – Tuesday, games. Starts Tuesday 13th September. (Trainers and jumper can be brought).

Year 6 – Tuesday, swimming. Starts Tuesday 13th September.

Music:

Years 3 and 4 will have whole class instrument lessons; this service is provided by the Sandwell Music SIPS services.

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.**



Website

Take a look at our school website for information about classes, subjects and photos. Class and curriculum pages give you an insight into what the pupils are learning.

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.moorlandsprimarysch.co.uk

Governors updates:

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.

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 goes to all the children that have taken part in Dance competitions and exams this half term, this includes children in Year 3, 4 and 5.

Free School Meals

If you are unsure as to whether you are entitled to free school meals—this includes children who are entitled to universal free school meals in Reception, Years 1 and 2 so that when they move in to Key Stage 2 you will not need to pay for their meals, then please contact http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education_benefits

Friends of Moorlands – Preloved uniform sale

A Preloved Uniform Sale will take place on Saturday 27th August, from 10.00 am-2.00 pm, at the Cottage Spring, in Crookhay Lane.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 5th September – Autumn term starts for pupils and staff at 8.45 am.

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

Monday 1st May

May Day- School closed

Thursday 4th May

Polling Day, school closed to pupils

Monday 8th – 12th May

SATS week for Year 6

Training Days 2022-2023

Monday 3rd October 2022

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

1 more training day to be confirmed.

Mrs K.Roberts Head Teacher