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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; keep safe. It has been another challenging year but the children have been resilient and have been working extremely hard in school. Over the last half term, Years 5 has been to the Space Centre, Year 6 to the Bewdley Museum and Reception to Wonderland. In the Spring term, Year 4 are going to Ingestre Hall to take part in a day inspired by the book, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and Years 1, 2 and 3 will be organising visits. Years 3 and 4 worked with an artist to produce a sculpture which highlights the importance of diversity and that everyone is unique. Children in Year 5 have completed their work with the PCSOs and Year 6 have taken part in a Safeguarding Awareness workshop. This week your children have been involved in a range of Christmas activities; year 5 and 6 visited St James' Church to take part in a Christingle service and Years 1-4 watched a performance of the 'Nutcracker'.

The singing performances by the classes this week were a real treat. It was great to see so many parents attend and be part of our Christmas celebrations in school. Thank you for making it a success, the children were fantastic.

Farewell:

Mrs Pedley will be leaving Moorlands after nearly 20 years at the end of term. We wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life, and hope that she enjoys her travelling that she has planned. Over the 20 years, she has taught over 600 children, she is a dedicated and knowledgeable staff member who will be greatly missed.

Choir

The Key stage 2 choir had the privilege of being invited to sing at the Crankhall Lane lights switch-on. They really shone and were a great opener to the celebrations.

Magic Breakfast

Children have had the opportunity to have a bagel as they come into school in a morning, the children have enjoyed this – this will continue next term. These will be available in the classroom for any child to help themselves to until 9.05 am.

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.

Attendance averaging 80% or less across a child's school journey 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. Current attendance in school is 93%; in 2020 the attendance was 95%.



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How we manage lateness: The school doors open at 8.40 am; children arrive at their staggered time depending on year group. Registers are marked by 9.00 am and your child will receive a late mark if they are not in by that time.

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 in front of the gates to the school car park.

Covid update: For guidance on what parents and carers need to know about restrictions in schools please use this link. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak> .

Maths: We are proud that we have many pupils who have achieved Rockstar and Rock Hero status in the last term on TT Rockstars. This means they can answer multiplication questions up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds! They have all been awarded TTRockstar badges for this achievement. Congratulations to Ravneet who is leading the way and can answer questions in less than 1 second. Keep rockin' your times tables!

Phonics: The children are really enjoying the **Read Write Inc.** phonic programme; it is really important that your child is in school for 9.00 am as this is when the phonic sessions start. If they are late, they miss out on the speed sounds and new sounds that are introduced. In the Spring term, your child will be bringing home three books: one is a paper book (this is a paper copy of the book they are using in their phonic sessions) and a Book Bag reading book – both of these books are fully decodable so your child should be able to read these to you; the third book, is a book labelled a book for me to share with you, your child has chosen this book and they will be unable to read this book with ease; it is provided for you to discuss, read and enjoy together. It is important that your child returns all 3 books on the following day as they will be using them in their phonic lessons. If you have any questions about this new phonic programme, please speak to Mrs Williams, the Reading Leader. There will be additional letters and video clips placed onto Google Classroom to support yourself and your child with develop their reading skills. This link provides you with information about the programme <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>

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 Mary in Year 5 who has been competing in competitions for Chase swimming club. Mary has won gold medals in the 100m Individual Medley, 100m breaststroke, 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke and 50m butterfly. She is now ranked number 1 in the age 9 category in Staffordshire. Mary's club and parents are very proud of her efforts. Baylee has achieved his 25 metres badge which is a great achievement for a child in Year 1, well done. Harley in Year 2, has taken part in a Christmas Dance show and competitions at Ellowes Hall in Dudley where she won 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the competitions and performed spectacularly, well done.

Free School Meal information and application link:

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education_benefits/2176/free_school_meals

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 4th January – School re-opens to pupils

Friday 7th January - Influenza vaccination for pupils Reception to Year 6 (if you have submitted a consent form)

Tuesday 11th January – Year 5 swimming starts

Wednesday 12th January – Year 4's visit to Ingestre Hall

Thursday 20th January – Year 6 Safeguarding Day – DECCA, police, Rewind

Friday 18th February – school closes for half term at 3.10 pm



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