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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents that attended parents evening; it was lovely to have the opportunity to have a face-to-face meeting with yourselves and it allowed you to meet your child's class teacher. It is pleasing that we are able to begin to start school visits again. This half term, Year 5 have been to the Space Centre where they explored their knowledge of the Science topic. Year 6 went to Bewdley museum as part of their World War Two topic; the children were very humbled as their visit was on Remembrance Day. I know that the other classes are planning visits linked to the curriculum over the next term.

## Sustainability

As part of the school's work on sustainability and reducing waste, this will be the last newsletter that we send out in paper format. In the future, the newsletters will be uploaded to the website and a link by text sent. Long term, we are aiming to move towards a more formal online communication tool. We will contact you regarding active emails address at a later date. If you require a paper copy of the future newsletters, please contact the School Office.

## Magic Breakfast

Commencing the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, school will be providing bagels at the start of the school day. These will be available in the classroom for any child to help themselves to until 9.05 am.

## Attendance

Since half term there has been an increase in the amount 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 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. 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 you in making sure your child is regularly attending school.

Current attendance in school is 93%; in 2020 the attendance was 95%.

**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. School gates will be closed at 9.00am and pupils arriving after this time will need to enter the school via the school office/ school hall.

## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner day is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The deadline for pre-orders on ParentPay is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, this will allow the catering team the time to ensure that they have ordered the required amount of food. This is particularly important this year due to delivery issues that companies are currently having. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 then they are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and will not need to pay but you will still need to pre-book. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 then the cost will be £2.35 (paid online via Parentpay) unless you are on Free School Meals then the meal will be free, but again it will need to be pre-booked.



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## Christmas Performance

Current guidance from Sandwell Local Authority has asked schools not to put on live Christmas performances which result in large groups of people congregating indoors, therefore on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.40 pm Years 1, 2 and 3 will sing a selection of Christmas songs for parents in the Key Stage 2 playground and on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.40 pm Years 4, 5 and 6 will perform their songs. This will include the choir singing. Reception class information to follow.

**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.

**Break time Snacks:** As part of the school's Relationship and Health Education curriculum and Science topics, we discuss with children the importance of balanced and healthy diets. We have noticed that some children are bringing in sweets / lollies and/or large bags of crisps. Break time snacks should consist of: a piece of fruit, a pack of crisps, raisins or cereal/fruit bar. We ask that you support us with this part of the curriculum.

**Homework:** In Key Stage 2, homework will be set using Century Tech, this is an artificial intelligent package that personalises your child's learning based on their responses. It also provides learning nuggets to help support your child and compliments the work that is being done in school.

**Multiplication:** Please support your children learning their multiplication facts. There is a multiplication checker test that is set by the government in Year 4 which sets the expectation that by Year 4, all children should know all multiplication facts up to 12x12. Please use TT Rockstars to help support your child develop multiplication knowledge speed. We have presented Rock Hero and Rock Star badges along with pencils for effort shown using this platform; our current champion is in Year 5 followed by a pupil in Year 3. In addition, we are moving up in the local school TT Rockstar leader board and are currently 14<sup>th</sup> quickest in multiplication speed. Our aim is to further move up in this leadership table. Good luck.

**Phonics:** Starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the school will be moving to a new phonic programme called **Read Write Inc.** Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 may start talking about Fred talk and Fred fingers, this are all part of this programme. This also means that the books your children will bring home will change, they will have a book that will be labelled with a book that I can read on my own and links to the phonic knowledge your child has. They will also bring home a book that is labelled a book to share, your child will be unable to read this book with ease but is provided for you to discuss and read together. 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 all the children across the school who have participated in dance competitions this month, this includes Darcie, Isabelle, Beau, Lola-Bella, Summer and Charlotte. They showcased contemporary and street dance at a competition; they achieved many successes individually and all were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in their group dances. Well done to you all.

Nylah received a medal for singing in Brownie's Got Talent. It is lovely to hear about out of school successes and it demonstrates what talent and confidence the Moorlands' pupils have.

**Dates for the diary:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas dinner

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6's last swimming session

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas songs 2.40 pm Key Stage 2 playground

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas parties pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas songs 2.40 pm Key Stage 2 playground

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – term ends at 3.10 pm