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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year and welcome to our new children and parents in Reception; thank you for choosing Moorlands. Staff could not believe how much the children have grown. They have all settled into the new routines at school and are getting to know their new teacher and support staff. This term our school value is CO-OPERATION, the children are looking at how they are part of a team and how they can work together and help each other. As a school our priorities this year are:

- Knowledge and memory – how knowledge in our short term memory can be transferred to our long term memory.
- Communication – how we can help children articulate their ideas and reasoning skills – verbally, on paper and digitally.
- Well-being – children will develop their language to explain their emotions and what activities we can do to help our well-being.

Well-being

As part of our work on well-being and mental health, this year we have staff that have volunteered to be Well-Being Ambassadors; they are staff members that children or adults can speak to about their worries or anxieties. These are: Mrs Roberts, Miss Smith, Mrs Williams, Miss Roper, Mrs Wells, Mrs Smith and Mrs Pedley – but of course, any member of staff is always there to listen to the children.

Safeguarding

Autumn term – Year 6 are engaging with the DARE 25 project led by Life Skills Education. This programme is designed to help young people take safer and healthier choices and reduce offending behaviours including hate, knife, drug and alcohol related crime.

On the 11th October 2021, children will be having an assembly from the Sandwell Young Carers, who will discuss what a young carer is and the support they offer. If you as a family have a child who is providing emotional support or care for a family member please let us know or contact www.sandwellc.org.uk or call them 0121 525 7667

National Online Safety - To join the Moorlands account on National Online Safety, please follow:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/moorlands-primary-school-b71>

When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and will allow you to access information and videos to support your child's online safety.

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



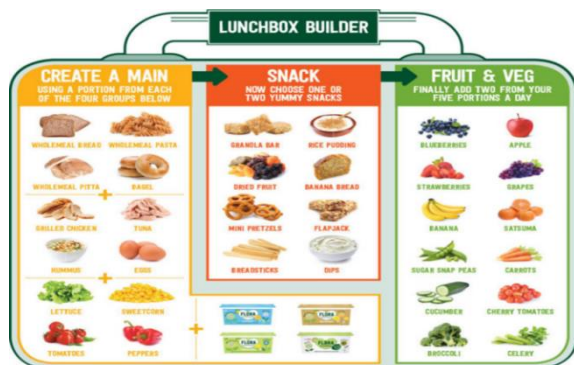
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Defibrillator presentation for Moorlands: We are pleased to announce that Moorlands Primary School has been presented with a defibrillator from Connors5 Foundation. Pupils took part in a skipping challenge in the Summer Term – if anyone has sponsor money or would like to donate to the Connors5 charity who has provided this life-saving equipment to the school, please send your money into school in a labelled envelope. Thank you.

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 which is payable on the day and there is no need to book.

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.



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.

After School Clubs: Currently in school, we have two after school clubs running. Thursday – Year 6 multi-skills and Tuesday – choir for Key Stage 2. We are hoping to increase the amounts of clubs over the next term. After October half term, the Multi-skills club will be for Year 5.

Reception: Currently we have a few places left in the Reception class if you know anyone who is looking for a school place for their child.

Workshops: On **Thursday 30th September**, Mrs Williams will be holding a Year 2 workshop at 3.25 pm to explain the expectations for children in Year 2 and discuss how you can support your child at home. On **Wednesday 20th October** at 1.30 pm, Mrs McMullan and Miss Butler will be holding a welcome to Reception afternoon. They will explain and share information about the school’s phonic and kinetic letters programme, the children will sing some Harvest songs and there will be the opportunity to participate in some autumn activities with your child.

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.

Mary in Year 5, competed for her swimming team Chase Swimming Club at a recent Worcester County Gala “Back on the Blocks”. This event was Mary’s first ever competitive meet, representing her team in the age 9 girls’ category. Mary competed against teams from Worcester, Ludlow, Shropshire and Wolverhampton etc. and achieved bronze medals in the 100m Individual Medley, 100m breaststroke, 50m freestyle and gold in the 100m backstroke. Mary’s club and parents are very proud of her efforts. All her hard work and dedication at training is paying off. Swimming is such an important life skill to have, well done Mary; we look forward to hearing about more of your achievements in swimming.



Dates for the diary:

Monday 27th September – Relationship and Health Education Parent’s meeting 5.00 pm (Please let the school know how many seats you require if you are attending)

Friday 22nd October – term ends at 3.10 pm

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October Half Term

Monday 1st November - Children return to school

Monday 11th November – Year 6 visit to Bewdley – World War Two

Tuesday 7th December – Year 6’s last swimming session

Friday 17th December – term ends at 3.10 pm

Harvest Products: As part of our commitment to supporting our local community we are asking pupils to bring in items that will support families on **Friday 8th October 2021**. This year we are asking for donations of non-perishable groceries that will be given to a local food bank, which aims to support families who are in crisis. **As we have pupils who have nut allergies could you please not send any goods with nuts – e.g., peanut butter. Thank you for your understanding.**

Below is a suggested shopping list of goods that you could donate:

- Tinned foods
- Pasta/rice/noodles/ pasta sauces etc.
- Desserts, e.g. instant whip/custard/jelly packets
- Tea/coffee/sugar/long-life milk
- Biscuits
- Long-life juice cartons/fruit squash
- Jam/spreads

Your harvest gifts would be greatly appreciated and we thank you for your support as I know that food parcels will be greatly received by those in need. Please feel free to send in contributions at any point before the festival.

Virtual Harvest Festival: This year our Harvest Festival celebratory songs will be placed onto Google Classroom. As part of our GDPR policy in order for your child to recorded taking part in this, the school requires consent. **Please return the attached form to consent to photography/videos being shared on Google Classrooms across the year.**

Photography/video GDPR Consent:

Please provide consent to allow photography/videos of your child to be placed on Google Classroom across the year for celebratory purposes. Please be aware that the rest of the class will be able to access this – we ask all pupils and parents to be respectful of individual privacy and view these celebratory photos/videos privately only and not to place on social media.

I give permission for photos/videos of my child to be placed on Google Classroom for celebratory purposes. I understand that these should never be placed on social media.

Name _____

Year group _____

Signed (parent/carer) _____



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