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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 a very challenging year but the children have still had the opportunity to take part in a range of events on the lead up to Christmas. All classes have recorded a Christmas song using sign language instead of singing, this has been recorded and is available on our website to watch. They all had the opportunity to take part in Moorlands got Talent; this was shown virtually in classrooms so that all children could see the talent across the school. Well done if you took part it was lovely to see the talent that Moorlands has got. Years 4 and 5 worked with an artist to produce two sculptures which highlights the dangers of climate change. Reception had a virtual visit with Santa, who told them that they were all on the nice list as long as they continue to be good for the rest of the year.

Universal Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they are entitled to universal free school meals. Each day there is a range of options: meat, vegetarian and sandwich. Meals can be pre-booked in advance through ParentPay.

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.

Parentpay – Years 3,4, 5 and 6

If you are not entitled to free school meals and would like to order a school dinner, this can be pre-booked on Parentpay up until midnight the day before. The cost of the meal is £2.35 – please ensure that you check that you are in credit before booking a meal.

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.

Health and Safety due to COVID

Reminder: that there is a one-way system in place during the staggered arrival and departure times. Please adhere to these times so as to reduce the amount of people on the school site and to aid with social distancing. We also encourage you to wear a face mask while on site to help Public Health's fight against the spread of COVID. As part of our risk assessment the school office is still shut to visitors; any letters can be given to your child to hand in. Also Miss Smith and myself are usually on either the Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 Entrances if you need to pass on information to the class teacher.

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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.

Friends of Moorlands

Thank you to Friends of Moorlands for the beautiful bell and chocolate that each child was supplied with as a Christmas gift. Hopefully we will be able to commence events soon.

Tea Towels

Could you please ensure that your child completes a self-portrait of themselves over the holidays so that they can be added to their year group's tea towel (please refer to the form on the website). It would be lovely to have the whole class included on the tea towel even if you do not want to purchase one. A letter regarding the purchases of the tea towel will be sent in January.

E-Safety

On Monday 18th January, Year 5 will have an E-safety session with PCSO Kirby to discuss how to keep themselves safe on-line, an awareness of the dangers and responsibility of what they post online, gaming, chat rooms, social media ages and the impact that this can have on children's well-being.

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

Dates for the diary:

Monday 4th January – Inset day, please inform school if your child is self-isolating due to a positive case in your household

Tuesday 5th January – school re-opens to pupils

Friday 12th February – last day of term

Monday 22nd February – inset day, the school is closed to pupils

Tuesday 23rd February – school re-opens to pupils

Friday 12th March – inset day, the school is closed to pupils

Thursday 1st April – last day of term

Monday 19th April – school re-opens to pupils

Inset days:

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 12th March 2021 – this may be subject to change

Finally, thank you for all your support this year as we have navigated a pandemic that none of us in our lifetime would have foreseen. Please take care over the Christmas period and enjoy spending time with your families, which this year has taught us, is so precious.

Mrs K.Roberts

Head Teacher



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