

# Moorlands Primary School

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Nurturing values and communication

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## School Website Launch:

Moorlands' new website was launched last week. It provides information about the school and the curriculum that your child is learning.

As part of our school's drive towards sustainability, letters are uploaded onto the website. Paper copies of letters are available upon request.

## Inclusion Celebration:

Moorlands is proud to announce it has been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark. As part of this, external assessors come into school to assess inclusive values at Moorlands. Enjoy some of the comments below:

*"Teaching and learning methods are adapted to different strengths, requirements and learning styles..."*

*"The curriculum is highly differentiated and the cohort is considered"*

*"...pupils are reflective and collaborative learners who respectfully challenge ideas and thinking."*



## Pupil Leadership:

As part of Moorlands' role in developing children's independent thinking and communication skills, children get the opportunity to volunteer for a variety of leadership roles. This year this includes:

**Year 6 leadership team**

**Year 4 and 5 Peacemakers** – training was completed this week for the Year 4's

New for this year – **Eco Team**

**Year 3 – 6 School councilors** – appointed by the children in each class

**Year 5 and 6 School buddies**

*"...Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), who are extremely well provided for in mainstream classes as appropriate."*

*"Vigour is evident in these leaders, and this underpins action"*

## School values:

This term the values are Respect and Responsibility. The children are learning in assemblies and lessons that we, as an individual, are responsible for our own actions. We are discussing how right and wrong choices and respecting each other, the environment and resources we are given is important.



**Holiday Activities free for Free School Meal pupils. Look out for your HAF code and book at:**  
<https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>

## Thank you!

### Harvest Festival:

Thank you for your donations of food to our harvest, it is greatly appreciated. Your donations have been collected by Breaking Bread, in Wednesbury which will support local families. If you need to access this help please let us know.



**Friends of Moorlands**  
Coffee morning and Christmas fair planning, **Thursday 9th November** at 9.00 am. If you are able to help, come and join our friendly group of volunteers.

## Coming up this term!

### Visitors-

In November the school nurse will be visiting the school to speak to all classes. These workshops include:

Reception – Hands and teeth hygiene,

Year 1 and 2 – Pants Talk,

Year 3 and 4 – Healthy Eating,

Year 5 – Puberty

Year 6 – Emotional Health

On Thursday 7th December the firefighters will be visiting Year 4 to talk about fire safety.



### Christmas Fair:

Moorlands will be holding a Christmas fair on **Tuesday 5th December** after school. We hope that you will be able to join us. Raffle prizes include tickets to the Hawthorns on Boxing Day. More information and prizes to follow.



### Fundraising:

Friday 15th December the school will once again be completing the Rudolph Run and raising money for St Giles Hospice. This is also Christmas jumper day.



### Christmas performances / singing:

Reception and Little Learners: Nativity, **Monday 18th December 9.15 am**

Year 1 and 2: Nativity, **Tuesday 12th December 2.00 pm** and **Wednesday 13th December 9.15 am**

Year 3 and 4: Christmas singing, **Tuesday 19th December 2.30pm**

Year 5 and 6: Christmas singing, **Friday 15th December 2.30pm**

## Reminder

**Reminder: School gates open at 8.35 am, doors at 8.40 – 8.50 am:**  
There are still a number 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.



### 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 £3.50 per day which is payable on the day and there is no need to book.**

### ELSA:

Mrs Wells' role is to support pupils and families with any concerns that you may have with your child regarding anxiety, anger, their social developments etc. Mrs Wells is usually outside in a morning on the Key Stage 1 gate.

### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
<b>5 Minutes</b>	<b>3.5 Days from School</b>	<b>20 Lessons</b>
<b>10 Minutes</b>	<b>7 Days from School</b>	<b>41 Lessons</b>
<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>10 Days from School</b>	<b>55 Lessons</b>
<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>14.5 Days from School</b>	<b>82 Lessons</b>
<b>30 Minutes</b>	<b>22 Days from School</b>	<b>123 Lessons</b>

The school's Attendance Officer has completed home visits this last half term. The aim of this is to support families to ensure that their children are in school and are punctual. If your child/ren are absent 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 and we may send the Attendance Officer round to complete a well-being check.

### Moorlands' Superstars!

Braythe in Reception has achieved his Blue Peter Green Badge and Jesse in Year 2 has achieved his 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Puffin badge in swimming. Congratulations to you both!

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 30th October-Friday 3rd November Half term

Monday 6th November Return to school

**Training Days: Friday 17th November and Monday 20th November**

Tuesday 5th December Year 3 and 4 Christingle at St James

Friday 22nd December School ends at 3.10 pm

Monday 25th December –Friday 5th January Christmas holidays

Monday 8th January Return to school

**Training Day: Monday 22nd July 2024**

