

# Moorlands Primary School

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Nurturing values and communication

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Staff and Governors  
wish you a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New  
Year, stay safe.

## School Values

The school value for the Spring Term will be perseverance. As part of the children's learning we will also be developing resilience skills – resilience is the quality of being able to cope with adversity. Finding things difficult and getting things wrong is how we develop our resilience and develop our strategies to cope with challenges in our lives.



## Well-being – Permission to Feel

As part of the work we are doing in school on emotions and how to self-regulate our feelings, all classes now have a 'Permission to Feel' check-in board. All children have an owl which they can move to let others know how they are feeling. This also includes a check-in option if they wish an adult to speak to them about their emotions. Naming emotions and feelings is a challenging thing – this is a further initiative we are putting in place to support this. It also reassures children that feelings are a normal experience of life and provides strategies to support them.

## Key Stage 1 Reading Quiz

Wednesbury schools hosted their first Key Stage 1 Reading competition at Albert Pritchard in November. The children were required to read two books and answer questions on their knowledge of reading. Moorlands came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The children who competed from Year 2 really enjoyed the experience and made Mrs Williams incredibly proud.

*People will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did, but  
people will never forget how you  
made them feel. Maya Angelou*



**School meal vouchers will be sent for free school meal pupils along with Holiday Activities free for Free School Meal pupils.**

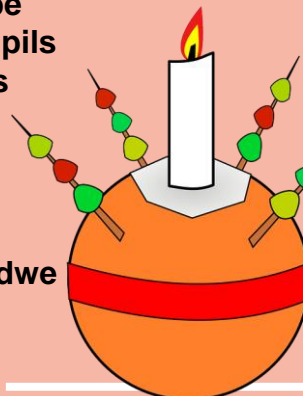
**Look out for your HAF code and book at:**

**<https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>**



## Year 3 and 4 Christingle

Children in Year 3 and 4 visited St James Church to take part in a Christingle Service. It was a lovely service and a great start to the start of our Christmas events.



# Thank you!

## Christmas Fair

Thank you for making our first Christmas fair since COVID so successful. It was a delight to see so many children enjoying the games and stalls. Thank you to all the parents and carers that volunteered their time to help plan and organise this event. In total Friends of Moorlands raised £800. All monies raised will be used back in school for your children.

If you are interested in helping to plan the Summer fair and events for Easter, then please look out for the next meeting date.

## Rudolph Run

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, it appeared from a distance that the school had converted to a reindeer stable. The children with their reindeer antlers completed circuits around the playground while Christmas resounded.

Thank you for all your donations to St Giles hospice.

Also on this day, children were in a range of festive jumpers and enjoyed a Christmas dinner. Thank you to Mrs Baker and her team who worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone had an enjoyable dinner.



## Christmas performances

Thank you to all parents and carers for coming to the many Christmas performances over the last 2 weeks. It has been a joy to listen to many different Christmas songs and see the smiles on your children's faces.

## After School Dance and Gymnastic performances

Parents and carers were treated to a performance to showcase the skills that they had developed over the term.

## Visits:

Reception really enjoyed Wonderland and seeing Santa, Year 6 visited Bewdley on the day before Remembrance Day and experienced an air raid and 2 minute silence as part of their World War Two work, Year 3 and 4 watched Elf at the cinema and came back full of the Christmas spirit and Year 1 went to Dudley Zoo to visit all of the animals – I think the penguins were their favourites.





## 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.**

## 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...

**5 Minutes**

**3.5 Days from School**

**20 Lessons**

**10 Minutes**

**7 Days from School**

**41 Lessons**

**15 Minutes**

**10 Days from School**

**55 Lessons**

**20 Minutes**

**14.5 Days from School**

**82 Lessons**

**30 Minutes**

**22 Days from School**

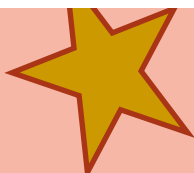
**123 Lessons**

### Pupil leadership – Eco-council and Sandwell Safeguarding Champions

In Key Stage 2, 16 children have been successful in becoming part of the school's Eco-council. These children are very keen and have a lot of ideas for making the school more sustainable and eco-friendly. We look forward to their updates. Four children in Year 5 have been successful in being chosen to be trained with other Sandwell Primary schools to become Sandwell Safeguarding Champions. Their role will be to be a trusted child who can listen and make a positive difference in school. These children will complement the Peacemakers that we already have in school.

# Welcome!

**Welcome back** - Miss Butler is returning to school in January and will be joining the Year 4 team.



### Moorlands' Superstars!

Freddie (Y2) and Harry (Y3) have continued to achieve in their karate – both achieving their next belts. Congratulations to you both!

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 25th December** - Friday 5th January Christmas holidays

**Monday 8th January** - Return to school at 8.40 am

**Tuesday 9th January** - Swimming for Year 5 starts

**Wednesday 24th January** - DECCA team to visit all classes (keeping safe with medications)

**21st February and 22nd February** Parents evening 3.30-6.00 pm

**12th – 16th February** - Half term

**8th March** - Public Speaking competition final at the council house

**22nd March** - School closes for the Easter break at 3.10 pm

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

