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Newsletter July 2024

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Highlights 2024:

Thank you for coming to the parents opening evening. Comments from children and parents on the highlights of this year were:

- Summer fair – this has raised approximately £800, thank you.
- Trips
- Swimming
- Public Speaking competition
- Football and netball tournaments
- Art / Music / Phonics / Writing / Maths
- Reception Mothering Afternoon
- Music Share
- Sports Day



Classes for September:

Reception – Mrs McMullan

Year 1 – Mr Singh and Miss Butler

Year 2 – Mrs Williams

Year 3 – Miss Williams

Year 4 – Miss Roper (Miss Minhas for Maths)

Year 5 – Mrs Capella and Miss Sharma

Year 6 – Mr Smith

Miss Minhas will be leading on PHSE and R.E. She will be teaching in all Year group at some point in the week.

September – Changes to Attendance

Children return to school on **Tuesday 3rd September**. Reminder the school gates open at **8.35 am and close at 8.50 am**. After this time your child will have a late mark. It is important that your child is on time. New attendance guidance applies from 19th August. From September the Penalty Notice charged is £80 per parent child if paid within 21 days rising to £160 if paid within 28 days. **The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.**

- Ensure your child attends **every day**.
- **Notify** the school if absent.
- **Book** medical appointment outside the school day.
- Leave of absence **only** in exceptional circumstances.



Friends of Moorlands

Coffee morning. If you are able to help, come and join our friendly group of volunteers. **First meeting will be in September**



Up coming event:

Pumpkin Carving, Discos and Colour Run

School Dinners

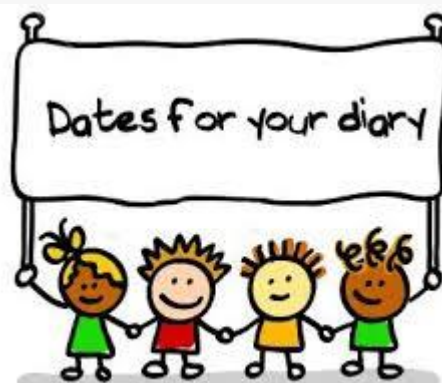
From September the cost of a school dinner is **£2.50** daily. If you are in Year 3-6 and think that you may qualify for Free School Meals, please check this site. This also opens access to holiday activities. <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals>

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 £3.70 per day. Payments to be paid up front and weekly.**

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 3 rd September	Children return to school 8.40 am
9 th September	Training Day – school shut to children
4 th October	9.15 am Harvest Assembly Years 1 to 3 2.30 pm Harvest Assembly Years 4 to 6 Year 1 Messy Church St James visit
8 th October	Parents evening 3.30-6.00 pm
23 rd and 24 th October	Break up for half term at 3.10 pm
Friday 25 th October	Children return to school 8.40 am
Monday 4 th November	Break up for Christmas at 3.10 pm
Friday 20 th December	Children return to school 8.40 am
Monday 6 th January	Break up for half term at 3.10 pm
Friday 14 th February	Children return to school 8.40 am
Monday 24 th February	Break up for half term at 3.10 pm
Friday 11 th April	Children return to school 8.40 am
Monday 28 th April	Break up for half term at 3.10 pm
Friday 23 rd May	Children return to school 8.40 am
Monday 2 nd June	Break up for half term at 3.10 pm
Friday 18 th July	Children return to school 8.40 am
Monday 21 st July	Break up for the summer at 3.10 pm Training day – school shut to children



2 additional training days to be arranged.

Moorlands' Stars

Harry Year 3 has achieved his white/ yellow belt and Freddie Year 2 has achieved his white/red belt in karate. Heidi Year 1 has achieved 1st place in her Strawberry Fairy ballet dance and has continued to progress in her tap and modern dancing also. Well done. Owen Year 5 was awarded Coach's Player in football 2023-2024 season. Nylah Year 5 showed her entrepreneurial side with a stall at the summer fair and has moved up to the next stage in her swimming. Well done to you all.

Year 6 Events

On Friday 12th July – Year 6 held their Leavers Disco. It was lovely to see the children all dressed up and ready to dance. Mr Reilly and Miss Stevens their previous teachers also came to say a farewell to the class of 2024.

This week, Year 6 have performed 'Going for Gold' a play inspired by the upcoming Olympics. The children really displayed their acting and singing talent; teamwork was very evident on the stage. We hope that this is something that they will continue to foster as they move to secondary school.



Today we have said our final farewells to Year 6. From all the staff at Moorlands we wish you all the success for the future.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to new achievements and experiences in September.

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NATIONAL PLAY DAY Summer Tour

JOIN OUR GO PLAY SUMMER ROAD TRIP

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO ATTEND AND WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 12MIDDA

- 24 JULY | LIGHTWOODS HOUSE
- 26 JULY | WEDNESBURY RUGBY CLUB
- 31 JULY | HADEN HILL HOUSE
- 7 AUG | CONEYGRE ARTS CENTRE
- 14 AUG | DARTMOUTH PARK PAVILION
- 21 AUG | WEST SMETHWICK PAVILION

Exciting summer activities for children

As the summer holidays draw near, brace yourself for a spectacular line-up of Sandwell Holiday Activities to keep your youngsters entertained and active.

Funded by the Department for Education, Holiday Activities provide fantastic opportunities for children and young people to delve into new interests, forge friendships and hone new skills. Whether it's sports, music, dance, art, drama, cooking or thrilling day trips, there's something to captivate every child.

If your child receives free school meals based on benefits, you'll receive a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) e-voucher. This voucher will come with a unique code and booking instructions via email or text.

Not eligible for the voucher but still looking for activities and some summer fun?

Head over to holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk to find activities offering FREE universal or subsidised spaces. Stay updated by following 'SandwellHolidayActivities' on Facebook.

Look no further than Go Play! Open to all children and young people aged 5-12, Go Play offers free play sessions led by trained play workers across Sandwell. Dive into more details at

www.goplaysandwell.co.uk or search 'GoPlaySandwell' on Facebook.

Let's make this summer unforgettable with fun, exciting and playful activities for children and young people of all ages in Sandwell!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER!

activities for children and young people



COME AND FIND OUT MORE AT:

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

Little moments make big memories

#MAKINGMEMORIES

Free swimming and more at leisure centres

Free swimming is available for Sandwell children aged 18 and under during designated sessions over the school summer holidays.

Sandwell Leisure Trust centres will advertise specific sessions for the pools at Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Tipton Leisure Centre and Wednesbury Leisure Centre.

Go to www.slt-leisure.co.uk/free-swimming-in-sandwell for details or call 0300 012 0121.

For **West Bromwich Leisure Centre**, register for free swimming by visiting reception at the centre or for more information call 0121 580 6430 or search 'West Bromwich Leisure Centre' at www.placesleisure.org

Our leisure centres will also be working with partner organisations to offer an exciting range of fun-packed activities over the summer holidays, with something for everyone, so check the Sandwell Leisure Trust and Places Leisure websites and social media for more details.

Don't miss the summer holiday diving sessions at Sandwell Aquatics Centre – open to anyone from six to 16 and suitable for all abilities. Book soon to avoid disappointment! Go online to book at: www.slt-leisure.co.uk/divinglessons

