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Nurturing values and communication

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Praise assembly:

Thank you to all the parents that have attended the praise assemblies this half term and contributed to celebrating their children's and other children's success. This is such an enjoyable weekly event as it showcases the children's hard work and dedication.

Albion player visit:

On Tuesday 15th October, Moorlands had a surprise visit from Darnell Furlong, Karlan Grant and Lewis Dobbin, first team players from West Bromwich Albion. Pupils had the opportunity to ask them lots of questions about what it is like to be a professional football player, importance of having a healthy diet and who inspired them. The players spoke about the importance of respect, practising their skills and working hard.



STEM Lego project: We have had exciting deliveries recently; we have been successful in a bid to secure a range of Lego products for Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2. Over the next year, we will be using them to set up construction projects all designed to develop STEM skills.



Grant support: We are developing the Y1 and KS1 area at the back of the school with a £2000 grant for new planting areas, water sensory toys as well as painting to develop the school facilities. Photos to follow.



Christmas Fair:

On Tuesday 26th November, is Friends of Moorlands Christmas fair – starting at 3.30 pm. Stalls include: Knock the Elf off the Shelf, Bottle stall, Tin Can Teacher, Refreshments etc.



Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 4th December



Holiday Activities free for Free School Meal pupils.

Look out for your HAF code and book at:
<https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>

Friends of Moorlands

Coffee morning and Christmas fair planning, **Thursday 7th November 9.00 - 10.00 am**. If you are able to help, come and join our friendly group of volunteers.



Fundraising:

Rudolph Run – **Friday 13th December**. This will also be Christmas jumper day.

Dates for the diary:

- Friday 25th October Half term, School closes to children at 3.10 pm
- Monday 4th November Children return to school
Bonfire / Autumn disco
- Monday 18th November Flu vaccine
- Tuesday 26th November Christmas fair
- Friday 29th November Training Day, school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 3rd December Reception – Wonderland visit
- Wednesday 4th December Christmas Dinner Day
- Monday 9th December 9.15 am Reception and Little Learner's performance
2.00 pm Years 1 and 2's Christmas nativity
- Tuesday 10th December 9.30 am Years 1 and 2's Christmas nativity
- Wednesday 11th December Riverside event – Santa's Grotto in the afternoon
Year 5 and 6 mixed football tournament – Albion Foundation
- Thursday 12th December Christingle service for children in Years 3 – 6
- Friday 13th December Rudolph Run
Christmas jumper day
- Tuesday 17th December 2.00 pm Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance
Year 1 – Dudley zoo
- Wednesday 18th December 2.00 pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance
- Thursday 19th December Christmas parties pm
- Friday 20th December Break up for Christmas, school closes to children at 3.10 pm



School values:

This term the school value is peace. The children in school have discussed how they see peace represented in school life and outside of school. They have discussed the importance of friendship and co-operation.

Autism support – Useful to know:

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/>



Online clips can be accessed to support the understanding of autism.

Reminder

Reminder: School gates open at 8.35 am, doors at 8.40 – 8.50 am:
 From 19.08.24 new Attendance legislation came into force regarding the criteria for and the issue of penalty notices to address school attendance. A national framework for parental fines is being introduced for any pupil who misses 10 or more half-days within any 10-week period.

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



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.

Attendance: up until 18th October Whole School

YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
90%	93%	93%	92%	96%	90%	92%	92%

Breakfast Club – Changes – Pre book

To help with the planning and preparation of Breakfast club and increasing numbers, we are having to change the organisation of how Breakfast Club works. **Breakfast club must be pre-booked to secure your place.**

Times 7.45-8.45 am, £3.70 per day.


Ring by 3.00 pm the day check if there are spaces available.



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.

All activities across Sandwell can be accessed via <https://goplaysandwell.co.uk/events/list/>



Go play Sandwell




Beyond the book
 Free play sessions coming to a library near you! All welcome, activities aimed at 6 to 12 yrs.



- Monday 28th Oct – StoneCross Library (West Bromwich)
- Monday 28th Oct Tipton library (Tipton)
- Tuesday 29th oct – Wednesbury Library (Wednesbury)
- Tuesday 29th of Oct – Cradley Heath Library (Rowley)
- Wednesday 30th Oct – Hamstead Library (West Bromwich)
- Wednesday 30th Oct – Brandhall Library (Oldbury)
- Thursday 31st Oct – Bleakhouse Library (Oldbury)
- Friday 1st Nov – Smethwick Library (Smethwick)

All sessions are 11am till 4pm

No need to book, just rock up and play. To find out more about our amazing sessions running across Sandwell check out our online calendar. www.goplaysandwell.co.uk

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