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Nurturing values and communication

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

Christmas Dinner

On 4th December, our Christmas dinner was enjoyed in school. The children in Year 4 sang a selection of festive tunes at the start that Reception, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Baker and her team who worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone had an enjoyable dinner.

Rudolph Run

On Friday 13th December, children and staff wore their festive jumpers - it appeared from a distance that the school had converted to a reindeer stable. The children with their reindeer antlers and new for this year 'Rudolph' noses completed circuits around the playground while Christmas tunes resounded. Thank you for all your donations to St Giles hospice.



School Values

The school value for the Spring term will be co-operation and respect. These values complement each other. Children will be learning the importance of working together and listening to each other.

As part of our Start Small, Dream Big project – the school is looking at the skills that businesses are looking for. Children will have the opportunity over 2025 to find out about different jobs and the type of skills and values that are sought after.

Remembrance Sunday

On the 10th November, two of our Year 6 leaders attended St James Church and laid a wreath that they had created in school to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.



Holiday Activities free for Free School Meal pupils.

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





National Wellbeing Award

As a school, we have prioritised how we can support the well-being and mental health of our children, parents and staff. This has included parent workshops, the role of ELSA, Permission to Feel initiative, the Owlstanding displays and emotional toolkits. Due to this work and wider initiatives, we have been awarded the Gold National Well-being Award.

Key Stage 1 Reading Stars

Wednesbury schools took part in the annual Key Stage 1 Reading competition at Albert Pritchard in November. **Moorlands were the winners – a big well done to the team!** The children were required to read 2 books ‘The Diary of a Killer Cat’ by Anne Fine and ‘Little Red Reading Hood’ by Lucy Holden. The children had answer questions on their knowledge of reading and the plots and characters of the books.



Christmas Fair

Thank you for making our Christmas fair so successful and enjoyable. It was a delight to see so many children excited and 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. If you are interested in helping to plan the Summer fair and events for Easter, then please look out for the next meeting date. All monies raised will be used back in school for your children.

Christingle

Children in Key Stage 2 visited St James Church to take part in a Christingle Service. This is the first time we have taken the whole of Key Stage 2. It was a lovely service and a great start to Key Stage 2’s Christmas events.



Visits:

Reception really enjoyed Wonderland and seeing Santa. Year 6 visited the Warner Bros Studios and took in the experience of being a Wizard at Hogwarts; it was a truly magical day, that the children and staff will not forget. Year 1 went to Dudley Zoo; although it was cold they enjoyed seeing the range of animals.

Year 6 Football

Congratulations to the Year 6 football team who competed against different schools in the Black Country at The Hawthorns indoor sports hall. They were semi finalists but unfortunately were knocked out on penalties...fantastic effort by all involved. The team showed our school values of co-operation and perseverance. We look forward to the their next tournament in 2025.



Friends of Moorlands:

Next events to be planned, Valentine disco and Summer fair. If you are able to help, come and join our friendly group of volunteers.



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.

Attendance:

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!

Congratulations to **Shauna in Year 6**; she has achieved her black belt – it took 9.5 hours and she was the youngest child there. A fantastic achievement!

James, in Year 6, was mascot for West Bromwich Albion. He got to walk out with captain Kyle Bartley. What an experience!

Dates for the diary:

6th January

7th January

3rd February

6th February

10th February

11th February

14th February

17th – 21st February

19th March

19th March

24th March

28th March

2nd & 3rd April

10th April

11th April

Return to school at 8.40 am

Swimming for Year 5 starts

NSPCC Workshops in Years 2, 5 and 6

Year 4 visit to The Hawthorns

Valentine Disco (information to follow)

Year 1 'Messy Church' visit

Break up at 3.10 pm for half term

Half term

Public Speaking competition – final at the council house

Maths Day – Albion Foundation workshops

Photograph Day

Year 1 and 2 Mothering Assembly

Parents Evening 3.30-6.00 pm

Reception – Year 2 Easter Bonnets 9.15 am

School closes for the Easter break at 3.10 pm

