



# Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## 'A very festive week'

It has been a week of celebration at Moorlands. The staff and children throughout school have excelled themselves to create and perform their Christmas productions to large audiences. Thank you to everyone who has helped their child learn lines and practice songs over the past two weeks to make our performances a brilliant success. Also thank you for returning the children to school for evening performances, some in such miserable weather. The KS2 choir sang beautifully on Wednesday night at the annual Seasonal Concert at Salendine Nook High School. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on Tuesday. Thank you to Carol and the team in the kitchen.



## Staffing

We have been busy appointing staff this term and are pleased to announce that Danielle Augustine and Hannah Woodhouse are now our Assistant Headteachers. We will also be welcoming two new Teaching Assistants next term, Mrs Jane Ellis and Miss Amiesha Dermawan. Sadly, Mrs Hawley will be leaving us. We wish her well for the future.

## Well done!

As you are aware one of our children, Georgia in 1L, arranged for a collection of biscuits, chocolates and crisps for The Salvation Army and The Huddersfield Mission this Christmas. Thank you to Georgia and everyone who contributed to the collection.



Sophia, in 2W, had a raffle last Christmas. With the money, she decided to purchase gifts for a school in Gambia. She has been adding to the remainder of the money all year, with money from the tooth fairy and pocket money, and has now used this to put together a Christmas gift hamper, which she has donated to the Welcome Centre.

Two super role models and great citizens. Well done to both of you.

## Eco Project Appeal

We are planning an exciting Eco project in the Spring term and we need your help. Please save the following: coloured envelopes, sheets of gift wrap and bright coloured bags. There will be a collection box in the school entrance.

## Stonewall

We can officially announce that Moorlands Primary School is a Stonewall Bronze School Champion! Well done to



Mr Middleton, who has worked hard with the staff and pupils to achieve this award. The Bronze awards gives greater recognition to schools tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and celebrating diversity. For further information <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/get-involved/get-involved-education/secondary-schools/awards-school-champions>

### **Parking**

Please can we ask everyone to be more considerate when parking. We have received complaints from residents on Shannon Drive and Moorlands Road. People are parking on pavements opposite already parked cars making it impossible for people to pass either on the pavements, if a pedestrian, or via the road because of their thoughtlessness. On Monday, a large vehicle was delivering something on Shannon Drive and ended up becoming stuck because of double parked cars. We would dread to think what it would be like for an emergency vehicle. On Tuesday evening, parents blocked our driveway and verbally abused residents who were trying to park outside their own houses. It is dangerous and it is only going to be a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.

### **Homework**

As mentioned last week, we have subscribed to the website Education City, which is a site that covers lots of areas of the curriculum through fun games and activities. Every child is going to be bringing home a user name and password before the holidays. It is entirely optional whether you choose to use it or not, but we would appreciate feedback from those who do.

### **Clubs**

We are pleased to announce that we can now offer the After School Golf Club, on a Tuesday, to Year 3 and 4 children. Please pay on Parentpay if you would like your child to attend. There are currently 22 places available.

### **Communication**

From 31<sup>st</sup> December, the only phone number we will be contactable on is 655800. This is also the last paper copy of the Newsletter. They will now be emailed weekly on a Friday. There will be a few paper copies available in the office and, of course, it will be available on our website.

### **Dates for your diaries**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January:</b>	<b>School opens and after school clubs start.</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	<b>Robinwood final payment due</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	<b>Winmarleigh interim payment is due.</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January:</b>	<b>Parents evening</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Parents evening</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Inset day - school closed</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	<b>Yr. 4 residential trip to Robinwood</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March:</b>	<b>World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character.</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Science week open afternoon – more information to follow</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Red Nose Day – Non uniform</b>

There are regular updates on Twitter @MoorlandsHudds and on our school website [www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk](http://www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk)

Many thanks for your continued support and may we wish each and every family a lovely, peaceful break and hope that it is one filled with love, laughter and many memories made.

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