



Moorlands Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday. Six weeks certainly whizzes by quickly. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday morning with exciting tales to tell about their holidays. As always, our brilliant staff have been working hard during the holidays to prepare for the new year. The classrooms look wonderful and we have many exciting events planned for this term running up to Christmas. There are lots of new faces in school and we would like to welcome them all to the Moorlands family. Welcome to all our new Reception children who have settled in so well this week. Thank you to all our new starter parents who have prepared the children so well for school. We would like to welcome to our staff team: Mrs Caroline Hirst in Year 4 and Mr Richard Alsop in Year 5. We hope they settle in quickly. Finally, welcome to our new parents. We are a friendly bunch at Moorlands, please come and see us if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Allergies, packed lunches and snacks.

We have children in school who have severe nut allergies and we ask that parents/carers refrain from including nuts of any kind in packed lunches and snacks. For the same reasons, pupils are also not permitted to swap food items.

Lost property

We would like to remind parents/carers to name every item of children's clothing and property which comes into school. Our collection of unnamed lost property is already growing and we are only on day three of this term.

Staff Car Park and parking

Please can we remind you that the **Staff Car Park is for Staff only**. Parents must not use the Car Park. There have been a few incidents this week where small children have been running about in the car park when being dropped off before school and have had near misses with staff cars.

If you cannot walk to school, please park considerately in the surrounding streets. On Wednesday, both before and after school, due to double parking on Moorlands Road, the school bus could not get through and blocked the whole road. Parking like this is dangerous for everyone as emergency vehicles would not be able to access the community.

Charity Week and Open Afternoon- Years 1-6

Next week is Charity Week in school. Children will be taking part in activities linked to charities to ultimately decide which Charity their Year Group will support for the year. We would like to share some of our charity work with parents and carers on Friday, 14th September between 2pm and 3.15pm during an open afternoon.

Year 1 to 6 parents and carers are invited to come into school through the main office entrance and sign in.

As it is so early in the year, the reception children will not be taking part in the open afternoon as they are still settling into school.



You are welcome to come into school at any point from 2pm to 3.00pm but we do ask that you leave by 3.15pm so the staff can get the children organised for home time. If you have any issues to discuss with the teachers, please make an appointment rather than discussing it during the Open Afternoon. The car park will be closed during the afternoon, as will the YMCA gate, to ensure the safety of the children. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Charity assembly

Next week we will be presenting cheques to our two charities from last year's fundraising; NSPCC and Candlelighters. We will announce the grand total on next week's newsletter. Watch this space!

Gym equipment

The outdoor gym in the bottom playground is only to be used by the Year 6 children due to the manufacturers recommendations and health and safety. Please can we ask that you **do not** let younger children play on the equipment before and after school. Many thanks for your understanding.

Marvellous Me

We are aiming to improve the consistency of our KS1 and KS2 Home-School communication app, 'Marvellous Me' over the coming year. Parents of children in Year 1 will be getting full details on what this is and how to join up. If you have previously joined up, you do not need to do anything. Just wait for a message! If you have not joined up, please let your child's new class teacher know and we will give you a join up code. Remember, once you have a join up code, you can share this with family and friends near or far to share good news from school! We will be focusing this half term on letting you know what children have been learning via the messaging system.

Flu Vaccination

The children from Reception to Year 5 are being offered the flu vaccination this year and information has gone home tonight in book bags. Here is a link to the presentation to give further information. It is an excellent video for parents and children to watch before the flu vaccination takes place. <http://www.nhs.uk/video/pages/flu-heroes-nasal-flu-spray-for-kids.aspx>

Sports News



Zak in Year 6 played in a Tennis Competition in Bath in July against the top 23 boys from the UK & Ireland. He managed to get to the semi-finals where unfortunately he injured his ankle. However he still ended up finishing fourth overall. The boy who beat him went on to win the competition. Not only is this his highest finish this year but it has also guaranteed him entry into the invitation only grade 1 event which is held in Bournemouth in August. This is the Wimbledon equivalent for this age group.

Bethany in Year 3 did a Royal Academy of Dance examination in July and got a Distinction! Very well-done Bethany.





At the weekend, Ellie in 4H and Evie in SS took part in the Pole Moor Show. They took their ponies, Barney and Babe. Both girls took part in lots of pony riding events. Evie won a cup and three rosettes and Ellie won 8 rosettes and 2 trophies! Well done girls, what super riding.

Week beginning

10 th September:	Charity Week
14 th September:	Parents Open Afternoon – Year 1-6 parents and carers only
25 th September:	Visiting author – James Nicoll
26 th September:	30 Year 6 children to BASF Kids' Lab
27 th September:	Reception Parents Information Evening - 6pm
27 th September:	Year 6 Parents information evening – My First Mobile 5.30pm
4 th October:	Year 2 Harvest Assembly - 9.15am
12 th October:	World Smile Day – everyone to dress in some yellow.
11 th October:	Tempest Photographer in school – individual photos
26 th October:	Break up for half term.
7 th November:	Year 4 Diwali Assembly – 2.45 pm
14 th November:	Parent's Evening
16 th November:	Children in Need- Non-Uniform

Remember there are regular updates on Twitter @MoorlandsHudds and on our school website

www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk

As always, we do have an open-door policy, so if there is anything you would like to speak to us about, please do get in touch.

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