



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning the Year 2 children performed a wonderful Harvest assembly for parents and carers. They have worked very hard to learn lines and songs so early in the term. Well done to the children and staff. It was wonderful.

Thank you so much for your Harvest contributions this week. As always, your generosity has been amazing. As in previous years, we are collecting for The Welcome Centre, Lockwood. They are a small, registered charity that provides practical, short-term support to help local people who are in crisis and who have been referred to them by a front-line service in Kirklees. They offer basic essentials such as food, toiletries, household items and bedding as well as a listening ear and information about where to get further help.

They provide opportunities and support for volunteers and try to help them to find meaningful employment.

The charity is currently appealing for: tinned fruit, biscuits, dog and cat food, sugar, tinned fish, tinned chilli, jars of cooking sauce, tinned curry, jam, meat paste, tinned beans and sausages, fish paste, instant noodles/rice/pasta, savoury rice, tinned meatballs, stock cubes, tea, dried mashed or tinned potatoes, long life milk, gluten free items, cup-a-soup, crackers, tinned vegetarian meals, chapati flour, cooking oil (1 litre), cereal, basmati rice and coffee.

Toiletries: nappies all sizes, toilet roll, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, soap, disposable razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes. If you would like to donate anything for our harvest collection, the last day for donations is tomorrow morning, Friday 5th October.

Creative appeal



2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. To commemorate this, we are planning to create a cascade of poppies and we need your help! We need thousands of poppies to make our cascade spectacular. If you can knit, crochet or make felt poppies, please send them into school. All the children will be making poppies in school, using felt, and as you can imagine we will be needing a lot of felt. If you are able to donate any red felt and a large net, this would be much appreciated.



ParentPay

We will be using ParentPay in future for pupil participation consents for most sports events and visits. This applies even when no payment is required. Parents and carers should log in to ParentPay and follow the instructions to give consent, make payment (where applicable) and provide any other information requested on the item. This will save children bringing letters home and parents sending a reply slip back to school. Please ensure you respond as soon as possible so school does not have to chase outstanding replies. Parents/carers can also set up alerts on ParentPay which will flag up every new item which is applicable to their child/children (see attached instructions).

Creative Conker Competition

As it is autumn and the conkers are falling from the trees, the School Council have decided to have a 'Creative Conker' competition.

You can use whatever materials you like, but it must involve a conker (chestnut)

It will cost £1 to enter and all the money will go to School Council projects.

There will be 3 age group categories and prizes for each age group.

Your School Councillor will collect entries from 8th to 19th October.

We look forward to seeing your creative entries.



Don't forget....World Smile Day – Friday, 5th October

This year, Moorlands are joining the celebration on Friday, 5th October and are asking children to wear something yellow. It will be non-uniform with a splash of yellow if possible (please don't buy anything). In return we would like children to do an act of kindness and help at least one-person smile. How many people will you pass a smile to?



PTA 5-A-Side Tournament

Thank you everyone who took part in the PTA 5-a-side football tournament on Friday evening and a huge thank you to the PTA for organising the event. They raised £250 on the evening which will be match funded. The money has gone towards buying tag rugby equipment, basketballs and netballs.

Charity In Action!



Well done to Mollie in Yr.4 who has had her hair cut this weekend for Little Princess Trust. She was very brave and has donated her hair to make wigs for children who are having treatment. Well done Mollie.

Sporting News



Well done to Eleanor in 3P who has worked very hard to achieve her Water Skills 2 award. She goes swimming every week at Salendine Nook.



On Tuesday evening children throughout school took part in a Cross Country Competition at Salendine Nook which was hosted by the Pennine Sports Partnership. Well done to everyone who took part. Two children qualified for the Kirklees Final on Tuesday, 9th October.

A huge well done to Elland Cricket Club for winning the September Smash U13 Tournament! A great young team who got better and better throughout the competition. They will compete again in the Christmas bash!!

People Who Help Us appeal

On 19th October the Reception children are having a 'People Who Help Us' morning, where the children will learn about lots of different people who help us. Currently we only have 5 people who have volunteered to come in to talk to the children and we really need more to make the morning viable.

We need volunteers from the caring professions who are willing to come in to speak to the children. If you think you can help, please contact school or email gkrol@moorlandsprimary.org.uk

New Premier League Primary Stars equipment pack is given to Moorlands

We are very excited to have been given a free Premier League Primary Stars equipment pack.

Stocked full of items including Nike match footballs, training bibs and numbered and lettered floor markers, the Premier League equipment pack will aid teacher delivery of active lessons across the curriculum.

The equipment pack was awarded to pupils at Moorlands following Miss Tunnacliffe's successful application for last year's Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme.

The scheme is part of the Premier League Primary Stars education programme which uses the appeal of Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire children at primary schools across England and Wales by giving them the opportunity to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Dates for Your Diary

5 th October:	World Smile Day – everyone to dress in some yellow.
9 th October:	Replies to be returned to school for sibling group photos
11 th October:	Tempest Photographer in school – individual/family photos
17 th October:	Year 6 WWII day
19 th October:	Reception ‘People who help us’ morning
22 nd October:	PTA Meeting at the Black Bull - 7pm
26 th October:	Break up for half term.
31 st October:	Deadline for online Secondary School applications (Sept 2019 intake)
5 th and 6 th November:	Inset days – staff training. School is closed.
7 th November	Return to school
7 th November:	Year 4 Diwali Assembly – 2.45 pm
14 th November:	Parent’s Evening
16 th November:	Children in Need- Non-Uniform
15 th January 2019:	Deadline for online Primary School applications (Sept 2019 intake for children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015)

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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Headteacher

How do I set up on ParentPay alerts?

To check or make changes to your alert settings:

1. Navigate to Profile G Alert Settings
2. You are presented with each of the available alert notification options that you can now configure:

Balance Alerts: In most instances, if a school uses ParentPay to collect payment for school meals, you are able to set a threshold amount. Once your balance drops below this value, you will receive an alert to the channel(s) you have selected. Maximum of one message every 2 days when account balance reaches the threshold.

New Item Alerts: You can select to receive an alert when your child is added to a new payment item (for example a school trip). The alert will prompt you to log in and pay for the new item. Maximum of once per day when a school creates a new payment item for one of your children

Payment Alerts – Cash and Cheque: You can select to receive an alert to inform you if the school have recorded manual cash and cheque payments against your child's account.
Sent every time the school records a cheque or cash payment against your child's account

Payment Alerts – PayPoint: You can select to receive an alert to inform you if a PayPoint payment has been recorded against your child's account Sent every time a PayPoint payment is recorded against your child's account

Message Alerts: You can select to receive a text message alert in the instance where the school sends out an email communication to you through the ParentPay system. This will prompt you to log into your email account to view the communication received.

3. **Select Save**

In order to receive text alerts, you will need to ensure that you have credit in your 'Text message balance'.