



Moorlands Primary School

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Thursday, 13 December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We love this time of year. It may be cold and bleak outside but the school is filled with fun, excitement, glitter, singing and Christmas cheer. Today we have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by our amazing kitchen staff. The children and staff enjoyed a full Christmas dinner, with Christmas music, singing and crackers! A huge thank you to the kitchen staff for preparing such a delicious feast!

We are also excited about all 7 of our performances next week. The children (and staff) cannot wait for an audience to see all their hard work. With only 6 days left of this term, we certainly have a lot to pack in. Make sure you check dates for your diary below.

Staffing changes

Mrs Pearson who works in Year 3 will be leaving us at Christmas. We wish her the best of luck. Mrs Swain has taken the decision to leave her teaching assistant role but will still be working over lunchtimes, Tuesday to Thursday, and is still of course running the Outlane Out of School Club.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Tunnacliffe is expecting a baby in the Spring term so will be leaving us at Easter for a short while. Mrs Turner has had a period of absence this term and will be having some further absence in the Spring term - Mrs Roebuck will cover her in forest and Mrs Ellis will be overseeing her pastoral role.

New reward system

In the Spring term we will be launching a new reward system. The children will be split into four teams and we need names for our new houses. Various names have been suggested but we thought it would be great if we had a competition to choose the four names. The four names need to be special to Moorlands and will be a legacy. Please can all entries of four names be given to Mrs Freeman or Mrs Denney by Wednesday, 19th December, and the winning names will be announced shortly afterwards. There will be a small prize for the winning entry.

Charity work

Sophia in Year 4 held a raffle and name the piglet game. She sold tickets to friends and family and had a stall at the Christmas event at Piglets Day-Care. She raised an amazing £125.50 for the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield. What a fantastic role model, we are very proud of you.



Choir

Well done to our after-school club choir who put on a brilliant production to parents on Tuesday evening. I'm sure everyone who saw it will agree, it truly was fantastic. Thank you to the children, Mrs Harron and Mrs Smith who all worked so hard to put on the show.

Moorlands Primary PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

£1 per raffle ticket.

The PTA have had amazing donations and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 20th December.

The PTA will be selling tickets on Friday, 14th December. Children can bring in money and a volunteer will be coming to classes to sell tickets which will be sent home with your child.

They will be at all the Christmas productions selling raffle tickets as well as refreshments.

See the poster below for details of the raffle prizes.

Good as new uniform and lost property stall

There will be a lost property stall and good-as-new uniform stall at the Christmas productions next week. If you would like to take something from the good-as-new stall, there will be a donation box for the different year group charities.

Christmas Productions

Please drop children off for the evening performances in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM at the following locations and pick them up afterwards from the same place. Please ensure you bring your tickets.

Tuesday 18th -Reception and Year One: Drop children at their classroom door at 4.30pm so that we can get everybody ready. Once you have dropped your child off you need to make your way round to the hall with your ticket.

Tuesday 18th -Year Two: Drop children at their classroom door at 6.00pm so that we can get everybody ready. Once you have dropped your child off you need to make your way to the hall with your ticket.

Thursday 20th- Year 3 and 4: Drop children at the Year 3/4 doors at 4.40pm. Once you have dropped your child off you can take a seat in the hall if you have a ticket.

Thursday 20th- Year 5 and 4: Drop children at the hall door at 6.00pm. Once you have dropped your child off you can take a seat in the hall if you have a ticket.

Please note that the gates at the top of the path, and at the back of school, will be locked for the evening performances. The School Council will be on the doors collecting money to go towards School Council projects. Please donate if you can.

During the evening productions, parents can use the staff car park as well as the overflow carpark.

However, please can we remind you again to park in the bays only. Parents are still parking on the grass and, not only is this causing damage, but it is blocking access for emergency vehicles. Please do not use the staff car park at any other times.

PTA Refreshments

A reminder that the PTA will be selling tea, coffee, juice and mince pies at ALL Christmas performances.

Refreshments will be on sale from when doors open until the performance starts. They will also be selling tickets for their bumper Christmas raffle. There are some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses.

Many thanks for your continuing support for our fundraising activities.

End of Autumn Term 2018 After School Club Programme

This is the last week of after school clubs in the Autumn Term. There are no clubs next week.

Spring Term 2019 – After School Club Programme

We still have places available for some of our Spring Term Clubs. These are as follows:

Years 1-6 Choir, Years 3/4 Code Club, Years 3/4 Cricket, Years 5/6 Cricket, Years 3-6 Drama, Year 3 Football, Year 4 Football, Years 3-6 Girls Football, Years 5/6 Gymnastics, Years 4-6 Latin, Years 3-6 Lego, Years 1/2 Multi-Skills, Years 5/6 Netball, Years 3-6 Tag Rugby.* If you would like to book a place for your child on any of these clubs, please make your payment on ParentPay.

*Please note we have combined our Years 5/6 and Years 3/4 Tag Rugby Clubs.



Sporting News

Olivia in Year 1 was in a show at the weekend as part of her dance school, Adele Taylor Dance. Olivia was in three dances, Happy Feet (dressed as a penguin), The Sailor with the Navy-Blue eyes and the finale where they sung Christmas carols. It was lovely. Well done Olivia!

Milk Payment for Spring Term 2019

If you would like your child to have school milk during the Spring Term 2019, would you please make a payment of £11.50 via your ParentPay account no later than Monday, 17 December 2018. This will enable us to place our new milk order in good time. If you prefer to pay via a Paypoint, please contact the Office to request a barcode. Please be aware that, if you do not make your payment by the due date, we will be unable to order milk for your child for the start of the new term.

Children who have had Statutory Free Milk during the Autumn Term 2018 – a milk order will be placed unless you ask us not to do so.

Children with a Statutory Free Milk entitlement who have not had milk during the Autumn Term 2018 – no milk order will be placed unless you ask us to do so.

We have been asked to point out that those pupils who partake in the 'Milk in Schools Scheme' benefit from a subsidy under this Scheme. This represents a significant reduction in the actual cost of milk.

Fruit Shop Payment for Spring Term 2019 – Years 3 to 6

If you would like your child to have fruit and healthy snacks from our Fruit Shop during the Spring Term 2019, would you please make a payment of £16.00 via your ParentPay account no later than Monday, 17 December 2018. This represents a charge of 25p for 1 item every day from our Fruit Shop. Please note that your payment means that your child opts into our Fruit Shop for the full term and, due to the numbers and logistics involved, we are unable to make refunds for absence, etc.

If you prefer to pay via a Paypoint, please contact the School Office to request a Barcode. Please be aware that it can take up to two days for a Paypoint payment to reach your account.

We have parent Governor vacancies in our school

Have you ever considered becoming a parent governor? If you are interested, please see the information below about the election and the nomination form which needs to be received by myself by 5pm on 20th December 2018.

Responsibilities

- Develop the school’s vision and strategy
- Set a culture of high educational standards, which promotes staff and pupil wellbeing
- Ensure the school follows the National Curriculum, and that all pupils, including those with special educational needs (SEN), can access the curriculum
- Monitor provision for pupils with SEN
- Monitor the school’s educational performance, using a range of data sources
- Ensure stakeholders (parents, pupils, staff, the local community) are informed and consulted as appropriate
- Approve the school budget
- Monitor and evaluate the school’s financial performance
- Approve and review school policies and hold staff to account for their implementation
- Ensure the school is compliant with legal requirements, including that all statutory policies and documents are in place
- Carry out the appointment and performance management of the headteacher
- Monitor and evaluate the school’s staffing structure(s)
- Monitor health and safety in the school
- Work in co-operation with the local authority, having regard to any guidance it issues

Skills and experience	
Essential:	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical listening and ability to ask effective questions • Strategic thinking • Excellent communication • Problem-solving and analysis • Understanding of data • Finance and/or accounting knowledge • Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR experience • Knowledge of education • Leadership and management skills • Risk management skills • Legal expertise • Marketing and communications skills

Time commitment:

To perform this role well, a governor is expected to:

- get to know the school, including visiting the school at least 3 times per year during school hours, and gain a good understanding of the school’s strengths and weaknesses;
- attend induction training and regular relevant training and development events;
- attend meetings (6 full governing body meetings and 6 meetings for each committee of which Governors usually sit on at least 2) and read all the papers before the meeting;
- act in the best interest of all the pupils of the school; and
- behave in a professional manner, as set down in the governing body’s code of conduct, including acting in strict confidence.

Under usual circumstances, you should expect to spend between 10 and 20 days a year on your governing responsibilities, which equates to about half a day per week in term time.

Under Section 50 of the Employment Rights Act 1996, if you are employed, then you are entitled to 'reasonable time off' to undertake public duties; this includes school governance. 'Reasonable time off' is not defined in law and you will need to negotiate with your employer how much time you will be allowed.

If you would like to know more about becoming a school governor, you can get in touch with the Chair or Vice Chair of Governors of governors, Mr Gary Laird glaird@moorlandsprimary.org.uk or Mrs Rachel Harle rharle@moorlandsprimary.org.uk

Please see the form and letter below.

Dates for Your Diary

17 th December:	Deadline for Spring Term Milk and Fruit Shop Payments
17 th December:	Reception and Year1 Nativity AM
18 th December:	Reception and Year1 Nativity 5pm, Year 2 performance 6.30pm
19 th December:	Years 3 and 4 Christmas production 9.15am Years 5 and 6 Christmas production 2.30pm
20 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas production 5pm Years 5 and 6 Christmas production 6.30pm
21 st December:	Christmas Jumper Day
21 st December:	End of term- school closes for two weeks
7 th January:	School reopens
7 th January:	Strictly Pennine Dance Festival tickets for sale from Lawrence Batley Theatre
8 th January:	Prince William Award- Autumn term celebration
9 th January:	Whole School Dark Day – more information to follow
15 th January 2019:	Deadline for online Primary School applications (Sept 2019 intake for children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015)
17 th January:	Year 5 trip to Danelaw
21 st January:	Year 5 Trip to Danelaw
28 th January:	Year 5 Trip to Danelaw
31 st January:	SATs Parents Evening
4 th February:	Reception Chinese New Year Assembly 14.45pm
5 th February:	Safer Internet Day
14 th February:	School closes for half term
15 th February:	INSET day- School closed

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.

Amanda Denney
Headteacher

Dear Parent

13th December 2018

PARENT GOVERNORS ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF MOORLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am writing to you as the Returning Officer for the election of parent governor. We currently have vacancies for 2 parent governors.

The law now requires that all governors are appointed on the basis of the skills they have to contribute to effective governance. Therefore, parent elections now undertaken by schools need to have due regard to the new statutory guidance. Schools must promote informed and effective elections in which the electorate understands the role of a governor; the skills required by the governing body; and the extent to which candidates possess those skills.

The governing body conducted a skills audit recently and identified gaps in the following areas:

Finance and Safeguarding

We would therefore ask that any parent who possesses these particular skills please consider standing in this election.

For the purpose of an election the term 'parent' includes a person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility (as defined in the Children Act 1989) or has care of the child. To stand, propose, support or vote in the election a parent must be the parent of a pupil on roll at the school, at the date of election. Within a family each parent may vote but parents do not have extra votes because they have more than one child in the school.

I propose to hold an election of 2 parent governors to serve for a period of 4 years starting in February 2019.

Below this letter is the nomination form and contains all relevant details. Nominations should be received by me personally by 5pm on 20th December. If more than the required number of candidates are nominated ballot papers will be sent to parents on 17th January 2019. I shall let you know the result of the election in due course.

I must draw your attention to the following restriction which applies to school governors:

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of the election and must complete a DBS disclosure application form.

The full details of disqualifications which apply to the role of school governor are to be found in the current School Governance (Procedures) Regulations. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/1624/contents/made>

Staff in the School Governor Service at 2nd Floor, Kirkgate Buildings, will be happy to advise on disqualification, if need be (Tel 01484 225010).

A copy of the Authority's procedure for this election is available for inspection at School.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Denney
Head Teacher and Returning Officer

The Governing Body of Moorlands Primary School

THE ELECTION OF 2 PARENT GOVERNORS TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF 4 YEARS STARTING IN THE FEBRUARY 2019.

NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF CANDIDATE.....

NAME OF CANDIDATE'S CHILD WHO IS A PUPIL AT THE SCHOOL: -

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ADDRESS

(of candidate)

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Email address:

Telephone Work.....Home.....

Signature of Proposer..... Parent of
(Pupil's Name)

Signature of Seconder..... Parent of
(Pupil's Name)

DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE: (please tick as appropriate)

Are you paid to work at the School? **Yes** **No**

Are you related to any current employed staff or governor at the School? **Yes** **No**

I agree to stand in the above-named election and have read the expectations on being a school governor

In the event I am unsuccessful in this election, I am willing to consider another school

Signed Date

To be valid the fully completed nomination form must reach the Returning Office **personally** by the close of school on 20th December

In this election the Returning Officer is: Amanda Denney

The teller(s)/scrutineer(s) is/are: Rebecca Freeman/Kathryn Horsfal

The candidate is asked to provide the Returning Officer with not more than half a side of A4 paper with information about him/herself which shall be published on the ballot paper, e.g. information about the candidate's residence, interests and feelings about any particular aspect of the school. If the candidate fails to do so the Returning Officer is obliged to note the fact on or with the ballot papers.

If there is to be a ballot, pupils will be asked to take the ballot papers to their parents on 17th January 2019 and then return them to school

Date of Issue - 13th December 2018

After School Club Spring 2019 Pick Up Points

Day	Club	Pickup From
Monday Starting 7.01.19 for 13 weeks	Y1/2 Gymnastics	1W Class Door
	Y3~6 Musical Theatre	Y3/4 Door
	Y5 Football	Hall
	Y3/4 Cricket	Y3/4 Door
Tuesday Starting 8.01.19 for 13 weeks	Y3/4 Gymnastics	Y3/4 Door
	Y3 Cooking Club (Starts 26.02.19)	Hall
	Y3~6 Lego Club (Ends 12.02.19) 6 weeks	Hall
	Y1~6 School Choir	Hall
	Y4 Football	Y3/4 Door
Wednesday Starting 9.01.19 for 13 weeks	Y3~6 Drama	Hall
	Y3 Football	Yr 3/4 Doors
	Y1/2 Ball Skills	2C Class Door
	Y5/6 Netball	Hall
Thursday Starting 10.01.19 for 13 weeks	Y5/6 Gymnastics	Hall
	Y6 Football	Hall
	Moorlands Meteors (Eco Club)	DD Class Door
	Y3-6 Tag Rugby	Yr 3/4 Door
	Y4~6 Latin	Hall
	Y1/2 Dance	2D Class Door
	Y1/2 Craft Club	1J Class Door
Friday Starting 11.01.19 for 12 weeks (due to an INSET day)	Y1/2 Multi Skills	10 Class Door
	Y5/6 Cricket	Hall
	Y3~6 Girls Football	Yr 3/4 Door
	Y3~6 Dance	Yr 3/4 Door
	Y3/4 Code Club	Hall

Back by popular demand....

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Donations

- Afternoon tea for 2 at Heritage café & deli
 - Live Escape Huddersfield x3
 - Sleepunder party for two voucher
 - Box of Swiss M&S chocolates
- Chocolate hamper from Sainsburys
 - Reindeer soft toy
- Sunday lunch for 4 at Old Golf House
 - Rubies Hairdressers
- Luxury M&S biscuits from Mr & Mrs Mitchell
- 4 week course at Huddersfield Irish Dancing



- 4 week course martial arts at Kane academy
 - £20 voucher at Black Bull Lindley
- 2 x Cut & Blow Mark Riley Brighthouse
 - Voucher White Swan Outlane
 - Box of Lebkuchen biscuits
 - Houllts wine & apron
- Elemis skin treatment travel kit
 - Fabrik haircut
- £15 VJW Holistic vouchers
- Bolster Moor gift voucher
 - 3 bottles of wine
- Bricks 4 kids Calder Valley tickets x4
- £50 M&S voucher from PWS Technical Services
 - Cake Castle voucher Marsh
- 4 x vouchers (separate) 2 blow dries, 1 mini manicure, 1 back massage from Halo
- Holdsworth House Afternoon tea for 2
 - Chocolate Hamper
 - Chocolate bouquet
- £20 voucher for William Priestley's Halifax
 - Plus more coming in

We'll be keeping the Moorlands Primary PTA Facebook page updated with any additional prizes and photos. A reminder will be in the newsletter next week too. |



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