



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely start to the term. The children have been working hard to collect house points and merits. Year 2 had a great visit to Mount Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon. They learnt about the Christian faith and took part in a pretend christening. The first of the Year 5 trips to Danelaw took place today. We hope they had a memorable trip.

As the weather is set to turn much colder from today, please can we remind children to come dressed for the weather, with hats and gloves. There has been snow



mentioned. If this does happen, please can we ask you to send children in wellies or with a change of suitable footwear. When the playground is slushy, the children cannot play out if they have inappropriate footwear. We do not want children to sit in wet shoes all day. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Chinese New Year

Our Reception children are currently learning about Chinese New Year. If there is anyone who is able to come to talk to the children about this, we would be most grateful.

Parent Governor Election

Ballot Papers are being sent home today (17 January 2019) with pupils. Each parent needs a separate ballot paper to vote. You may vote for up to two candidates. All ballot papers must be returned to school by 5.00 pm Thursday, 24 January. The results will be published in the newsletter on Thursday, 31 January.

Every parent has a right to take part in the election. The term parent includes a person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility or has care of the child. Any parent who will not receive a ballot paper via pupil post (e.g. separated parent living away) may ask the School Office for a ballot paper. The Returning Officer is not obliged to seek out distant parents.



Summersville

Georgia and Falak in Year 4, with the help of a working party from the School Council, are trying to develop how Summersville is used. They would like to introduce a game /activity trolley at lunchtimes for the children to access. If anyone has any board games at home that they would like to donate, we would be most appreciative. Any donations can be dropped off at the School Office.

House Points



Last week we told you about the new house point system where all the children have been put into four houses: Willow, Oak, Sycamore and Birch. The children have been putting great effort into their work, behaving well and showing great manners to earn merits and house points. We are delighted to announce that last week the first ever winning House was.....OAK with 643 points. Well done to all the children in Oak house who have got their first leaf on our house point tree!

Optician Visit

Valli opticians have been in Reception this week providing vision screening tests. On average nationally, 1 in 7 children have reduced vision and the test has helped identify those who may require further testing. We would like to thank Valli Opticians and urge parents to please act, if appropriate, on the feedback report given.

A Fantastic Friend

A big well done to Jonah, in Year 2, who shaved his hair off to support and match friend William, who has temporarily lost his hair for medical treatment. We think they look fab!



Sporting News

Olly B has been selected for trials with the Football Association England for his age group at Football. He plays for his local team, YMCA under 7's, and both the YMCA and the school have helped Olly come along greatly at football. The trials are the first 2 weeks in February in Middleton through the FA Disability Talent Hub England Talent Pathway. We are so proud of Olly's achievements. Well done Olly.

Our Year 6 Biathlon team recently competed in a regional qualifying competition in York.

We are pleased to announce four of the team have qualified for the National Championships in Crystal Palace on 16/17th March 2019.

This is a fantastic achievement to have experienced such a high-level competition and qualify. We are all extremely proud of the children and their achievement. Thank you to their parents/carers for their ongoing support with this club.

Well done to the Year 6 boys who took part in a football competition on Wednesday, 16th January at The Zone. They showed great team work and determination, finishing 2nd in their group - just missing out on the final by goal difference. A fantastic result. Well done everyone.

Dates for Your Diary

17 th January:	Year 5 trip to Danelaw
21 st January:	Year 5 Trip to Danelaw
21 st January:	Year 1/2 Basketball competition
25 th January:	The Mayor of Kirklees visiting KS1
28 th January:	Year 5 Trip to Danelaw
31 st January:	Year 6 SATs Parents Evening
4 th February:	Reception Chinese New Year Assembly 14.40pm - sign in through the hall doors.
5 th February:	Safer Internet Day
8 th February:	Sports Hall Athletics competition
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.

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Headteacher

Other advice services



**Advice, information
and general help for
people aged 50+**

Age UK Winter Home Energy Checks:

- Advice on how to keep warm and save energy.
- Supply and install simple energy efficiency devices such as draught excluders.
- Suggest additional sources of support.

Age UK have offices in Halifax and Huddersfield.

Tel: **01484 535994**

Holmfirth Transition Town - HoTT

(for people in the Holme Valley)

Help for people whose health is vulnerable to winter cold by providing draught-proofing materials and basic insulation.

There is a stall in Holmfirth Library, 10.00 to 12.00, on the first Friday morning of each month between September and March.

Email: **info@hott.org.uk**

Tel: **01484 686912**

Energy Saving Advice Service

This is an impartial advice service, funded by the Government and provided by the Energy Saving Trust.

Tel: **0300 123 1234**

Be an Energy shopper

Find the best deal for your gas and electricity.

www.goenergysshopping.co.uk

The Pension Service

Support is offered to pensioners or people close to retirement, with advice on state pensions and pension credit entitlements. Personal home consultations can also be arranged if required.

www.direct.gov.uk

Tel: **0345 606 0265**

