



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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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 Randhawa (Year 3), Mrs Cromie (Year 1) and Mrs Shaheen (Reception). Also, we welcome back Mrs Wdowczyk who has returned from maternity leave. 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.

Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart on their return to school. Please can you make sure all uniform and coats are named, as it is very difficult to return items that are not named. We already have lost property after 3 days. Also, please can you make sure children have a waterproof coat and a water bottle daily. PE kits need to be in school on PE days, please make sure the PE kit includes hair bobbles for long hair and tape for earrings if needed.

Spreading the cost

We are aware that many payments seem to come at once. There are two ways to support parents in budgeting for residential, milk, fruit, trips, clubs etc.

1. The high value residential - although we ask for three payments with deadlines, lower payment amounts can be made multiple times, so parents can spread the cost over the months before the trip. This does not necessarily help for the Year 5 and Year 3 deposits because of the deposit deadline (15 July and 5 July), but for the interim and final deadlines it can be used.
2. Parents can hold credit on their ParentPay account to assist with monthly budgeting. In practice this means, say, putting £10 in periodically, then using this credit to pay for payment items as they arise. This is easy to set up - from the home screen choose Set Up Parent Account and follow the instructions. It is a simple way to keep funds ready to make payments quickly and easily when required (although it does mean that those funds are 'put aside' into the credit account and cannot be accessed).



Flu Vaccination for children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Your child is being offered a flu vaccination through a nasal spray in School. A letter giving details together with consent form will be sent home with your child on Friday 6th September. The Locala Nurses will be collecting all consent forms on 20th September so please ensure that you return your child's form to school before this date.

Young Voices

We are very excited to announce that we have signed up this year to take part in the Young Voices Choir which will perform at Manchester Arena in January 2020. We will be taking 30 children from KS2 to sing with 6000 other children as well as some well-known singers, including Spandau Ballet's Toni Hadley. Initially, we will be inviting the KS2 children who take part in the after-school choir on a Tuesday, then opening it up on a first come basis. Letters with further information will be out on Friday. If your child would like to join the choir, there are still places available. Please go to ParentPay to book them onto the club.



After School Clubs

There are still some places available on a few of our after-school clubs. These clubs include: Adventure (Years 3/6), American Sports (Years 3/6), Choir (Years 1/6), Code (Years 3/4), Dance (Years 3/6), Drama (Years 3/6), Football (Years 1/2 and 3/4), Girls Football (Years 3/6), Gymnastics (Years 3/4 and 5/6), Hockey (Years 3/6), Irish Dancing (Years 1/2), Eco Club (Years 1/6), Sewing (Years 1/2), Sports Carousel (Years 1/2).

Year 1 Parent Information Evening

On Thursday, 26th September 6 - 6.30pm we will be holding a Year 1 information evening to give you more information about the Year 1 curriculum and how children learn in Year 1. You will get the chance to explore your child's new classroom and ask their Year 1 teacher any questions you may have. We will notify Year 1 parents by e-mail when further information is available on ParentPay where you will also be able to confirm if you wish to attend.

Year 6 Transfer to High School 2020

Please note that if your child is starting Secondary school in September 2020 you must apply online between 1st September and 31st October 2019. Late applications can severely reduce your chances of getting a school place at any of your preferred schools. Once you have made your application please notify Moorlands of your first choice.

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.

Please park and drive considerately. On Tuesday a parent blocked a neighbour's driveway and the neighbour then missed an important appointment.

Metacognition Week and Open Afternoon- Years 1-6

Next week is Metacognition Week in school. Children will be taking part in activities linked to Metacognition . We would like to share some of our work on developing metacognition with parents and carers on Friday, 13th 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.

We love reading!

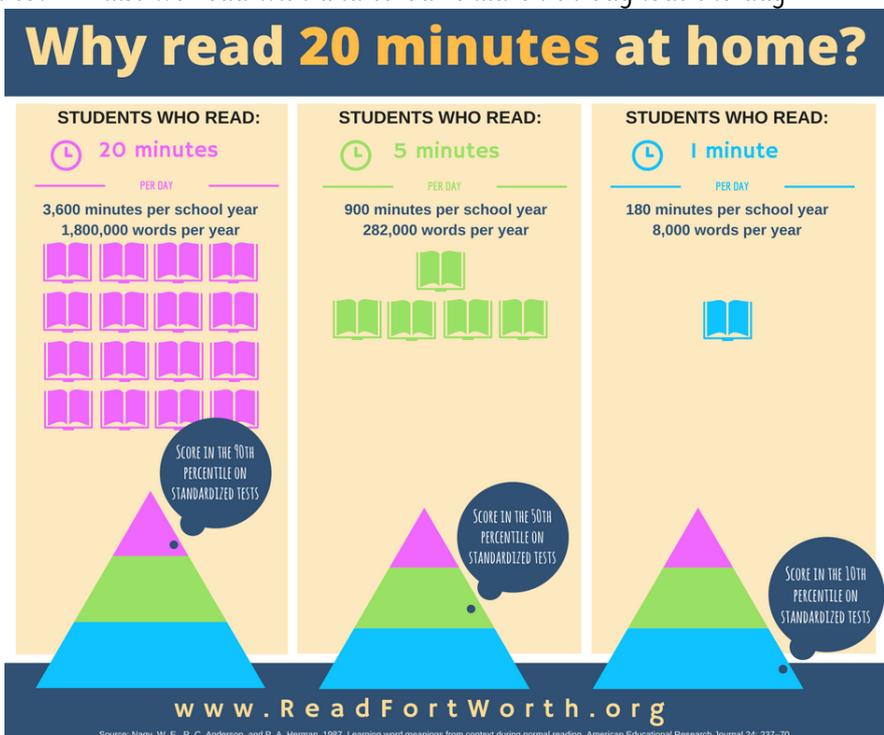
At Moorlands we love reading and are very keen to promote our love of reading to all our families. Did you know that a recent study, conducted over eight years, concluded that when parents read to children on a daily basis, they are up to a year ahead of those who are not read to? Whilst we read with and to our children throughout the day at school, it is very important to encourage your child to read for 20 minutes at home every day. We hope you will support us in developing our children's love of books.

Gym equipment

The outdoor gym in the bottom playground is only to be used by the Year 6 children due to the manufacturer's 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.

Allergies

We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please ensure you do not send any food in to school with any type of nut in the ingredients. Please carefully check the content of biscuits and cereal bars.



Aldi stickers

Do you shop at Aldi? Aldi is launching a competition to give 20 primary schools across the UK the chance to win £20,000 each to build a health legacy.

The Kit for Schools competition launches on 6th September and is part of Aldi's long-standing partnership with Team GB.

We have a sticker poster, which we need to fill with Team GB stickers, so we can be entered into the final prize draw to win £20,000 to build a health legacy along with a mini school sports day kit. Aldi shoppers will receive stickers every time they spend £30 or more in store which can be brought into school and added to our sticker poster. Many thanks for your support.

Governors

We have a fantastic Governing Body at Moorlands who work very hard to ensure Moorlands is the best school it can possibly be. All our Governors attend meetings in school regularly, as well as visit school to meet staff and children and take part in school life. Their contributions to school are invaluable. Each year group is linked to one of our governors and all of our Governors are linked to our subject leaders. Throughout the year we would like to introduce

you to our Governors, starting with Anna Bartys. More information about our Governors can be found on our website.

Meet the Governors - Anna Bartys

How long have you been a governor?

I became a Parent Governor in March 2015 and was re-elected for a second term in Jan 2019.

Do you have any additional responsibilities/sit on any other committees?

I am the Chair of the Finance Committee and Early Years Governor, as well as the subject link Governor for English. As well as chairing the Finance Committee, I sit on the Standards and Attainment Committee, the Complaints Committee and the Dismissals Appeals Committee.

Why did you become a governor?

I had always wanted to volunteer somewhere and when the chance came up to apply to be a Parent Governor, I thought I would put myself forward. My children attend Moorlands and I am a former pupil, so feel a personal connection with the place, although it doesn't look anything like it used to do when I went! I must say as well, it is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done, albeit a big commitment. I feel very proud and it gives me a great sense of achievement that I can contribute in even a small way to make our school the best it can be and positively influence the lives of all our children.

What is the hardest thing about being a governor?

Ensuring that I can commit fully to the role around my family, work and other activities I am involved with.

What is the best thing about being a governor?

Definitely spending time in school getting to know the children and staff. Being in such a caring environment and seeing the children learn and develop and progress is just wonderful, and I would recommend it to anyone. Every day you can see the level of dedication and hard work that all the staff invest in our school and what that means to the children and how they develop and grow.

A little about you when you are not being a governor

I keep pretty busy really with work and all our social activities. I run a recruitment company with my husband, regularly play netball and run. As with most parents I spend an inordinate amount of time each week driving the kids to all their activities, help run a local Beaver pack, act as secretary for the Huddersfield Netball, am a church committee member and the list goes on.....

Special achievements



Well done to Aisha in Year 1 and Layla in Year 2 who have taken part in the Space Chase summer reading challenge, through Kirklees Libraries. They both read 16 books over the holidays to complete the challenge. Layla has also been busy swimming and has achieved her Octopus 3 Award and Goldfish 1 Award. Well done to both of you.

Well done to Georgia who received a trophy at the weekend for highest score in her Cheerleading solo, winning a place in the Nationals. She also received a trophy for being Cheerleader of the Year! What an amazing achievement. Georgia has been selected to compete internationally in the Isle of Man, Wales for this next season, alongside selection for a further Acro solo.



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Dates for Your Diary

13th September:	Parent Open Afternoon for Years 1 -6 2pm-3.15pm
26 th September:	Reception Parents Open Evening: 5pm - Small Hall
26 th September:	Year 1 Parent Information Evening: 6pm - Large Hall
4th October:	World Smile Day - wear yellow - non-uniform
10 th October:	Individual photos- Tempest Photography
17 th October:	Year 2 presenting their Harvest Assembly 9.15am
24 th October:	Year 4 presenting their Diwali Assembly 9.15am
25 th October:	Break up for half term
4 th November:	Teacher training day- School closed
5 th November:	School reopens
13 th and 19 th November:	Parents Evenings

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

Lindley Bowling Club



Junior Bowls Singles Competition

Saturday 7th September 10.00am start

- for anyone under 16 years of age
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- cost to enter £3.00
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- handicapped for new bowlers or by age
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- prizes

If you are interested PLEASE contact :-
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