



# Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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@MoorlandsHudds

Thursday, 09 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school this week and we hope you have all had a great summer. As always, our brilliant staff have been working hard during the holidays to prepare for the new year. The classrooms look wonderful. This week staff and children have been getting used to new routines, as we begin to be able to be together a bit more.

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 joined us this week. Thank you to all our new starter parents/carers who have prepared the children so well for school. We would like to welcome to our staff team: Mrs Cowley (Reception), Miss Brown (Year 2), Miss Styles (Year 3), Mr Westerby (Year 3), Miss Howland (Year 5), Miss Day (Year 6) and Mrs Tough (Year 6). Finally, welcome to our new parents. We are a friendly bunch at Moorlands, please phone or email if you have any questions, queries, or concerns.

We would like to say huge congratulations to five members of staff who got married this summer. Miss Bancroft became Mrs Halligan, Miss Hannant became Mrs Goczan, Miss Swain became Mrs Stone and Mrs Ogden and Mrs Augustine also got married.



## Start and finish times

All year groups start school at 8.45am and will have early bird activities until 8.55am when the register is taken and the doors are closed. After this time any children late for school must enter through the late door, which is the hall door. Children entering through this door will receive a late mark.

The playground is very busy in the morning. Can all parents stand well back from the children lining up and the doors at the beginning and the end of the day. Some children are finding the crowd of parents at the end of the day quite overwhelming.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 finish at 3.20pm and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 finish at 3.25pm.

## 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 filled, named 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 residentials, 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.
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).

### **Young Voices 2022**

In February 2020 we took 30 of our amazing KS2 children to Manchester Arena to perform with the Young Voice choirs. It truly was an amazing experience, one that will be remembered for a lifetime.

We are planning to take 30 children from KS2 to sing with 6000 other children as well as some well-known singers. Last year we sang with Spandau Ballet's Toni Hadley, The Shires and Rutti.

We are very excited that last year's planned event has now been rescheduled to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Last year, 30 children signed up to be part of the choir, but some have now left to go to high school. This means we have 8 places available. If your child would like to be part of the choir and is in Year 3, 4,5 or 6, please reserve a place via ParentPay. If you child already has a place and no longer wants to be in the choir, please contact the office as soon as possible. Rehearsals will begin at lunchtimes very soon and children taking part will need to practise songs and actions at home.



### **After School Clubs**

We have made the decision not to run our after-school clubs until at least October half term. We will hopefully be able to offer after school clubs in Autumn B term.

### **Year 6 Transfer to High School – September 2022**

Please note that if your child is starting Secondary school in September 2022, you must apply online between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. 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.

Kirklees parents/carers apply online via this link [Apply for a primary school place | Kirklees Council](#)

## We love reading!

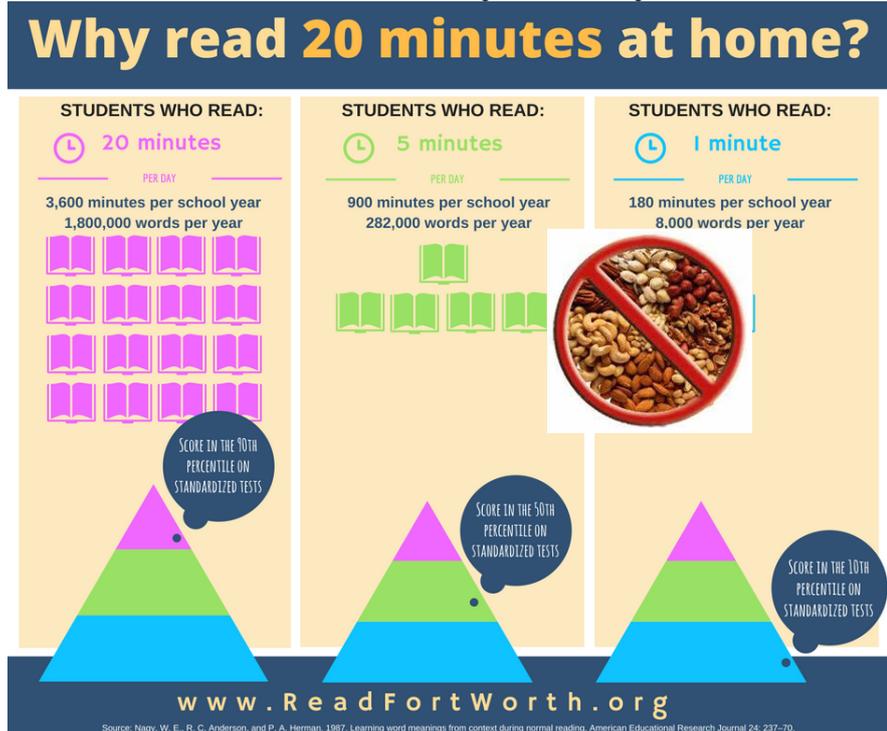
At Moorlands we love reading and are very keen to promote our love of reading to all our families. Did you know that a recent study, conducted over eight years, concluded that when parents read to children daily, they are up to a year ahead of those who are not read to? Whilst we read with and to our 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.

## 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.

## Covid 19 Guidance for Schools - Reminder WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE?

Inform school immediately. The person testing positive should not attend school for 10 days and should isolate.



## CHANGES TO SELF ISOLATION AND CLOSE CONTACT TRACING

Following the changes to self-isolation on 16 August 2021, students under the age of 18 years and 6 months are no longer required to self-isolate, even if they have been identified as a close contact of a positive case. Instead, parents are advised to book a PCR test.

Students can continue to attend school until the results of this test are known unless they have any symptoms of Covid-19. However, if your child is a close contact and has symptoms then they should self-isolate until the test results are returned.

## WHAT IS AN OUTBREAK?

All work on identifying close contacts will initially be done by Test and Trace, and the requirement of schools to contact trace has been removed. However, although self-isolation rules have changed, we may still be required to work with Public Health in terms of any outbreak identified.

An outbreak is defined as two or more linked cases in a setting. That means that it is likely someone in the setting has caught Covid-19 from someone else in the setting. When there are high rates of Covid-19 in the community, you may see a number of cases in the setting, without evidence that transmission has occurred within the setting. This is known as a cluster.

When there is an outbreak, it may be necessary to take extra steps to prevent the virus spreading further to prevent harm to the public's health.

Current Department for Education guidance states that extra action should only be considered when either of the following thresholds is met:

- 5 students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

- 10% of students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

If an outbreak is identified by Public Health, then please be aware that the school may need to take additional action, including potential short term year group/class closures. Our Covid-19 risk assessment has also been updated on our website.

For students who are required to self-isolate our Home Learning will be available on Seesaw.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Residential trips to Cliffe House
Monday and Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Danelaw History trip
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October	World smile day – non-uniform
Thursday, 7 <sup>h</sup> October 2021	Individual photos
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Harvest donations to the Welcome Centre

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

[www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk](http://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



## AT HUDDERSFIELD NEW COLLEGE

NEW HEY ROAD, HUDDERSFIELD, HD3 4GL

**STARTING TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



<b>Group 1</b>	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b>	<b>Ages 4 - 5</b>
<b>Group 2</b>	<b>6:00pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>Ages 6 - 7</b>
<b>Group 3</b>	<b>7:00pm – 8:00pm</b>	<b>Ages 8 - 9</b>
<b>Group 4</b>	<b>8:00pm – 9:00pm</b>	<b>Ages 10 - 13</b>

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. **The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY TUESDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by **F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**. All of our coaches have been **DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED**. The course is open to **Boys and Girls** aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through **FUN** and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every **child** will receive a merit **Trophy** and course **Certificate**, with chances to win extra trophies including Penalty Shoot out, American Shoot out and Champions League Competitions.

The cost of the course is £6 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£24) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of **excellent facilities including the large indoor sports hall**.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT**  
**'HUDDERSFIELD' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO;**

**07846 770 250**

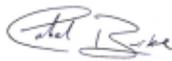
*Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)*

Usually, the Lindley 10k and Lindley Junior Run form part of a wider weekend of community events, which includes the Lindley Carnival and Lindley Street Party. Unfortunately, the Lindley Carnival and Street Party have been cancelled this year for safety reasons, as a result of Covid-19.

While we are confident that the Lindley 10k and Lindley Junior Run will go ahead in October, as planned, we will be monitoring the situation and we will be following national guidance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact details are provided at the top of the previous page.

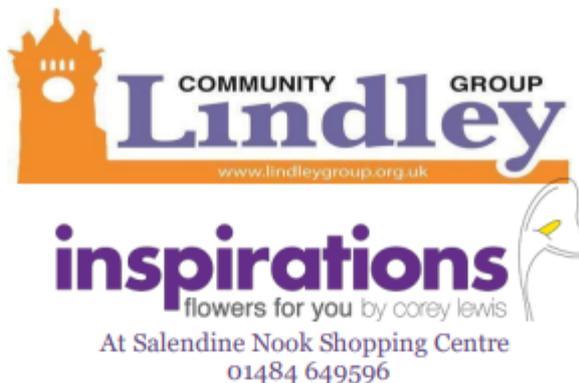
Yours faithfully,



Cllr Cahal Burke



Cllr Anthony Smith



## LINDLEY JUNIOR RUN - SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2021

JUNIOR RUN: 9:00am 10K: 9:30am

### JUNIOR RUN £5

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DATE OF BIRTH		AGE ON RACE DAY		MALE		FEMALE	
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#### PLEASE READ AND THEN SIGN TO CONFIRM AGREEMENT

I confirm I am medically & physically fit to run & understand I enter at my own risk. I agree to abide by the rules of UK Athletics & the event organisers. I understand that I enter the race at my own risk & that no person(s) or organisation(s) will be held responsible for any accident, injury or loss to myself, prior to, during or after the event. I understand the organisers reserve the right to delay, postpone or cancel or not officially time the race in the event of adverse weather conditions or other events outside of their control. The determination of what constitutes this is reserved solely to the Lindley Community Group committee. Photographs of the event will be taken for publicity purposes. I understand that my image may be used and give permission for it to be used.

SIGNATURE		DATE	
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Please send cheque made payable to Lindley Community Group:

Lindley Community Group (Lindley Junior Run) c/o Lindley  
Library & Information Centre Lidget Street  
Lindley Huddersfield HD3 3JP

Entries will not be accepted after Friday 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021