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Dear Parents/Carers,

The year seems to be flying by so quickly, but we have certainly packed a lot into it so far and have reached half term already. This week has been no exception!

It was also lovely to see parents at our Year 1 Phonics Information Event yesterday. The repeat session planned for tonight along with the Maths / SATs information sessions are POSTPONED, due to adverse weather, and will be rearranged in due course.

This week we have welcomed Ofsted into school to see all the fantastic work we do. Thank you so much to everyone who has filled in the Parent View questionnaire and sent messages to staff - it really does mean a lot to us all. Our children and staff have tried so hard to tell our visitors all about everything we do in two short days.

We break up for half term on Friday and return on Tuesday, 20th February. We hope you all have a wonderful half term and we look forward to hearing about everybody's adventures on our return.

World Book Day - 7th March 2024

As you all know, we love books at Moorlands and World Book Day is a good reason to shout a little louder about our love of reading. We will, as always, be inviting the children to dress as their favourite book character. This doesn't mean you have to go out and buy something new - please don't. Many characters wear normal everyday clothes - we would just like the children to be able to share their love for certain characters.

We are also arranging a whole school pre-loved book swap event. This is where the children can bring in one book that they have finished reading and no longer wish to own and swap it for a pre-loved book that they want to read. Children can bring in their book on any day starting on Monday, 4th March until Friday, 8th March to give to their class teacher.

Character Spoon

To celebrate World Book Day, we would like children to make a wooden spoon into their favourite book character. We know we have so many wonderfully creative children, we can't wait to see the results. There will be a prize for the most



creative spoon in Key Stage 1/Reception and Key Stage 2. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Please give any finished spoons to your class teacher. We have a few other book events planned and will let you know about them after the holidays.

















Author Visit for Years 3 and 4

On 26^{th} February, author Jenny McLachlan, will be visiting Years 3 and 4 in school. She will be telling the children all about being an author and her book. She will be selling and signing books after the event. Children can bring in money to buy books, which should be in a named envelope. The books are priced £7.99 for one book or £14 for books 1 and 2.

PTA Family Easter Egg Bingo and Non-Uniform Day



Our wonderful PTA are hosting another fun filled Easter Egg Bingo. It will be on **Tuesday**, **19th March** (note the change of date) in the school hall and this year there will be two sessions, so more people can join in the fun. The first event will be from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and the second event from 6pm to 7pm. The doors for the event will open at 4.15pm and 5.45pm. Entrance is free, but you do need to book a place (see below). Children must be accompanied and monitored by an adult throughout the event. There will be refreshments and various fun activities, including the very popular Easter Egg tombola. Bingo tickets will be on sale on the night. Please come along and help the PTA raise much needed funds for Moorlands.

We are opening each event to 300 people; please could you respond with the number of people (including children) that will be attending the event. We are really looking forward to seeing you there.

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Before we can have an Easter Egg Bingo, we need Easter eggs. On Monday, 18th March, we will be having a nonuniform day where we will be asking children to donate an Easter egg.

Moorlands Primary PTA Disco

A huge thank you to our PTA, staff and children who attended the disco. The children had a wonderful time and the PTA raised over £1500! Well done everyone.

Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards

Each week, every class award two certificates: Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week.

These awards are for children who have shown they are wonderful role models and have an amazing attitude to learning - trying their best all the time.

We are delighted to share that the following students are this week's recipients of these awards.

Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner	
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	Moorlands	week		Moorlands	the week		Moorlands	week
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DD	Miah EH	Anav G	2S	Theo K	Nelle R	4H	Lydia H	Josiah R
нн	River O	Imogen N	2H	Matilda C	Olivia J	5T	Aro K	Brandon J
SS	Callum H	Jacob M	3M	Charlie M	Rex W	5KS	Jacob D	Madison P
1P	Marlee T	Louis J	3CM	Luke H	Henry S	5S	Reggie G	Max B
1K	Tommy M	Albie H	35	Milo A-D	Chloe W	6W	Olivia M	Max T
10	Jesse J	Freddie S	4G	Chloe M	Ryder G	6C	Amy R	Ben W
2J	Luca N	Idrees C	4W	Miley C	Ian M	6F	Emily P	Laila B

Last week there was an error on the newsletter, the previous week's winners for 5T, 5KS, 5S, 6W, 6C and 6F had not changed from the previous week. Well done to the following children; Francesca S and Olivia R in 5T, Brooke L and Mabel D in 5S, Zubaria F and Alfie W in 6C, Jessica W and Isla W in 6W and Cameron R and Lilly B in 6F. They were presented with certificates in assembly, which will be on display in school for a week and have been given a privilege card which entitles them to go for lunch first with a friend on a day of their choice this week and a nonuniform day on Friday of this week.

40 Acts of Kindness

Some of you may remember your children talking about our '40 Acts of Kindness' challenge from previous years. Basically, rather than giving something up for Lent (as many Christians and non-Christians do) we carry out a daily act

of kindness to others. Moorlands will be joining this challenge again for Lent 2024! As Lent begins during the half term holiday - on Ash Wednesday (the day after Pancake Day) - you might like to start your daily challenges at home! At school we will choose a kind act for every day until the Easter holiday and all children will try to complete this at school or at home. These might include: using lovely manners, holding a door for someone, tidying up without being asked, smiling at others, helping a child who is hurt or giving a compliment to someone.

Here are some videos to look at if you are interested in finding out more.

EYFS and KS1: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmvpBGPlnXk</u> https://youtu.be/StFadcyVJUA KS2: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y-2uVqjda8</u>

Shout Outs

Well done Luca who received this medal in a recent football competition. He came 4th and played in mid-field, net and attack. Congratulations Luca what fantastic skills! Well done Ella who was at a recent gymnastics competition. She received Gold for floor and vault, Silver for range and conditioning and Bronze for beam and bar. What a lot of certificates Ella – a fantastic achievement.





Moorlands Star Writer of the Week



This week's Star Writer is Sanuthi from 2S for her story writing. Using The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton for inspiration, Sanuthi created her own mythical creature and fantasy land. She then wrote a descriptive adventure story which began with her entering her fantasy land, meeting the mythical creature and going on an adventure with them. She soon found herself in difficulty and had to resolve the problem before finding a way back home. The story Sanuthi wrote was written using legible joined handwriting. She included Year 2 common exception words, expanded noun phrases and her story was coherent, engaging and enjoyed by the class when she read it out in recognition of her shout out. Well done, Sanuthi!

All work chosen for Moorlands Star Writer of the Week will be shared on the school website and can be found under the 'Curriculum' tab on the website's main page.

Be sure to keep checking our newsletter and website to see who will be the next Moorlands Star Writer!

Universal Free School Meals

We would just like to remind parents/carers that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Universal Free School Meals. As a result, no payment is required for school meals until children start Year 3. If your child is in one of the relevant year groups and you have made a payment, this will be refunded to your ParentPay account.

Statutory Free School Meals

Could your child be entitled to a



If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for Statutory Free School Meals which continue beyond the end of Year 2.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190.
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

To apply follow the link below. <u>https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx</u> Please contact school if you need any help with the application.

Dates for Your Diary

All this evening's planned events have been postponed – new dates to be confirmed					
School closes at the end of the day for half term.					
INSET Day - teacher training, school closed.					
School re-opens.					
10 to Manchester Airport					
ry 24 1P to Manchester Airport					
1K to Manchester Airport					
Young Voices Choir to Sheffield Arena					
Strictly Pennine Dance Festival					
World Book Day					
Deadline for Year 6 Residential Balance Payment					
PTA Easter Egg Bingo – please note the change of date					
Year 1 Easter assembly					
School closes at the end of the day for the Easter holidays					

Remember there are regular updates on X @MoorlandsHudds and on our school website <u>www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk.</u> As always, we do have an open-door policy, so if there is anything you would like to speak to us about, please do.

36TH OAKES

Join us...

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing and exploring

Ages 6-8 year olds

We meet on **Wednesday** evenings 17.30-18.30 (Term-time)

Oakes Baptist Church Hall

For more information please get in touch and come and see what we are about: beavers@oakesscoutgroup.co.uk



Huddersfield Football

Development

At Moor End Academy (Sports Hall) Dryclough Rd, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield,

HD4 5JA Starting on Tuesday 6th February 2024 In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1 School years - Year 2 & Year 3 School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6



Dear parents, Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Tuesday at Moor End Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is FUN through Football, building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academics. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is just £5.83 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medias awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



Liam TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE 0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534 We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing Please note we have a strict nor orfund policy once the course has been booked







Girls Cricket sessions



When?



Thursday 22nd Feb Every Thursday until Thursday 21st March

What time? Each session is 6-7pm







How much will it cost? £10 for 5 indoor sessions



Where? Newsome Academy

Castle Ave Huddersfield HD4 6JN



Who's it for?

Any girls looking to get into playing cricket and having a good time playing sport. No previous cricket experience required, come along and give it a go!

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A fantastical time This February half term @ BARNSLEY MUSEUMS

CANNON HALL

Pinecone Pets

Thursday 15 February Make your own marvellous mouse or fantastic fairy friend using just pinecones and other natural materials in this eco-friendly workshop.

10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm | All ages | Free, drop-in. In the North Glass Training Room, Cannon Hall Walled Garden

Thumbelina

Thumbelina Tuesday 26 March Brought to life through dance, live music and song, Thumbelina is a gentle and playful performance with the beauty of the natural world at its heart. Children are invited to take part in Thumbelina's journey, build a shelter from sticks and escape with her from the hungry toad. 11:30am BSL-interpreted performance, 2pm relaxed performance | Ages 3-8 | E5pp. In the Ballroom, Cannon Hall Museum. Running time Ihr including interactive play. Booking essential: www.cannon-hall.com/whats-on

Enjoy lots of free family

fun in the museum try out some traditional toys, dress like a Victorian or bake in the wooden kitchen i Servants Hall.

R COOPER All at Sea!

Friday 16 February Come along and have fun making your own maritime masterpiece inspired by the seascapes in the Cooper Collection. 10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm Free | drop-in. In the Sadler Room

Multisensory Trails Explore our beautiful outs spaces at Cannon Hall and Worsbrough like never be

HALF TERM GOLF CAMPS

Monday Thursday 12th February 15th February

@Crosland Heath Golf Club

£20 PER DAY 10-1PM 6 + YEARS



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Bring own pack lunch Fun Games Develop skills Make new friends

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Volunteers NEEDED

To read with children in local primary schools as a Reading Friend

- Volunteer just one hour a week perfect if you are retired or if you are interested in working in a school.
- We can help introduce you to your local school who need volunteers
- Fully funded training provided by Kirklees Success Centre

Come along to a taster session to find out more!

at Focal Community Centre, New Hey Road, Lindley,

HD3 4DD

Friday 9nd February 2-3pm

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Success Centres

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Moorlands Primary School School Holiday Dates 2024/2025 School opens – Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Half Term Close Friday 25th October 2024 Reopen Tuesday 5th November 2024

Christmas Holiday

School Closes Friday 20th December 2024 Reopen Monday 6th January 2025 Half Term Close Thursday 13th February 2025 Reopen Monday 24th February 2025

Easter Holiday

School Closes Friday 4th April 2025 Reopen Tuesday 22nd April 2025 School Closed for May Day – Monday 5th May 2025 Half Term Closes Friday 23rd May 2025 Reopen Monday 2nd June 2025

School Closes for Summer Holidays – Friday 18th July 2025