



# Moorlands Primary School

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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. Thank you for sending children looking so smart in the correct uniform.

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 start the new term.

## Welcome

We are delighted to have welcomed lots of new faces to the Moorlands Team this week. Miss Todd, Miss Moulson, Miss Grocott, Miss Pascall and Mrs Gledhill have joined the Reception team, Miss Montgomery has joined Year 2, Miss Stead has joined Year 3 and Miss Bracher and joined Year 5. We are sure everyone will make them feel very welcome. Last, but definitely not least, a huge welcome to our 85 new Reception children and all their families. We are a friendly bunch at Moorlands, please phone, email or call in if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

## Shout Outs!



Olivia(3S) and Imogen (DD) have both received a Blue Peter Book Badge. To earn their badge, they had to share their love of reading by completing a book review and creating an illustration to match. Olivia enjoyed reviewing Fairy vs Wizard by Jenny McLachlan after the author visit to school and Imogen reviewed The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton.

Congratulations Daniel in Year 2 on achieving your Squirrel Scout Top Award, The Acorn Chief Scout Award, PLUS getting presented with his last few badges which means Daniel has worked hard and earned every single badge available to a Squirrel Scout.



## Year 1 and Year 2 Parents/Carers Reading Morning

We would like to invite parents/carers of the Year 1 and 2 children to join us every Wednesday morning from 8:45 - 9:10am to enjoy reading a book with their child in school. Our first parent/carer reading morning will be on Wednesday, 11th September 2024. We kindly ask that you enter through your child's classroom door and sign in on the sheet. Thank you in advance for your support.



## **Reception Outdoor Area**

From Monday next week, the reception outdoor area will be set up with our learning provision for the day. Please may we ask that children do not play with the equipment in the morning before the start of the school day.

## **PTA - AGM**

We have our first PTA meeting of the year on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at the Dusty Miller, Longwood, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this; we will plan out our events for the year.

## **Asda Rewards App**

Between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. Please sign up and choose Moorlands. It doesn't cost you anything! We get money every time someone signs up, so even if you don't shop at Asda, you could help us raise money!

## **Our Behaviour Policy**

Our three school rules are ready, respectful and safe. These three rules can be applied to everything we do at Moorlands (including travelling to and from school) and, this week, the children have been reminded of this. All the information can be found on our website: <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/OUlsLanAE9yXo>

## **Before and After School Reminders**

Just a few reminders about procedures for before and after school. Children are welcome to come onto the playground, as long as they are supervised by an adult, from 8.30am. The doors open from 8.45am, when they children will be welcomed in by our staff, ready to start the day. Can we remind families that the car park is for staff only and cannot be used by parents. We have 93 staff and 68 car parking spaces. To keep everyone safe we need to reduce movement in the carpark when children are on site. If you do have to drive to drop off and collect children, please park considerately, keeping driveways and other access points clear so that our neighbours can easily reach or leave their homes. The park and stride facility is available, i.e. park in the YMCA car park and enter/leave the playground via the pathway at the back of the school.

We are delighted to have achieved our ModeShift Award. This award recognises our work towards safe, sustainable, and active travel. We gained our 'Good' level of accreditation and we are now working towards 'Very Good'.

We encourage families, where possible, to walk, scoot or cycle to school. This helps get the children ready for the day, improves health and the environment.

We fully support children scooting or riding to school and helping the environment. However, we must keep those around us safe. Please can we remind everybody that scooters and bikes should not be ridden down the path or in the playground. All bikes and scooters must be pushed - this includes balance bikes or trikes. We have had some near misses where children have nearly been knocked down by children on bikes or scooters.

## **Year 6 Gym Equipment In The Bottom Playground**

Please can we remind children and parents about not playing on gym equipment with young children after/before school. The equipment is designed for older children and the Year 6 children have been trained this week to use it safely.

## House Captains



Congratulations to our new house captains, who were appointed just before the holidays. The role was advertised in Year 5 and many children applied. After much discussion, our eight, new house captains have been given their new roles. They will be in charge of showing visitors around school and welcoming visitors to events, developing intra-school competitions and collecting certificates for our new golden book.

**Oak: Emma and Lewis**



**Willow: Darcy and Arthur**



**Sycamore: Callum and Mabel**



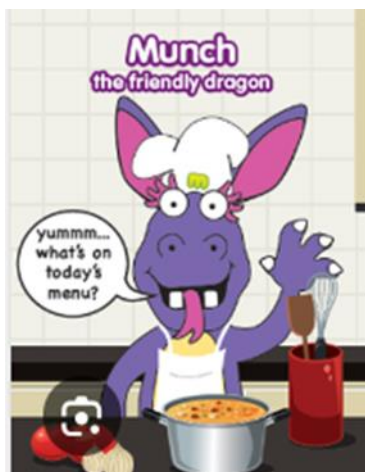
**Birch: Beau and Jacob**



## The Longwood Sing

A group of our children will be performing a song at the Longwood Sing this Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm. It would be lovely if they had plenty of support.

## Moorlands Munch!



Next week sees the return of Munch, who is keen to visit some of our Moorlands families. Each week, a child from Reception/KS1 and a child from KS2 will be picked by their lunchtime supervisor to bring home a Moorlands Munch activity bag containing a soft toy Munch, games and activities all related to learning more about and exploring food. Every class will have a turn and children will be selected for a range of reasons, including showing good manners, eating well or trying a new food. Everything is explained in the pack, which should come home on a Wednesday and will need to be back in school by the following Monday. Thank you so much to the families who looked after Munch last year – from making oat and apple muffins, chopping a fruit salad, planting veg, creating pancake faces to playing food bingo, it has been wonderful to see your engagement!



## 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 three 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.

## Government changes to attendance:

A national framework for penalty notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, has been introduced following changes to the law that came into effect from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

What are these changes?

**ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME**

**1** I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.  
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

**£160**

**2** FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN. **IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10** **5**  
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.  
**1** Day = **2** Sessions

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160  
**4 children & 1 parent = £640**  
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

**3** FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS  
+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160  
**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**  
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**4** If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

**2ND TIME**  
2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280  
No discount for early payment

**3RD TIME**  
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.  
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child  
**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without a penalty notice being issued.

3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid in the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

5. If a parent then takes a child out of school for a third time in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them.

## Year 6 Transfer to High School – September 2025

Please note that if your child is starting secondary school in September 2025, you must apply online between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. 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](#)



### 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 into school with any type of nut in the ingredients. Please carefully check the content of biscuits and cereal bars.

### Helpers In School

Can you spare a morning or afternoon each week? Would you like to help in school?

At Moorlands, we value parent help in school and recognise it has an impact on those involved. If you can offer your support in any way this year, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please complete this link to express an interest, then we will forward further forms to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bkd6z2xnrEiZONnapWJTymXqjJpsNRdAqbZyMHkKv8ZUMDIBR1VBTUFPNFBNMTRPVko0WjRKRjNPVy4u>

### Dates for Your Diary



8 <sup>th</sup> September	Longwood Sing
9 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA meeting at the Dusty Miller, Longwood, 7.30pm.
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Cliffe House Parent Meeting for Year 4. 4.45pm- 5.15pm hall.
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> September	Class elections for School Councillors
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photographs (more information to follow)
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Author - P G Bell to visit Years 1-4 pm (More information to follow)
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> October	30 children from Year 5 and 6 to visit London (Royal Opera House/HMS Belfast)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations (more information to follow)
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest week - collecting for The Welcome Centre
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Harvest assembly for parents – 9.10 am.
25 <sup>th</sup> -October- 5 <sup>th</sup> November-	Half term holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Training Day - school closed.
6 <sup>th</sup> November	School reopens for the Autumn B half term.
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Diwali assembly for parents – 9.10 am.
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Non-Uniform day

Remember there are regular updates on X @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.

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## AT HUDDERSFIELD NEW COLLEGE

NEW HEY ROAD, HUDDERSFIELD, HD3 4GL

**STARTING TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

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



<b>Group 1</b>	<b>5:30pm – 6:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 4 - 6</b>
<b>Group 2</b>	<b>6:30pm – 7:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 7 - 8</b>
<b>Group 3</b>	<b>7:30pm – 8:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 9 +</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 an engraved 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 £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) 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 with the course held indoors in the large 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)*