



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been very busy this week. Year 6 have had First Aid Training, KS2 have had a visit from the Huddersfield Town Foundation, Year 1 have had some special road safety training and the KS2 School Councillors have been to the Huddersfield Town Hall to meet the mayor. Christmas songs have started to fill the air, with classes starting to rehearse for their performances in a few weeks' time. The decorations will be going up over the next few days as the build to up Christmas begins!

Goodbye For Now.

Today, we are saying goodbye for now to Miss Sellens who is starting her maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the very best for her new arrival and we can't wait to meet baby Sellens.

Christmas Cards



As we all know, children love to send Christmas cards to one another.

Each year group will have their own post box/collection point and, as usual, the cards will need to be clearly named, stating the correct class. This will start from 2nd December.

Christmas Raffle 2024

We have some amazing prizes in our annual Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale at all the performances for £1 each. However, we are also sending your child home with 5 tickets today. These are in an envelope and, if you want to buy them, all you need to do is:

Tear off the stubs (small section), fill in your child's name and class on each one. Keep the longer part yourself.

Return the stubs to school IN THE ENVELOPE with £5 cash inside. Give these to your child's teacher.

If you would prefer to pay online you can scan the QR code on the envelope, please make sure your payment name is on the envelope.

Do this by Friday, 13th December - the raffle will be drawn after the final performance on Thursday, 19th December.

The PTA are still accepting prizes for the raffle, so if you own or work for a local business that might be able to help by donating a raffle prize or, if you have any unused or unwanted gifts in need of a new home, please bring your donations to the school office.

If you have any queries on any of the above, please contact the PTA at moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com.



Huddersfield Foundation Foodbank Assembly

On Wednesday, Councillor Cahil Burke came into school to talk to the KS2 children about the Huddersfield Town Foundation and their work in the community, particularly their work with foodbanks. Children found out about how people can access food banks, like the Welcome Centre, and how we can support by donating food. We have a Huddersfield Town Food Bank in the school entrance and would be most grateful for any donations.



Fleet Bikes

We have taken delivery of 6 amazing fleet bikes from The Bikes College in Leeds. The bikes now belong to Moorlands and are available for our children to borrow, free of charge, and keep at home until they grow out of them. They can then be returned to school for another child to enjoy. They are suitable for children roughly 120-127cm tall (roughly 6–8-year-olds). The bikes all come with a helmet and one of the bikes has stabilisers. We have spare inner tubes, in case there are any punctures, and all the bikes will be serviced in the summer term. We hope this project will encourage children to ride to school and leave the car at home.

If you would like to borrow one of the bikes, please contact the school office.



Town Hall Visit

On Tuesday, our KS2 School Councillors were invited to the Huddersfield Town Hall to meet the Mayor, Councillor Nosheen Dad. The children learned about the role of the mayor in Kirklees and the history of the role. Thea was able to dress in the ceremonial clothing, whilst the visiting schools learned about the importance of each part of it. The children asked some super questions and represented the school very well.



School Council Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the School Council Christmas Card Competition. It was a very difficult decision to choose a winner as the entries were all so creative. Some of our School Councillors chose a KS1 and a KS2 winner, who will be announced very soon!



Reading Morning – Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you to everyone who has joined us during our reading mornings and helped promote the love of reading. Special thanks to the helpers from Year 5 who also came down to read with the children. Due to the change in timetables and preparations in place for Christmas performances, the last reading morning for 2024 will be on **Wednesday, 4th December**. They will then resume in the New Year.

Shout Outs!

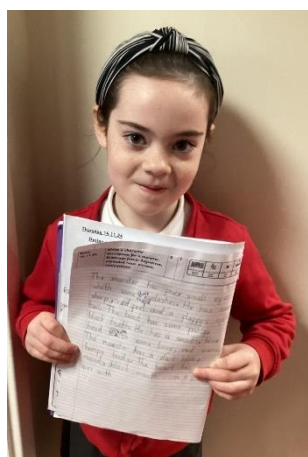
Sam in 2S brought in not one but two super certificates to show us. He has been given Star Awards for both drama and dance from the 'True Talent' club he attends on Saturdays. Well done Sam - we are proud of you. Keep up the great work!



Jacob in 6C won a staggering 7 medals at his gymnastics competition in York last weekend! He won gold in floor, bar, rings, P bar and overall. He also won silver in pommel and vault. Jacob was the overall winner for his category (Under 12s advanced). As a result, he took home the impressive Overall Winner Trophy. We are so proud of you Jacob!



Moorlands Star Writer of the Week



Well done to Ariana who is this week's Star Writer in 2J. She wrote a wonderful description of a monster from the story 'Ten Delicious Teachers'.

She included lots of expanded noun phrases and used the joining word 'and'. Her work was beautifully presented, showing her fantastic handwriting skills.

Well done Ariana.

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!

Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards

Each week, every class awards 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	
	Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week
DD	Bilal	Emily	2S	Albert	Muhab	4H	Elisha	Amelia
HH	Bella W	Jovan	2M	Lucas	Ibrahim	5W	Elinor	Parker
SS	Dolly	Adam	3M	Molly	Eli	5B	Olivia	Kiaan
1P	Aisha	Yousef	3CM	Rupert	Bianca	5S	Jacob	Lucas
1K	Archie	Olive	3S	Theo	Owen	6T	Isabelle	Josie
1SO	Jovan	Oakley	4S	Emily	Mason	6C	Beau	Hayden
2J	Logan	Rosie W	4W	Olivia	Theo	6F	Brooke	Taiah

Christmas Performances 2024

Our planning for Christmas activities in school is well underway and our Christmas performances are one of the main events and one of the most exciting.

As usual, we would like to invite parents and carers to come and watch the children perform but, due to the size of our school, all our performances will be ticketed. The exception to this is our Reception performance where tickets will not be required as there is just one year group performing.

Tickets are free of charge, will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis and will be limited to two tickets per family to allow as many families as possible to attend. (This means that, where a year group has two performances, two tickets **IN TOTAL** can be requested, i.e. one for each performance or two for the same performance). Children will require a ticket, apart from those aged 2 and under who will be required to sit on an adult's lap. Tickets for children will be part of your family's ticket allocation of 2 tickets.

Ticket booking on ParentPay opened on Friday, 22nd November 2024. To help us issue tickets in good time, we ask that you place your orders by Wednesday, 11th December 2024. Where a performance is oversubscribed, we will take into account the date and time the order was placed.

Performance dates and times are shown in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter.

Spring Term 2025 – Fruit Shop – Years 3-6

If you would like your child to have fruit and healthy snacks from our Fruit Shop during the Spring term 2025, would you please make a payment of £17.70 via your ParentPay account by Tuesday, 10th December 2024. This represents a charge of 30p for one item every day from our Fruit Shop. Please note that your payment means that your child opts into our Fruit Shop for the full term and, due to the numbers and logistics involved, we are unable to make refunds for absence, etc. If you prefer to pay via a Paypoint, please contact the office to request a Barcode.

Calling All Parents – Manage your Christmas Budget

Tis the season to be jolly and we can sometimes lose control of our finances.

We have been informed about a course designed to help people prepare for Christmas without spending too much money and getting into debt.

The courses are offered at locations in Kirklees; Fieldhead Primary Academy - Batley, The Crescent – Batley and The Crossroads Centre – Meltham. The courses have started but there are still plenty of places!

Course will look at:

- key areas of spending at Christmas and how we can make savings
- how to understand financial jargon like APR to make more informed choices
- share tips and ideas on how and where we can find bargains on the many things we need.

Sign up to the course, let's make Christmas merry and avoid January regrets.

As a bonus, everyone who successfully completes the course will receive a £20 shopping voucher ... perfect for a little Christmas treat.

The attached posters have more information on the course. Apply directly by email at the Kirklees Success Centre success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk

Attendance: why is punctuality so important?

It's a GREAT START to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities. Punctuality is linked to good attendance and, as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!

We pride ourselves on children having excellent attendance and great punctuality. We believe school really is unmissable so children can engage, build upon prior learning and avoid having gaps in their education. Missing days in school has a detrimental impact on a child's learning and can lead to children not fulfilling their potential. We want all children to

fulfil their potential. Our aim is for all children to have 100% attendance. However, we know that sometimes children cannot come to school because they are really unwell; that's the right thing to do for them and other children. Medical advice is clear, however, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance, 'Is my child too ill for school?', can support parents in their decision making about mild illness. Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)



Dates for Your Diary

16 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.40pm
17 th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
17 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.40pm
18 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance 9.15am
18 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance 2.40pm
19 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance 5.00pm
19 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance 6.20pm
19 th December	Christmas Lunch
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day



Remember there are regular updates on *Instagram* @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.

Kirklees Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December 2024

Little Deer Wood

Shepley Bridge Marina, Mirfield

from 11am, last entry 3pm

£1.00 entry fee



Free Parking at Dr Reddy's
with minibus transfer.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

10.30am - 2pm

FREE ENTRY - CASH ONLY EVENT

FAMILY FUN DAY AT TAYLOR HILL ANIMAL CENTRE

ANIMAL HANDLING
FACE PAINTING
QUIZZES
CRAFT STALLS
CAKES AND DRINKS

Meet members of the
Huddersfield and District
Beekeeping Society.

Stalls can be hired
Please ring 01484 437184

All activities subject to weather conditions



01484 437184

Close Hill Lane, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 6LE



Tracy Braden
Mayor of
West Yorkshire



Reading Friends

Have you got an hour a week to
volunteer at a Kirklees school to
boost children's confidence and
enjoyment of reading?



What is Reading Friends?

- Reading Friends are trained volunteers who go into schools to help children improve their reading ability and enjoyment of books.
- Volunteers can give as little as 1 hour per week - ideal if you are retired, have a bit of spare time or are considering working in a school.
- Fully funded, high quality training is provided by Kirklees Success. The training will give you the knowledge and skills to provide effective reading support in school, or with your own children.

Training

Venue	Dates and Times	Course Code
KSC classroom, John Smith Stadium, HD1 6PG	Monday 11.11.24 - 2.12.24 10am - 1pm	FL2425008
Heathfield Junior School, Dewsbury, WF12 9FJ	Tuesday 12.11.24 - 3.12.24 9.12am	FL2425015
Chestnut Centre, Huddersfield, HD2 1HJ	Friday 15.11.24 - 6.12.24 10-1pm	FL2425009
Bolton Library	Monday 13.1.25 - 3.2.25 10-1pm	FL2425027

For more information or to book your place
scan the QR code
or email us: success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk
or phone 01484 234153



PROJECT SPORT PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CAMPS

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY -
FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2025

MULTI-SPORTS & NERF

NEILEY PAVILION, 30 NEW MILL RD, HONLEY,
HOLMFIRTH HD9 6QT

RECEPTION - YEAR 7

£22 PER DAY



TO BOOK VISIT:
WWW.PROJECTSPORT.ORG.UK/BOOKING

CONTACT:
INFO@PROJECTSPORT.ORG.UK / 07719698644



- ★ Stay in control of your finances this Christmas
 - ★ Make a realistic budget for gifts, food, decorations and activities without getting into debt.
 - ★ Plan food shopping and minimise food waste
- Enjoy the festive period without worrying about the financial aftermath!**
- £20 shopping voucher on completion when attending all sessions!**

AT: **THE CROSSROADS CENTRE, MELTHAM, HD9 4AG**
WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2024 1-3PM
(4 WEEKS)



TO BOOK
PLEASE EMAIL SUCCESS.CENTRES@KIRKLEES.GOV.UK
OR TXT **07889 852458**

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HUDDS LH MINIS RUGBY RECRUITMENT!

Kids from Reception to Year 6.
Want to learn new skills, make new friends & have fun in a safe, family friendly atmosphere?
Come and give rugby a TRY at Laund Hill!

£40 annual membership includes club hoodie, shorts and socks!

No previous experience necessary!
All coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked

CONTACT | Andy 07709347853 | DoR@HLHRUFC.co.uk

PCAN Cuppa and Chat

6pm-8pm **Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JH**
Monday 9th September
Monday 7th October
Monday 11th November
Monday 9th December

09.30-12.00 **The Zone, St Andrews Road, Huddersfield, HD1 6PT**
Thursday 12th September -Transport and Healthwatch
*Thursday 10th October -Adult transition team
*Thursday 14th November -Adult transition team
*Thursday 12th December
PCAN has exclusive access to The Zone including the new Sensory Room* (except Thursday 12th September).

9.30 am-12.00 **Thornhill Lees Community Centre, 53 Brewery Lane, Deasbury, WF12 9DU**
Wednesday 11th September -Transport
Wednesday 9th October
Wednesday 13th November
Wednesday 11th December
Under 2's welcome

9.30 am-12.00 **Ravensthorpe Community Centre, 24 Garden Street, Ravensthorpe, Deasbury, WF13 3AR**
Monday 14th October 2024
Monday 16 December 2024

9.30 am-12.00 **Al-Hikmah Centre, 28 Track Road, Batley, WF17 7AA**
Wednesday 18th September 2024
Wednesday 20th November 2024

Join Us

More Info: info@pcankirklees.org

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www.wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk

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School Holiday Dates

2025/2026

School opens – Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Half Term Close Friday 24th October 2025

Reopen Tuesday 4th November 2025

Christmas Holiday

School Closes Friday 19th December 2025

Reopen Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term Close Thursday 12th February 2026

Reopen Monday 23rd February 2026

Easter Holiday

School Closes Friday March 27th 2026

Reopen Monday 13th April 2026

School Closed for May Day – Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term Closes Friday 22nd May 2026

Reopen Tuesday 2nd June 2026

School Closes for Summer Holidays – Friday 17th July 2026