



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling so quickly into their new classes and routines. They have returned to school with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn, and we are incredibly proud of how well they have adapted.

As we move further into the autumn term and the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a named coat. Our playground is very exposed to the elements, and children enjoy spending time outdoors in all weather conditions, so appropriate clothing is essential.

OPAL Parent Assembly and Play Session

Following the success of our Parent OPAL Assembly and Play Session at the end of last year, we are delighted to offer another opportunity for parents of children in Years 1 to 6 who were unable to attend previously. Due to capacity restrictions, we were unable to accommodate everyone last time, and we would love to share the wonderful work we have been doing to develop play through our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme.

We would like to invite parents to join us for a special assembly on **Wednesday 30th September at 9:10am** in the school hall. The assembly will be led by our OPAL Group Leaders and will highlight the positive impact that OPAL has had on our children's play experiences. Following the assembly, parents will have the opportunity to join the children outside and experience an OPAL playtime first-hand.

As all children will be participating in outdoor play, we unfortunately have space for a maximum of **200 parents**. We kindly ask that **one parent per family** attends. Due to the large number of children and adults who will be using the play areas, we are unable to accommodate younger pre-school children at this event.

Information regarding how to book will be sent out early next week so please keep your eye on your emails. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our OPAL play experience with you.

OPAL Donations Appeal

As we begin another exciting school year, we have lots of fantastic plans to further develop our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision. These improvements will help us create even more opportunities for imaginative, creative and active play for all of our children.



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To help bring these plans to life, we are looking for donations of the following items. If you are able to donate any of these, or if you see them being given away locally, we would be extremely grateful for your support.

Items Needed

- Cargo netting
- Large plastic drainage pipes/tubing suitable for crawling through
- Cable reels for the mud kitchen and top field
- Watering cans
- Storage boxes
- Welly brushes
- Pallets
- Large parachutes or shelters
- Fairy doors and door knockers
- Pots and pans for the mud café
- Sensory spinning chairs
- Conkers and acorns
- Tree trunk slices
- Railway sleepers
- Toy animals
- Prams and wheelbarrows

Thank you for helping us enrich our outdoor play environment and create exciting new experiences for our children. Every donation, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated.

WOW Travel Tracker Ambassadors

Congratulations to all of our newly appointed **WOW Travel Tracker Ambassadors**! These pupils will play an important role in encouraging active travel to and from school, collecting daily travel data, and helping to celebrate and promote active travel in their classes. We are excited to see them lead by example and support our school community in making greener and healthier travel choices.

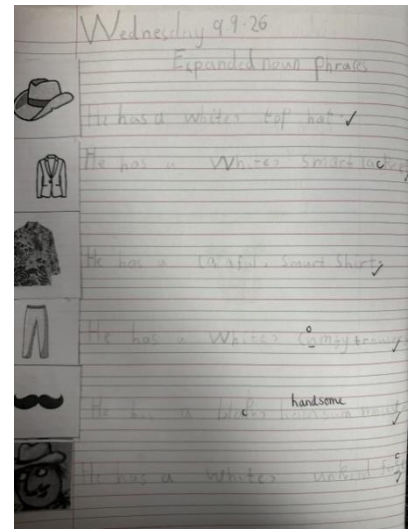
1P	Aspen	4W	Arlo
1O	Iris	4CM	Rosie
1S	Grace	4H	Ibrahim
2S	Reuben	5F	Tilly
2J	Eleanor	5S	Theo
2M	Joel	5W	Layla
3M	Chloe	6C/Reception rep	Gurveer and Millie
3G	Noah	6T/Reception	Lili Mae and Sienna
3HS	Nyla	6S/Reception	Mohammad and Emily

Moorlands Star Writer of the Week

This week's Star Writer is Isla from 2S for some super descriptive writing. Isla independently wrote several sentences using expanded noun phrases to describe Reginald Rake from the Scarecrow's Wedding by Julia Donaldson. She selected some fantastic adjectives, used capital letters, full stops and accurate letter formations. Well done Isla.

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. From there, select the 'Writing' tab and then finally the 'Moorlands Star Writer of the Week' tab.

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



PE in Reception

The children in Reception will be starting PE next week, with PE taking place every Monday.

If possible, please could your child bring their PE kit into school before Monday. PE kits will remain in school for the full half term and will be sent home with the children before the holidays so that they can be washed and refreshed ready for the next half term.

Please remember to clearly name every item of your child's PE kit, including their **pumps**, to help us keep everything together.

School Milk Reminder

Just a little reminder to please register your child for school milk if you would like them to receive milk at school. Milk is free until the term in which your child turns 5, but you will still need to register and order the milk through the [Cool Milk](#) website.

Please make sure you register your child before the milk is required, as milk will not be provided automatically.

Reception Playground

Our Reception children use the outdoor area every day as part of their learning. The equipment and resources are carefully set up each morning to support a range of activities, including physical development, exploring the natural world, communication and language, and imaginative play.

We want to make sure that the outdoor area is ready for the children when their learning begins and that all resources remain in place for the activities planned by the Reception team. We also want to ensure the safety of all children before the school day begins, when the outdoor area is not yet supervised or set up for free play. Please could we ask that children do not play on the school equipment before school. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to keep our children safe and our learning environment ready for the day ahead.

Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards

Each week, two special certificates are awarded in every class: Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week. These awards are given to students who consistently demonstrate excellent behaviour and a fantastic attitude towards learning, always doing their best. We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this week's 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	Ronnie	Ava	2S	Chloe	Robyn	4H	Luna	Georgie
HH	Amelia	Ronnie	2M	Margot	Eesa	5W	Genevieve	Xavier
SS	Max	Millie	3M	Emma	Mia Rose	5S	Luca	George
1P	Eleanor	Amal	3HS	Delilah	Lemuel	5F	Eden	Florence
1S	Haaris	Sienna	3G	Henry	Thea	6T	Theo	Amelia
1O	Roman	Odette	4CM	Zoe	Jesse	6C	Victoria	Ismail
2J	Rowan	Idrees	4W	Ariana	Roman	6S	Holly	Luke



OPAL Play— Be Prepared for the Weather

We love getting outdoors during our OPAL playtimes and don't want a little rain to stop the fun! Please bring a pair of wellies for your child to keep in school so they can enjoy outdoor play whatever the weather. Waterproof coats are also a great idea to help children stay warm and dry.



PTA - we'd love to hear from you!

The PTA is planning for the next academic year and would really value your feedback on our current events, including what you and the children you care for enjoy most and any ideas for making them even better. Please complete our [short questionnaire](#).

Fancy getting involved? Whether you'd like to join the PTA committee or volunteer at an event, we'd love to hear from you! Please email us at moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com.

We'd also love to welcome new and existing parents and carers to our first PTA meeting of the academic year, taking place at The Dusty Miller, Longwood, on Monday 21 September at 7:30pm. Whether you'd like to get involved, share ideas or simply find out a little more about what we do, everyone is very welcome!

Reading Mornings Return!

We are delighted to invite parents to attend our weekly Reading Mornings, which will take place in the Library every Wednesday from **8:30am to 8:50am**, starting on **Wednesday, 9th September**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy reading with your child before the start of the school day and help set them up for a successful day of learning.



We look forward to welcoming you and sharing a love of reading together.

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 the 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.

Packed Lunch Reminders

We kindly ask parents to provide healthy, balanced packed lunches for their children. Please ensure that any fruit, such as grapes, cherry tomatoes, strawberries or other larger fruits, is cut into bite-sized pieces, particularly for children in KS1, to help reduce the risk of choking.

We also ask that packed lunches contain nutritious options and that fast food items, such as burgers or similar takeaway foods, are not included. Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy eating habits and keep all children safe at lunchtime.

Class MP Elections

As part of our learning about democracy and the importance of voting, we will be holding elections to choose our new Class MPs for the year.

Children in Years 1 to 6 who would like to become a Class MP will take part in class hustings, where they will give a short presentation explaining:

- Why their classmates should vote for them.
- The qualities and strengths they would bring to the role of Class MP.



Following the hustings, each class in Years 1 to 6 will take part in a vote on **Friday 18th September**. The election will be run in a similar way to a real election, giving children first-hand experience of the democratic process.

The successful candidates will be announced during assembly on **Monday 21st September**.

We are looking forward to hearing the children's ideas during the hustings and to an exciting voting day!

Year 4 Parent Information Meeting about Cliffe House Residential:

We invite year 4 parents to attend an informational meeting on:

- **Date:** Monday, 14th September 2026
- **Time:** 4:45 PM
- **Location:** School Hall (please use the hall doors for entry)

If you're unable to attend, the presentation will be available on our website, and you are welcome to contact us directly with any questions.

School Photos

Tempest photography will be in school on Thursday 1st October

Individual photographs of all children will be taken automatically. In addition, siblings who attend Moorlands will also be photographed together **during the school day.**

Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform.

The photographer will be in school from 8.15 am for family photographs and if you would like to take advantage of this, all family members to be photographed together should arrive no later than 8.15 am and register with the Moorlands staff member overseeing the session. **Please do not come to the morning session if all your children attend Moorlands – their sibling photographs will be done during the school day.** Photographs will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Year 6 Transfer to High School – September 2027

Please note that if your child is starting secondary school in September 2027, you must apply online between

1st September and 31st October 2026. 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 secondary school place | Kirklees Council](#)

Shout Outs



Nyla (2M) had an amazing weekend competing in a Jiu Jitsu competition in London. She took part in four matches and achieved fantastic results, finishing in 1st place and 3rd place in her categories. As a reward for her hard work and determination, Nyla was awarded a new belt and a medal. Well done, Nyla, on this wonderful achievement!

Bobby (3HS) was the Laund Hill Lions Man of the Match following an incredible performance at their football match on Sunday where he scored the opening goal, contributing to a phenomenal 13-2 win. Assembly



Upcoming Sporting Events

Pennine Sports Partnership

We are looking forward to another fantastic term of sporting opportunities for our pupils. Through our involvement with the **Pennine Sports Partnership (PSP)**, children will have the chance to compete, develop new skills and represent our school with pride.

Autumn Term Sporting Calendar

Date	Organisation	Event	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 22nd September	SNHS	Fun Run	KS1
Thursday 24th September	PSP	Tennis Festival	Years 3-6
Tuesday 29th September	SNHS	5-a-Side Football (B/C Team Players)	Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 6th October	SNHS	Cross Country Year 3/4	Years 3 & 4
Thursday 8th October	SNHS	Cross Country Year 5/6	Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 13th October	SNHS	5-a-Side Football (B/C Non-Club Players)	Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 20th October	PSP	Cross Country Final	Years 3 & 4
Thursday 22nd October	PSP	Cross Country Final	Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 3rd November	SNHS	Sports Hall Athletics	Years 5 & 6
Thursday 12th November	SNHS	Invasion Games Try-It Festival	Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 25th November	SNHS	Invasion Games Try-It Festival	Years 5 & 6
Thursday 10th December	SNHS	Multi Skills Festival	Years 1 & 2

A Note for Parents

Children selected to attend events will receive further information closer to the date, including timings, kit requirements and transport arrangements where applicable.

We are incredibly proud of all our young athletes and look forward to celebrating their participation and achievements throughout the term. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Parent Helpers

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

At Moorlands, we value parent/carer 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 appreciated. Please complete the volunteer application form below and we will be in touch soon.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Lw8ztcts7V>

Dates for Your Diary

14 th -18 th September	Hustings in class for School Parliament class MPS
Sunday 13 th September	The School Choir perform at Longwood Sing
Monday 14 th September	Year 4 Cliffe House Parent meeting 4.45pm in the school hall
Monday 21 September	PTA Meeting at The Dusty Miller, Longwood - 7:30pm
Friday 25 th September	Year 6 to the Royal Armouries

Monday 28 th September	Pupils can apply to be in a Select Committee (more information given to the children soon)
Wednesday 30 th September	Our 2 nd OPAL parent event. An OPAL information assembly for parents, followed by a play session with the children- year 1- 6.
Thursday 1 st October	Tempest School Photos
Friday 2 nd October	Reception- People who help us morning
Monday 5 th October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 8 th October	Active First Aid year 6
Thursday 8 th October	Year 3- Stone Age visitor
Monday 12 th October	Author visit for year 4-6 (more information to follow)
Thursday 15 th October	PTA Disco
12 th -16 th October	Harvest Donations being collected for the Welcome Centre.
Friday 16 th October	Year 2 Harvest assembly for families 9.10am
Thursday and Friday 22/23 rd October	Teacher training day- school closed.
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th	Half term holiday
Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens for the Autumn B half term
Wednesday 11 th and 18 th November	Parents' Evening

Keep up to date with all the latest news, events, and celebrations by following us on Instagram [@MoorlandsHudds](https://www.instagram.com/MoorlandsHudds) and visiting our school website: www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk.

We regularly share:

-  Important school announcements
-  Photos and highlights from school events
-  Student achievements and celebrations
-  Key dates and reminders for parents & carers.

As always, we have an **open-door policy** – if there's anything you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out. We value our school community and are always here to support you!

Outdoor Learning Team | Kirklees COUNCIL | Little Deer Wood

For young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

WACKY

Wild. Activities. Challenging. Kirklees. Young People
at Little Deer Wood Activity Centre
Shepley Bridge Marina,
Mirfield, WF14 9HR

Mon 26th October
Tue 27th October
Wed 28th October

10.30am - 3.30pm
£15 per session

SCHOOL'S OUT!

ACTIVITIES:

- Cooking
- Gardening
- Arts & Crafts
- Bush craft
- Bouldering
- Sports
- Archery
- and more...

REGISTER FOR YOUR PLACE.
FOR AGES 10-24

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK

FOR MORE INFO: Call: 01484 225952 or Email: littledeerwood@kirklees.gov.uk

STEP INTO FOOTBALL

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

PADDOCK CRICKET & BOWLING CLUB
WEST VIEW RISE
PADDOCK HD14UB

AGES 5-13
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

£25 PER DAY

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WWW.STEPINTOFOOTBALL.CO.UK

Animal Antics
with Jake Hope

A special storytime in the new Huddersfield Library Hub
Thursday 24th September, 4 - 4.45pm

CHEESED OFF!

TAKING THE LONG WAY HOME

Lola Loves Walkies



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LAUND HILL AFC JUNIORS

**U9 & U11
NEW GIRLS TEAM**

LAUND HILL COMMUNITY SPORTS PARK
SALENDINE NOOK, HD3 3XF [///meals.slim.nuns](http://meals.slim.nuns)

New U9 & U11 Girls Teams

We're continuing to build our girls offering at Laund Hill by adding new teams at Under 9 & Under 11 for girls who are in school year 4 or year 6.

Training is on Tuesdays, 6pm at Laund Hill on the 3G pitch.

Games will be on a Saturday in the West Riding Girls League from January 2027.

For further info and to register your interest, contact Mark Castle.

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