



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can



19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term

We are delighted to be back for the summer term – there are lots of special trips and exciting learning opportunities planned for the children this term – please see the list of key dates at the end of the newsletter. You can see below the wonderful opportunities the children are given at Moorland, our team work incredibly hard to make the most of every teaching day with your children. Please help us by ensuring they come to school on time every day to benefit from them.



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A positive term ahead of us

The summer term is always a busy one, with important SATS tests for our Year 6 children before they move up to secondary school, and less formal but still very important assessments in all other year groups. Of course, we have lots of exciting trips and Oscar winning performances to look forward to, as well as the transition days to help prepare the children for their next year groups. It is an incredibly important term!



Together we can improve attendance

You will remember back in January I wrote to you to celebrate our Ofsted outcomes and shared the areas that **we needed to work together in partnership to improve:**

1. To Improve Attendance so that all children are in school and reach their full potential in their learning
2. To read more at home so all children develop a love of reading and increase their pace and fluency

Unfortunately, we are not achieving the attendance % that is expected of all pupils in all schools despite the relentless efforts of the school team. **We are in fact, the worst performing school in Milton Keynes out of the 85 schools comparing their attendance data! We are also in the lowest group nationally. It is not acceptable, it is not excusable and it can no longer continue.** Therefore, we are going to have to take further steps to improve this and will share these with you in a separate attendance newsletter. Please look out for this in your child's bookbag.



Attendance Winners this week...

Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance individually this week, even if the overall class attendance fell short of that. You are doing great and should feel rightly proud of yourselves! Well done to **Hedgehogs and Ladybirds** who achieved the best attendance overall this week. Lots of classes fell into the **Red** because too many children missed the first day back after the holidays. there is no excuse; each week you receive a newsletter reminding you about term dates and the website shows you too! Please share ideas with us on how you think we can improve attendance.

We really want everyone to be a Moorland Attendance HERO – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time. So please help us achieve the success your child deserves.

Lateness = valuable minutes lost to learning. Don't let lateness bring your attendance statistics down. **This week 1913 minutes was lost to learning. That is 32 hours of learning which is almost a full weeks' worth of school!** Thank you to all of you who are always in school on time – Your child is a Moorland Attendance **HERO.**



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Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 15th April 2024

 Ladybirds ~ 96.0%	 Owls ~ 91.9%
 Hedgehogs ~ 97.9% 	 Squirrels ~ 91.1%
 Foxes ~ 83.7%	 Badgers ~ 75.6%
 Falcons ~ 82.5%	 Skylarks ~ 85.7%
 Whole School ~ 87.2%	



Farewell to our School Business Manager, Mrs Seminerio

This week we said farewell to our School Business Manager, Mrs Seminerio who has left to spend more time with her family. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her well in the future.

Year 5 Trip to Manor Farm, Chearsley

Our Year 5 children had a fabulous visit to Manor Farm before the Easter Holidays. The clouds may have been grey, but that did not lessen the enthusiasm of our year 5 children on their visit to Manor Farm.



Reading Bookmarks

Reception to Year 4 have relaunched our successful reading bookmarks! Every day that you listen to your child read at home, they'll get a stamp on their bookmark. Please support your child to fill their bookmark in so they can earn a little treat. Happy reading!



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'Aladdin Trouble' Performance – Wed 1st May at 5.30pm

Our year 3 and 4 children have been busy rehearsing for their performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' on Wednesday 1st May at 5.30pm. They look fabulous, They sound fabulous and the children cannot wait to perform for you. Tickets cost 50p each. Please see Mrs Bull, our Year 4 teacher.

Come and join the Community Choir - Starts Tuesday 23rd April



JOIN MOORLAND'S COMMUNITY
CHOIR!
EVERYBODY
WELCOME!
ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Did you know that singing reduces stress and tension?

Tuesday 3-4 pm

Bring your children and come to join the fun - no singing ability required!
Contact the office to secure your place -
moorlandclubs@moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk

Ordering School lunches

Please remember to order your children's school meals by the deadlines or your child will have to bring a packed lunch. They can be found in the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.



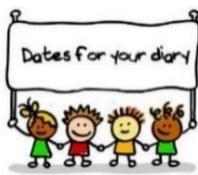
Nursery Open Afternoon – Friday 26th April 1pm – 2.30pm

If your child is born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and you are looking for a nursery place for September, then please come along to our Nursery Open afternoon on Friday 26th April to find out what our nursery can offer your child. If you know someone who is looking for a nursery place, please invite them along or ask them to call the school ASAP as spaces are limited.

If you have a younger child, then you are welcome to complete an application form for September 2025 or even 2026 so you don't miss out.



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Date	Event
Mon 22nd April at 2.40pm – School hall	Year 6 SATS Parents Information meeting and School Residential Trip – How to support your child as they take their SATS and an update on the School Residential trip. All parents/ carers must attend please.
Tues 23rd April	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning Tues 7 th May
Thurs 25th April 3pm – 4pm	Year 4 children – Rehearsals for 'Aladdin Trouble'
Fri 26th April 1pm – 2.30pm	Nursery Open Afternoon for new Nursery Starters in September
Mon 29th April	Class photos –Please ensure your child is wearing their school sweatshirt
Tues 30th April	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning Tues 13 th May
Wed 1st May 5.30pm Years 3 & 4 children should be dropped back off at school at 4.45pm please	Years 3 and 4 children perform 'Aladdin Trouble' – tickets on sale – 50p from Mrs Bull, Year 4 class teacher.
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday – School is closed
Mon 13th -Thurs 16th May	Year 6 SATS test – PLEASE make sure your child attends every day as these are National test dates
Mon 20th – Fri 24th May	KS1 SATS week (change of date)
Tues 21st May <u>Change of date</u>	Story Café for Reception parents and children – Sharing a Shell A lovely book about sharing and friendship.
	
Fri 24th May – 3pm	End of Term
May Half Term Holidays	
Mon 3rd June	First day back - All Children return to school including Year 6 children not going on the Residential trip
Mon 3rd – Tues 4th June	Year 6 Residential trip – the deadline for outstanding payments is Wednesday 1 st May, but there are interim deadlines for spreading the payments.
Thurs 6th June	Year 4 Trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Wed 12th June	Nursery and Reception visit to Thrift Farm
Thurs 13th June	Year 3 visit to Wrest Park
Tues 18th June	Story Café for Reception parents and children – The huge bag of worries A great story to remind us all to share our worries and they won't feel so big.
	
Wed 19th June	Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Mon 24th June	Year 1 visit to MK Museum

Best wishes

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