



Moorfield Primary School est. 1963

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School Newsletter September 2018

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to the start of the new school year following the summer break, particularly to those of you who are new to the school. The monthly school newsletter is designed to meet the needs of our parents; it is a main avenue of communication keeping you well informed of school events and any developments. If there is anything that you would like see appearing here then please let me know.

May I say on behalf of all the staff, a very big thank you for all your generosity at the end of last year. We were all very grateful for your kind wishes and many presents. It is with all your help and support that together we make our school such a special place for everyone - children, staff, parents and community alike.

Tesco Bags of Help

Great news! We have been chosen as one of the selected causes for Tesco bags of Help. You can help to transform our outdoor learning in Early years by using your blue token, when shopping at Tesco, to vote for us. Voting is open until 31st October. Please help us out as much as you can!

Building work

I would like to offer our sincerest thanks to BYK for their extremely generous £15,000 donation to the school to help us with procuring a modular building in the forest area of the school grounds. This building will help provide a much needed teaching space for children who need extra support or have additional needs. We have a long standing partnership with BYK, who have always been hugely supportive of the school, both financially and in giving of their time to support curriculum needs through visits to the factory and coming into school to work on science projects. You will have had a letter regarding access through the main gates. Start to follow.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone. They provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. Cancer affects more than just those facing it, so Macmillan are there for friends and family too. This year each class will be hosting their own Macmillan coffee afternoon on Thursday 28th November between 2-3pm. Parents, family friends are all invited so please save the day and look out for further details.



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National Curriculum Test Results

In July, the National Curriculum test results were re-released to schools and we are delighted to report that for the second year, it continues to show an improving picture. These results reflect the hard work and commitment from the pupils, staff and parents/carers.

The table shows the percentage of year 6 pupils provisionally achieving the National Expectation Standard (EXP) and the Greater Depth standard (GDS) compared with the national and local standard.

	Reading Expected	EGPS Expected	Maths Expected	Writing (teacher assessed) Expected
School	74%	81%	81%	81%
Nationally	75%	78%	76%	78%
Local Authority	75%	75%	74%	75%

Moorfield Primary School attained 71% of children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined. This is above the national expected standard of 64%. 12.9% of children achieved the Greater Depth Standard in reading, writing and maths combined. This is above the national expected standard of 10%.

	Reading Greater Depth	EGPS Greater Depth	Maths GD	Writing (teacher assessed) Expected
School	38.7%	32.3%	25.8%	32.3%
Nationally	28%	34%	24%	20%
Local Authority	24.5%	30.2%	21.1%	19.2%

We must however remember that examination conditions do not suit everyone and even within these results there may be pupils who did not attain the National Standard in the tests. Every single child tried his /her best and we are immensely proud of everyone's achievements

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Rewards

Following feedback from parents, we have revised our rewards systems in schools with the children having greater opportunities to celebrate all successes with dojos, certificates and prizes being awarded throughout the term. We will continue to hold an end of year reward for 100% attendance for the whole school year but will also extend this to rewarding a 100% termly attendance. The children have asked this reward to be a certificate and an own clothes day. Awards for regular reading will also come into play this term so please look out for further information coming your way soon, from Mrs Hunt.

Volunteers

We would very much like to encourage as many parents as possible to support our class teachers and their children with their reading over the coming year. If there are any parents or grandparents who could spare some time on a regular basis, morning or afternoon, then please speak to Mrs Hunt.

Parking ...a personal plea!!

We have always shared a wonderful and supportive relationship with our local residents—many of these families currently or in the past have/had children at Moorfield. Unfortunately, of late some parents have compromised the relationship with our school neighbours and have not been considerate when driving or parking their vehicles ie blocking parked vehicles, parking on the pavement or generally driving too fast. Embarrassingly, some parents/grandparents have even been verbally abusive to the residents and school staff (in front of the children in their care!!), when confronted about how they have parked their cars. Could I please ask that we all try to work together so that

1. Our local residents continue to be supportive of the school
2. The health and safety of the children is not compromised
3. No child witnesses any kind of verbal abuse or conflict and instead sees adults behaving in an "adult" fashion!! I feel sure that if we all allow a little more time, avoid rushing and generally approach life in a much calmer and more considerate way, everybody will feel the benefit. I thank you in advance for your support!

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Website Permission For parents new to school

Moorfield has a website, www.moorfieldprimary.co.uk, where we can show off the children's work during the term, show pictures of them on their residential trips, publish holiday dates, policies and newsletters. We often take photographs of the children; they love to see their work and themselves on the website. We take it that we have permission to use photographs of your child **UNLESS YOU ADVISE US OTHERWISE**. Please note that we never include a child's name with a photograph. If you wish for your child's photograph **NOT TO BE PUT ONTO THE WEBSITE**, then please ensure that you complete the relevant forms which were included in your child's starter pack and return to school.

Health and Safety

I am sure you wish us all to take health and safety very seriously at all times and we need your support in this matter. With this in mind can I please remind everyone that no child may play with footballs, cycles, scooters etc., around or on the playground before or after school or play on the climbing frames before school. Please ensure that they are properly supervised if using the equipment after school. Please note, however, that the gates will be locked at 3.30 pm.

Uniform/bags

To reiterate my comments on the last newsletter, please send your child into school in the correct autumn uniform ie long sleeved shirt. We have had numerous calls from parents, whose child is wearing the correct uniform, enquiring what is allowed as some children are in short sleeved shirts. Long sleeved shirts have always been the correct autumn uniform - this is not a new requirement.

We also asked that children bring only school book bags and not large bags/rucksacks. As stated in July's newsletter, we do not have the space to accommodate large backs and rucksacks.

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Ride your bike or Scooter to school

Our school bike racks were well utilised during the last school year and we very much want to encourage as many of our children, as possible, to come to school on their bike or scooter but please remind your child to

- Wear a safety helmet
- Dismount from their bike or scooter at the school gates and wheel it across the playground.
- Store it safely in the bike rack.

Contact Details

From time to time we experience difficulty in contacting parents in an emergency. If for any reason you have changed your contact details, especially new mobile phones, please let us know immediately. The school office has a form which you can fill in with your new details.

English and maths teaching and learning

As I outlined in our last newsletter, this year children will be grouped for English and maths, to enable staff to meet the pupils' needs more effectively. Further information will be shared during Parent consultation meetings this term.

Checking school bags

Can we ask parents to please check their child's bag each day for letters, newsletters, homework, information about trips etc.. Also please keep an eye on the school website where we will notify you of any urgent information of which you need to be aware.

Birthdays

Following the text sent out on Monday, just a reminder that we have acted on a suggestion from pupils and are allowing children whose birthday falls on a school day to wear their own clothes if they want to.

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Key events

Overnight camp Year 3	14/9/18
York year 6	17- 19/9/18
Parents Reading Information Session Yr 3&4	1/10/18
Parents Reading Information Session Yr 5&6	2/10/18
Parents Reading Information Session Yr 1&2	3/10/18
Parents consultation	10/10/18
Science day	16/10/18
EYFS Bedtime reading session 6-7pm	18/10/18

I have tried to give you as many dates as possible for the rest of the term, some could be subject to change but I will try to keep you as informed as possible.

Many thanks for your continued help and support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems, worries or ideas.

Best regards

Kathryn Heyes