



Thankyou

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Jones at the end of the term. She has decided to spend some time her family and is off to Australia in the New Year. Mrs Jones has been an invaluable member of staff we are all going to miss her dearly. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her bon voyage and a huge thankyou for all she has done and given to our Moorfield family for the last 17 years.

Patrol Crossing

To update you on our continuing efforts to ensure the Local Authority find a new school crossing patrol person. We have been told that the recruitment process is ongoing and that interviews will be held this week. In the meantime, please be extra vigilant when crossing Moorfield Road and park carefully to avoid blocking children's view when trying to cross.

We have been asked to circulate the attached flyer from Active Halton detailing their forthcoming Couch to 5K and Couch to 2K programmes. These will be taking place in the New Year .



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Reading

Every year in England, thousands of children leave primary school without the confidence and fluency that they need to read. The impact on their learning, life chances and engagement with reading is significant. At Moorfield we want to ensure that every child can read well by the age of 11 and has developed a life long love of reading. However, getting children reading is a job for all of us. Whilst the school is vital, so too are the home and the wider community. We are pleased that the response to our request for support with children's reading homework has been so positive, with the majority of children reading at least 5 times per week. For those children who have risen to the challenge it has made a huge difference to all aspects of their learning. We have the highest ambitions for all our children so please help us to ensure that your child engages by reading at home each night.

Reminder—school reading policy

We expect children to read 5 times per week. Children across the school will have reading books on different levels so we have put in place the following requirements in order to make our expectations clear.

Book Level	Expectation
Oxford Reading Tree (up to level 9) Lilac, Pink, Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange, Turquoise, Purple	Read the whole book each night
Oxford Reading Tree (level 9+) Gold, White, Lime and above	Read 15 pages per night
Free Reading	Read for 20 minutes per night

Every time a child reads at home, recorded with a signed comment in their diary, they will be awarded a point. At the end of each half term we will count their points and they will be rewarded as follows:

25 times read at home	Bronze	Certificate and badge
30 times read at home	Silver	Certificate and badge
35 times read at home	Gold	Certificate and badge

These awards will be presented in a special assembly at the end of each half term.

If reading is not happening at home then we will contact the family to discuss how we can support the family to help the child. We will continue to give children who haven't had the chance to read at home the opportunity to read at playtimes to ensure they do not miss out on the vital benefits of reading.

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December

As we start December there is a lot to look forward to during the last three weeks of the term. Reception classes will invite parents into school on Thursday the 6th December to dress the Christmas tree, ready for us to welcome you to the Christmas Fair after school on Friday 7th December. Please try your best to come along and support us. All funds raised will go towards our £10,000 target to replace some of the outdoor play equipment a lot of which has seen better days!! It does seem a lot of money to raise but all funding events over the year will hopefully help us move a little closer towards the target. As you know we have our Christmas production coming up on the 11th, 12th & 13th December. Mrs Jones has circulated a letter with dates and details of how to collect tickets for the event. Please see the school website if you have missed it. Christmas discos and parties and a visit from Father Christmas will take place the week beginning 17th December and I know the children are really looking forward to the whole school trip to the pantomime at the Empire Theatre on the 18th December. It will be really special to experience the show together. Finally Friday the 21st December brings us to Carols around the Tree which, weather dependent, will take place at St Ambrose church, allowing a little peace and sanctuary as we remember and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas jumpers

The children have requested a couple of Christmas themed non uniform days in December. The children can wear Christmas jumpers to school on 14th December and Christmas jumpers and hats on the 17th December, if they wish, for a donation of £1 each time which the PTA will collect at the school gates.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Williamson on securing a £4000 Tesco Bags of Help grant, which will allow us to develop the EYFS outdoor provision.. A big thank you to the Moorfield community who donated all those Tesco tokens!

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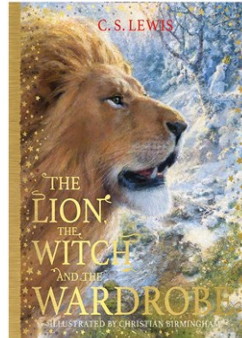
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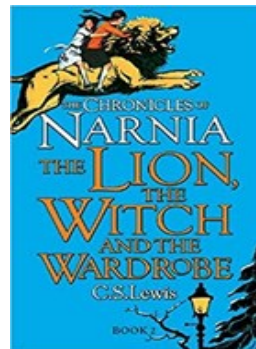
After the Christmas holiday all of our children, from EYFS to Year 6, will be working on 'The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C S Lewis . If you are looking for inspiration for Christmas stocking fillers, it would be great for the children to have their own copy of the text.

EYFS, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be using::



ISBN: 9780007442485

and years 5 & 6 will be using :



ISBN: 9780007323128

Thank you, Mrs Hunt

Important Dates

03 & 04/12/18 Year 6 & EYFS vision / height / weight checks

04/12/18 Year 5 & 6 visit to Anglican Cathedral

07/12/18 PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm

11/12/18 Christmas Play in afternoon

12/12/18 Christmas Play in afternoon

13/12/18 Christmas Play in afternoon

18/12/18 Whole school theatre visit

19/12/18 KS1 Christmas Party

19/12/18 PTA Christmas Disco

20/12/18 KS2 Christmas Party

21/12/18 Carols around the Tree at St Ambrose Church