

MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can...



22nd December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Christmas, Everyone!

We have reached the end of an exciting and incredibly busy Autumn term and there is so much to celebrate and feel proud of. The children have achieved and learnt so much and the School has had its OFSTED inspection. Unfortunately, the report isn't available yet but as soon as it is we will share it with you. We hope that you all have a relaxing and happy time over the Christmas holidays and come back in January feeling refreshed and ready to learn. **Together we can** achieve so much!

A **very heartfelt thanks** to all of Santa's hidden Elves around MK who have made the lives of our children and your families so much easier this Christmas. I am sure you will join me in your appreciation and gratitude in their kindness and efforts in helping our school and community so that every child has presents to open at Christmas and food to enjoy. Moorland is MORE than a school and we are really lucky to have so many wonderful, generous people who care about us.

Goodbye and Good Luck, Mrs Littlewood

Today is Mrs Littlewood's last day at Moorland Primary School. We shall miss her greatly and her contribution in particular to the Early Years of our school. We wish her every success in her new job.

Visit to Moorlands Family Centre by Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 went to Moorlands Family centre on Monday to spread some Christmas cheer and sing Christmas songs to the 'Recycled Teenagers'. The children put on a really good show and the local residents said how much they enjoyed it.



After School Clubs

We have been very fortunate this half term with our range of After School Clubs and we want to record our thanks to all the staff who have run them. The children have really enjoyed themselves and have been so lucky to have accessed activities which included Cooking, Arts and Crafts, Music, Football, Lego, Gymnastics, Multi sports and Sewing. We are hoping to run some clubs in the Spring term, so please look out for a letter in the New Year.

Ready, Steady Cook

Children had a fantastic time baking in our Cookery After School. Here's just a few photos. We hope you enjoyed tasting their work. Perhaps once the Christmas festivities and excitement have ended, you might like to do some baking at home with your children. It's great fun and very rewarding!



Year 1 and 2 perform the Nativity

Our Year 1 and 2 children put on a wonderful performance of the Nativity to the delight of their parents. Thank you for coming to watch them.



Early Years Christmas Crafts and Singalong

Our EYFS children spent a lovely morning with their parents creating Christmas crafts, then after some welcome refreshments, the parents watched and listened to their children perform Christmas songs. Thank you for joining us for this very special event.



Attendance and Time-Keeping

Santa sent his sleigh full of presents in the hope that all the children would be in school to collect them but he couldn't say **HO HO HO** this week (it was more like a **NO NO NO!**) Attendance was very disappointing this week with many children off for early holidays away. We hope, that where absence was because of illness, that everyone gets better over the Christmas holidays and is fit and well for the Spring term. Parents whose children achieved more than 95% attendance this term have been rewarded with a very special Lindt Caramel Sea Salt chocolate bar. We hope you enjoy it. It could be you next term! We only have 29 school days next half term to teach the children so much. We really want everyone to be a **Moorland Attendance HERO** – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time. **Don't forget we return to school on Tuesday 9th January. We wish everyone a very Happy New Year!**

Attendance for week: 18th Dec



Ladybirds ~ **92.2%**



Owls ~ **87.0%**



Hedgehogs ~ **85.7%**



Squirrels ~ **78.5%**



Foxes ~ **89.3%**



Badgers ~ **87.2%**



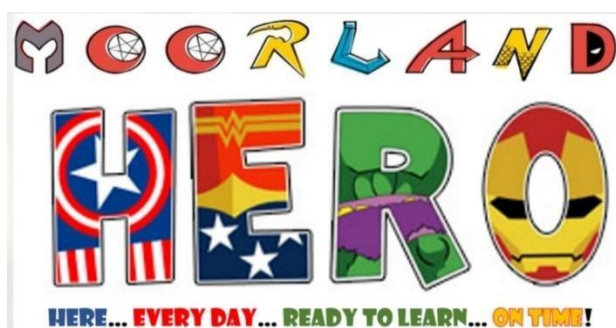
Falcons ~ **92.3%**



Skylarks ~ **92.9%**



Whole school ~ **87.8%**



Lateness = Lost learning

If your child was late this week, they have missed
Valuable
learning time

Please arrive at school between 8.30-
8.45am. You owe it to your child to get them
to school on time.



Please remember that arriving late will affect your child's attendance records so please turn over a new leaf in the spring term and help your child feel the enormous satisfaction of getting 100% attendance from January to Easter.

Work planned in January

Plans are in place for some improvements to the playground edging and paving which will start in early January. Much of this work is weather dependent so we will keep parents updated about the situation. Please look out for an email on Monday 8th January when we will be able to share more information.

Thankyou to Bernard

The school, Family Centre and local businesses are so lucky to have a lovely kind gentleman called Bernard making the carpark at the back of the shops clean and tidy. Thankyou! Please remember the parking there is NOT for our parents and carers as they need to keep this clear for deliveries and staff. Thankyou.

DIARY DATES:

Date	Event
The School is closed: Monday 25th December – Monday 8th January	
Tues 26th Dec or sooner	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week commencing Monday 8 th January 2024.
Tuesday 9th January 2024 - School re-opens at 8.30am	
Friday 12th January – 2.30pm	Year 6 Parents – SATS information meeting. PLEASE can all parents/carers attend as this is an important information session that will be vital to your child's achievement. Thankyou

All People Active – Fit and Fed - HAF Programme

All People Active are delivering MK Council's HAF programme from 2nd to 5th January. Fit and Fed is specifically for children and young people who receive free school meals and family benefits. There will be sports, physical activity, arts and crafts as well as mental health and nutritional education. See the attached poster for more details.

UDOIT Dance Foundation

UDOIT Dance Foundation are running Street Dance workshops from 2nd to 5th January which are aimed at children aged 8 – 14 who are in receipt of Free School Meals (see the attached poster for more details).



UDOIT DANCE FOUNDATION

STREET DANCE HOLIDAY CAMPS

FREE FOR CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE BENEFIT RELATED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS AGED BETWEEN 8-14YRS.



MIDDLETON CENTRE
63A SILVER ST, NEWPORT
PAGNELL MK16 0EQ

AGES 8-14

2ND, 3RD, 4TH & 5TH JANUARY
11:00AM-3:00PM

Please book your place on eequ with the
link below:

<https://eequ.org/experience/5175>



Any issues contact:
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ALL PEOPLE ACTIVE CHRISTMAS FIT & FED!

@ Millmead Hall, Wolverton, MK12 5TN

FREE! HOT LUNCH & HEALTHY SNACKS INCLUDED!
2nd - 5th January 2024, 10am - 2:30pm

Registration 9:30am, pick up 2:15pm

FREE SPORTS (football, basketball, boxing, fitness, dance, tennis).
For Children on FSM **TEAM ACTIVITIES & CHALLENGES, ARTS & CRAFTS,** *for 6-14 year olds*
HEALTH, WELLBEING & NUTRITION EDUCATION

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Our RESPECT values: Resilience, Equity, Self-Awareness, Passion, Empathy, Communication, Teamwork