

MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

8th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is definitely on its way! It has been so lovely to feel the warmth of the sun, the smell of freshly cut grass and the sight of early Spring flowers around us. With only 14 school days until the Easter holidays, we will be working hard with your children to make every minute count in their learning before they return for the final term of school.



Ramadan Mubarak

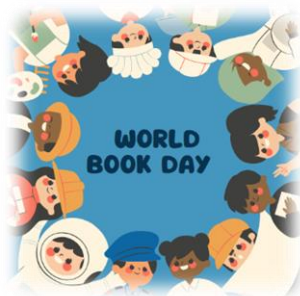
We would like to send our very best wishes to all our families and community during Ramadan and wish you lots of happiness and good health during this very important time of year.

World Book Day – Friday 8th March

Wow! What an extraordinary effort to bring World Book Day to life.

The children and staff looked absolutely splendid in their creative Word and Careers characters and made us smile all day. Thank you for all the effort you went to, to make this a very special day for our children. The morning began with a fun filled assembly full of laughter and surprise (just ask your children about a mysterious spy). There were plenty of stories and book-based activities during the day.

World Book day is a wonderful opportunity to share a book. We are never too old to listen to a story, especially when it is one of our old favourites. Please remind your children they can borrow the books from our library and swap them as often as they like. We hope Snapshots of the day will be in next week's newsletter for you to enjoy.



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Performance by the Open University Orchestra


Some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children were very fortunate to visit the Open University today for a live Orchestral performance. The children were entertained by a performance of **“The Toreadors”** from the opera **Carmen by Georges Bizet** and **“Hary Janos”** by **Zoltan Kodaly**. Why not click on the links to enjoy other orchestras playing these pieces: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFs1fDOmHVw> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zjceWGb7xl>.

What a wonderful experience. The children did us so proud and were literally open mouthed in awe of the musicians! We are very grateful to our staff who enabled this trip to take place and of course to the OU for organising a School's Programme as a way to bring live classical music performances to children.




Cases of Scarlet Fever

We have had a few cases of Scarlet Fever in school this week. Information has been sent to all parents today about what to look out for and what to do if you suspect your child has scarlet fever. It is easily treated with antibiotics and once they have been administered and start to feel better, children can return to school.

 HSC Public Health Agency

Scarlet fever

Signs & symptoms



The symptoms of scarlet fever are non-specific in early illness and may include;

- sore throat,
- headache,
- high temperature,
- nausea and vomiting.

After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, generalised pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

Anyone who thinks they or a child may have it should contact a GP for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment.



Reporting First Aid Incidents to Parents

We are trialling a new system to report first aid that is given in school. We appreciate that sometimes the blue 'bump notes' get dropped, lost or forgotten before they are handed to you at the end of the day. From Monday, if your child receives any first aid, they will be given a green wrist band to signify this. A record of the first aid given will still be recorded at school, should you need to see it.

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.



Moorland Easter Egg-stravaganza Family Coffee Morning

A Reminder that Moorland School and the local Family Centres are collaborating to organise a special coffee morning for ALL parents/ carers to attend on **Wednesday 27th March** between **9.00am and 11.00am at Moorland Primary School**. Several agencies and organisations will be available to provide advice and information for parents including;



Internet Safety Team	Neighbourhood Watch	SEND
Child bereavement UK	Illegal Money Lending Advice team	
Q:Alliance	School nursing team	Carers MK



So, after you have dropped the children off at school and nursery, please come for a cup of coffee, a piece of cake and some helpful advice and information. The Easter Bunny is bound to leave some Easter eggs in the hall.



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Some helpful half year Reminders

Now that we are just over the half way mark of the school year, we thought you might appreciate a few helpful reminders so that we can prevent standards slipping please.

School Uniform

Children should be wearing full school uniform every day (unless they have PE or there is a special dress down or dress up day, like today!).

Our uniform colours are a burgundy logo sweatshirt or cardigan with black or dark grey trousers/skirt or pinafore dress. (Only Year 6 wear a **black** logo sweatshirt). Children must wear sensible black shoes (not trainers). Children's footwear is very important and having good quality supportive footwear is really important because their feet and bones are still growing.

On non-PE days, children can wear stud ear-rings, not dangly ones and on PE days, ear-rings must be removed before coming to school please.

PE Kit

The PE uniform is plain black jogging bottoms/ tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt, burgundy school jumper or cardigan and trainers. Branded sportswear should be saved for home. Please just buy the cheaper plain joggers for school. Please remove ear-rings before coming to school.

It's really great if you are already on top of this, thank you. Please keep it up. For anyone who has forgotten or for whom, life has just got too busy, your support is really appreciated. It helps us do our job because when children are dressed correctly for school, they come ready to learn. We make our uniform easy and affordable for all, so please keep expensive branded clothes for home.

Allergies

We have a no nut policy at School and ask that you do not bring in food items containing nuts into the school in packed lunches or for celebrations and events. This is to safeguard children and adults in the school who may have a nut allergy.





Headlice

Sadly, Spring is a good time for head-lice to get busy and they are happy to settle on anyone's head! So, we need **YOUR** help to stop it spreading between the children.

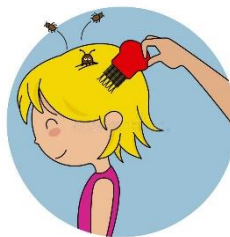
Thankyou to all of you who already check and treat your child's hair – if you do not do this already then please start this weekend. If you don't your child will just keep spreading the lice within the class and that really isn't fair.



The easiest way to deal with headlice or prevent them really getting hold is to invest in some headlice combs and some cheap hair conditioner. As part of your weekly routine, even if your child does not have head-lice, apply a large quantity of conditioner after a hair wash and systematically comb through your child's hair with a head-lice comb similar to the one in the picture. The conditioner really slows them down and you can rinse them away before they get moving again. Make sure to rinse the comb each time you use it, otherwise, you will put them back on the head!



Remember to comb from underneath the hair as well as on top. If you find any head-lice, repeat this process every 3 days for 21 days and make sure everyone in the household follows the same process. You will stop the cycle of them growing up and having more baby lice. Together we can beat them!















Attendance Winners this week...

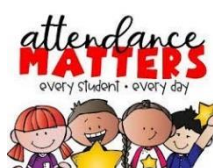
Well done **Ladybirds and Squirrels** – **for their Amazing Attendance** this week. They have leapt into the lead leaving the other classes trailing. But still very positive overall for all the classes.

Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week, even if the overall class attendance fell short of that you are doing great!

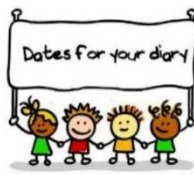
If you have managed to achieve **100% attendance so far in the Spring term**, there are just 14 school days to the Easter holidays so keep going strong. We really want everyone to be a **Moorland Attendance HERO** – **Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time.** So please help us achieve the success your child deserves.

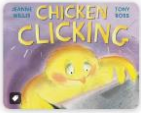


Lateness = valuable minutes lost to learning. Don't let lateness bring your attendance statistics down.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 4 th March 2024	
 Ladybirds ~ 97.9% 	 Owls ~ 92.1%
 Hedgehogs ~ 91.4%	 Squirrels ~ 96.7%
 Foxes ~ 94.7%	 Badgers ~ 90.0%
 Falcons ~ 91.1%	 Skylarks ~ 93.0%
 Whole School ~ 93.0%	



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Date	Event
Thurs 29th Feb until Thurs 28th March 3pm – 4pm	Aladdin Drama Rehearsals start for children in Years 3 and 4
Tues 12th March	Deadline for ordering school dinners for week beginning 25 th March
Tues 19th March 	Story Café for Reception parents and children – Chicken Clicking an internet safety fun story for children and parents to enjoy
Wed 27th March	Year 5 Trip to Manor Farm, Chearsley
Wed 27th Mar 9am – 11am	Easter Egg-travaganza Coffee Morning - in Partnership with our local Family Centres – see the attached poster for more details
Thurs 28th Mar – 3.00pm	End of Spring Term
Easter Holidays	
Mon 15th April – 8.30am	Children return to school
Mon 29th April	Class photos – this is a little earlier in the school year than usual. Please ensure your child is wearing their school sweatshirt
Tues 14th May 	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 – Tues 4th June	Year 6 Residential trip – the deadline for outstanding payments is Wednesday 1 st May. Payment reminder letters will be sent out next week.
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.

Best wishes

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