

MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

19th January 2024

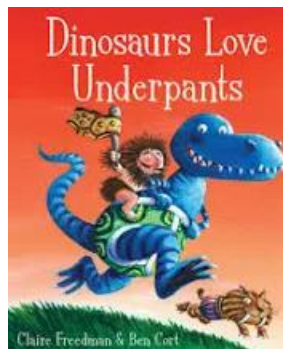
Dear Parents and Carers,

Playground entrance and footpaths

We are pleased to share that all of the tarmac has now been laid and the footpaths are wider and safer for us all to use. Please drop off your children as usual at the gates at 8.30 (EYFS come through and drop off in the classrooms please) and go to the classroom doors as normal at 3pm.

Story Café for Reception Parents-Tuesday 23rd January

A quick reminder about our "Dinosaurs love underpants" Story Café for Reception children and parents on Tuesday 23rd January. Come through to the hall when you have dropped your children off for registration and enjoy a fun morning full of dinosaurs. Miss Tindle, Mrs Nicholls and the team are really looking forward to seeing you all at our Story Café. The last one was a huge success and enjoyed by the children, parents and staff alike.



Mumps Measles Rubella (MMR) Vaccination

All children should have had a double MMR vaccination before they started school. You may have heard in the news that there are increasing number of cases of Measles in some areas of the country. If you are not sure about your child's vaccination status, you could check your child's Red Book or ask at your doctor's surgery. If your child has missed one or both of the vaccinations, then it isn't too late to get this sorted even until the age of 12 years.



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



Arriving Late to School

This week, a staggering **1,628 minutes of learning** was lost because children were persistently late for school. This equates to over **27 hours of lost learning** and missed opportunity for those children and disrupted learning for the ones who arrived on time. There is no excuse for the vast majority of children who arrived late this week and some children missed out on the recognition of being awarded a Moorland Marvel certificate at the School Assembly because they were late today.

Can you imagine a situation where our staff team regularly arrived after 9.30am or where they only came to school 4 days each week? Parents would quite rightly feel very upset and alarmed that their children were missing out on their education.

As a school, we always reward and praise success, no matter how great or small. At the end of last term, we recognised the efforts of parents to get their children to school every day and on time. It is very easy to blame the weather for lateness – it's too cold: it's too hot or it's raining: I overslept: I forgot something. But the staff face the same challenges as you do as parents every morning and have to be in school every day and on time (usually much earlier) and many of them have to travel longer distances! The majority of our families live locally and can walk to school. Our Welfare team are here to work with families who are struggling with attendance. Please seek their support because **'Together We Can' improve the attendance for your child.**



100% Attendance = Attendance Heroes

On the flip side, we recognise and praise all those parents whose **children attended school every day and on time this week**. You are doing an excellent job. Well done and keep it up – we only have 20 more school days until half term!

Class	Number of children in the class	Number of children who arrived on time every day this week
Owls	30	19
Hedgehogs	30	21
Squirrels	27	18
Foxes	30	25
Badgers	30	21
Falcons	26	21
Skylarks	28	21





Always on time – But not always in school

This leaves the children in the Middle – the ones who always arrive on time when they come to school, but are missing the odd few days here and there or perhaps a whole week. If this is down to illness, we sincerely hope that they are feeling better soon and look forward to seeing them in school next week.

If absence is because you have taken time out for an extended Christmas holiday, to visit family or attend appointments then your child is missing out on valuable learning. We know that travelling is more expensive in school holidays, but your child's education is for life and your child deserves to be in school alongside their friends and not missing out. You honestly would not believe just how much learning your child achieves each and every day – it is extremely difficult to catch up so please don't book holidays in term time. The Wellbeing team is there to discuss ways you can support your child getting to school.

Attendance Winners this week...

Well done Falcons for maintaining the lead with 95.4%. Foxes just missed out on taking the lead possibly because of a late arrival? Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week, even if the overall class attendance fell short of that you are doing great!

Attendance for week: 15th Jan



Ladybirds ~81.3%



Owls ~ 86.7%



Hedgehogs ~ 86.0%



Squirrels ~ 88.1%



Foxes ~ 95.3%



Badgers ~90.7%



Falcons ~ 95.4%

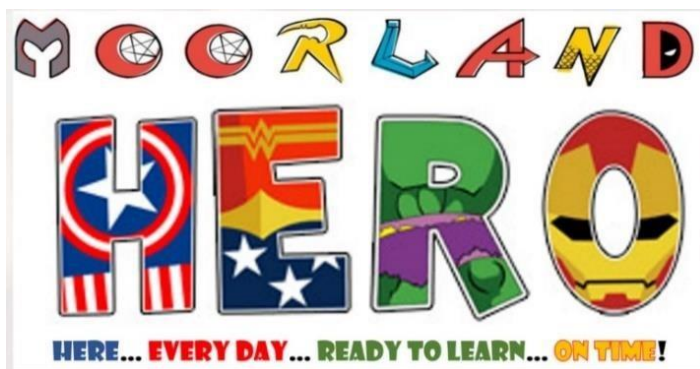


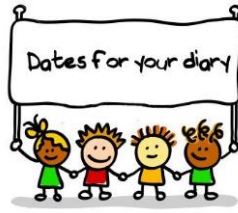
Skylarks ~ 88.9%



Whole school ~ 89.8%

We only have 20 school days left this 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.** So please help us achieve the success your child deserves.





Date	Event
Tues 23rd January	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning 5 th February
Tues 23rd January – 9.00am	Story Café for Reception children and their parents
Thurs 25th Jan	Nursing team follow-up checks for Reception and Year 6 children who missed their appointment this week
Fri 16th Feb – 3pm	End of Term
Mon 26th Feb – 8.45am	Children return to School
Mon 29th April	Class photos – this is a little earlier in the school year than usual.

I realise that this week's Newsletter has been heavy on attendance. We want to share these concerns with you because they really are so important. We are nearly half way through the school year and want you children to enjoy so much learning with us. We cannot do our job if some children are missing school or are arriving late. I am sure you understand. If you have any ideas what we could do moving forward – then please let me know your thoughts and ideas.

Best wishes

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