

MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can...

12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

It's so lovely to see the children return to school this week. We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing time over the Christmas holidays.

New Playground and Entrance to School

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding whilst work is being undertaken at the playground entrance. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we know that once the work is completed, it will be a lot easier for you to drop off in the mornings and collect at the end of the day. Whilst the work is on-going and parking is more difficult, you might wish to consider walking to school from home or, if you have to drive your car, parking a short distance from the school and walking perhaps five or ten minutes. Please remember to park your car safely and considerately.



The hardcore will be finished tomorrow ready for the tarmac to be laid on Monday. The double pathway is already looking great!

As you can see the play area is all complete and ready for the children to enjoy playing on.



After School Clubs

We are delighted that our staff have put together an exciting range of After School Clubs which will be starting next week. We thank them for volunteering to work additional hours to make these possible. Parents have responded quickly to the invitation to apply for clubs and they have all been allocated but you can always add your names to the waiting lists so we can see the preferred clubs to plan for.



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OFSTED Inspection Report

All parents and carers should have received a copy of the report of the OFSTED inspection in December which is also on our website.

We are delighted to confirm that the school has been graded GOOD in 3 of the 5 areas. These are Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years.

As a School and a community, we have made enormous progress since the last OFSTED report. We really appreciated that parents and children spoke positively about our School, but we are on a journey of **Continuing Improvement**. One of the most significance barriers that we face in ensuring all our children achieve their full potential is persistent absence and ongoing lateness. Despite all our best efforts, our absence is far higher than national and our pupils' outcomes much lower.

It cannot come as a surprise to parents and carers how more confident their children become when they experience success. Success in their learning is different for each child, but attending school every day is key to them finding that success.

This is where we need to work together to move our school further forward so that we achieve the very best for all pupils. Our attendance and family support team will be working with families where there are concerns about absence and lateness. We are confident that with your commitment, we shall see improvements in this area. Well done if your child is already attending School every day and on time. Your child is already on their journey to success!

School Council

The School council had their first meeting of 2024 this week. They were delighted to hear that their Christmas Fair cake sale stall raised £200.50. A huge thank you to all the parents who donated cakes and to those who came along and indulged in a cake or two. The School Council have decided that their fund-raising efforts this year will go towards buying Lego for the After-School Club and other play equipment in the School. The School Council appreciates your support of their fund-raising efforts.



Year 6 Residential Trip

Just a quick reminder to our Year 6 parents about their child's residential trip in the summer term and the benefit of spreading the payments over several months. You can check your current balance with the school office, if that helps you.

Campfire Education Trust Newsletter

Take a few minutes to look at the CET newsletter which is attached [here](#) and find out what is happening in our partner CET schools.












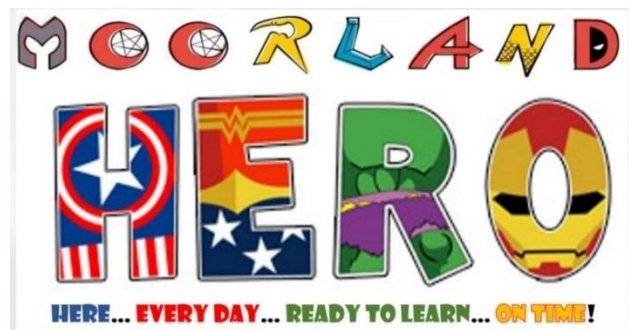
Attendance and Time-Keeping

A week of extremes on attendance this week, with Falcons racing into the lead with 99%. Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week, even if the overall class attendance fell short of that.

The OFSTED inspection raised concerns that, the proportion of disadvantaged children who are persistently absent is too high. If children are not in school learning, their progress and attainment will be much lower. It is your responsibility as parents and carers to give your children every opportunity and that starts by them coming to school every day. We only have 25 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.

Attendance for week: 8th Jan

-  Ladybirds ~ **76.1%**
-  Owls ~ **90.0%**
-  Hedgehogs ~ **87.9%**
-  Squirrels ~ **89.8%**
-  Foxes ~ **91.7%**
-  Badgers ~ **87.5%**
-  Falcons ~ **99.0%**
-  Skylarks ~ **91.1%**
-  Whole school ~ **90.2%**



Lateness = Lost learning

A small number of children have missed a **staggering 1128 minutes in learning time this week**

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.



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DIARY DATES:

Date	Event
Tues 16th January	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning 29 th January
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

Best wishes

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