



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can...

15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Christmas Fair was Amazing!

The Christmas Fair was a fantastic success. Thank you for coming along and supporting it. It was wonderful to see so many children and parents in the school enjoying all the activities and stalls selling goodies and treats. The arts and crafts stalls gave families time to sit down and spend time together as they created their own special Christmas wreaths, decorations and reindeer crowns. A huge thank you to Father Christmas who spent the whole day with the children even taking time out of his busy schedule to play basket-ball (you heard it here first) as the children eagerly anticipated a successful field goal.



Later at the Fair, Santa's grotto became the perfect setting for some very special family photographs.



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A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who helped to organise such a wonderful day. The cake stall was very well supported by parents and staff who made or bought the cakes and by those who bought them! The raffle draw was eagerly anticipated and many people went home happy with their prizes. Well done to those families who successfully guessed the number of sweets in the jar and the weight of the cake. The School Council ran a very successful Christmas card competition and you can see in the photograph the creativity of some of our children who made the winning design for each year group. Well done! We hope you managed to buy one, but if not, there may be a few available in case you have any last-minute cards to send.



Ho Ho Ho!

As Father Christmas bid a fond farewell he told us that he had left a huge sleigh load of presents on the roof for all our children, but he is really hoping that we can achieve 100% attendance in the final week. Father Christmas will send us a secret message on the day that we can give them out to the children, so please make sure that your children are in everyday if they are fit and well. Our heartfelt thanks to all his elves who have been so busy getting presents ready for our children. It is really, really appreciated.



Visit to Tesco's

26 lucky children from across the school spent Friday morning at Tesco Kingston for another wonderful surprise Christmas party. They were warmly welcomed by the staff at Tesco's who had laid on some tasty treats and party games. They had a wonderful time and we are very grateful to Tesco's staff for inviting yet another group of children from our Moorland.



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Story Café – Stickman

Reception children and parents were invited to Moorland's first Story Café last week where they shared the story of the Stick Man and were given the opportunity to really engage in the world of the story with props and activities and fun. The whole event was a wonderful success with a huge turnout of parents. The feedback from parents was extremely positive and the children loved spending time with their parents learning together. You can see from the photos how much everyone enjoyed it. We shall be running another Story café for Reception children in the first half of the Spring term. We can't wait!



School dinners

Chartwells' dinner menu for the start of the Spring term is on ParentPay, **so please get ahead and order your child's school dinners now.** The deadline for the first week back in January is **Tuesday 26th December.**



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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.

Attendance and Time-Keeping

Well done **Skylarks** for maintaining their lead. But sadly, other class attendance figures were very disappointing. More is needed to raise the attendance and get all classes out of the **RED and Amber**. This is the final week of term and if your child is not in school every day, they could miss out on Santa's sleigh of gifts. We want everyone to be a **Moorland Attendance HERO** – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, 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.

Attendance for week: 11 Dec



Ladybirds ~ **83.3%**



Owls ~ **89.3%**



Hedgehogs ~ **85.7%**



Squirrels ~ **89.6%**



Foxes ~ **91.7%**



Badgers ~ **89.7%**



Falcons ~ **92.7%**



Skylarks ~ **95.4%**



Whole school ~ **90.2%**



Lateness = Lost learning

A small number of children have missed a staggering **1116 minutes (nearly 20 hours)** in learning time **this week!**

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



DIARY DATES:

Date	Event
Tues 19th Dec 	Early Years Christmas fun morning for parents/ carers (Nursery and Reception) 9 – 10.30: Christmas Crafts & play – Come along and have fun learning with your child. 10.30: mince pies and refreshments with the Well-being team (Children get ready) 10.45: Christmas songs performed by the Nursery & Reception in the hall.
Tues 19th Dec 	KS1 Christmas Nativity for parents/ carers (Year 1 and Year 2) 1.15: Mince pies and refreshments with the well-being team in the hall 1.30: The Nativity performed by Years 1 & 2
Thurs 21st Dec 	Children's Christmas Party (Donations of party food and drinks are very welcome)
Fri 22nd Dec -3pm 	School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 3pm
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	



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),

TEAM ACTIVITIES & CHALLENGES, ARTS & CRAFTS,

HEALTH, WELLBEING & NUTRITION EDUCATION

For Children on FSM
for 6-14 year olds

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