

NEWSLETTER

30th January 2015

Dates for your Diary

03.02.15 – Gruffalo lunch special
06.02.15 – Wear red for the day
06.02.15 - Y4/5/6 Swimming Gala
13.02.15 - School closes for half term
23.02.15 – School reopens for pupils



A word from Mr Lee – Interim Head

I wanted to introduce myself to those of you I have not yet met. My name is Kevin Lee and I am working at Moorlands as Interim Headteacher for 3 days per week. I am dividing my time between Belton and Hornchurch, which, although logistically is a bit of a challenge, is working well so far! I am really enjoying the job and I look forward to working with you and your children in moving the school on. A big thank you to those of you I have met for making me feel so welcome, I know it's not easy having another new face at the school. Sue Sweet remains Executive Headteacher and she will cover the days when I am not in school. Sue is also Head at Kessingland (nearer than Hornchurch!). If she is not physically in the school, she can easily be contacted through the school office.

Core Values

We have re-launched our Core Values, having consolidated them from eleven into six. This is in order to bring a greater focus and clarity. These values will form the basis of our whole school, including behaviour and learning skills. We expect all adults and children to sign up to these values and they will appear all over the school, on our letterhead, on the website etc.

They are:

Respect Responsibility Resilience Honesty Belief Compassion

Absence from School

Please contact the school office by 9am each day your child is absent with a reason for the absence. The school number is 01493-780007.

Menu Changes

With the launch of the Government's new school food standards on healthy eating, there have been some minor adjustments to the current school menu. On Wednesdays, weeks 1 & 2, mashed potatoes will be served, weeks 3 & 4, it will be roast potatoes only. Yorkshire pudding will not be served at all. This will come into effect from 19th January 2015. A copy of the menu is attached for you.



Milk

From January 2015, all schools are legally required to offer pupils the opportunity to have milk during the school day. Your child should have brought a letter home with more information. If you would like your child to have milk and are not entitled to Free School Meals, please pay £1.10 each Friday which will entitle your child to milk each day for the following week. The money should be put in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. This will commence from 23rd January 2015.



Year 6 Forest School

Every Thursday afternoon Year 6 will be outside doing Forest School with Mr Ringer. They will need a change of old warm clothes and wellies.



PE

All pupils will need their PE kits in school every day. They will also need tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE as well. Please can you ensure all items are clearly named.



School Clubs

The following is a list of clubs which are carrying on from last term. Please keep an eye on the website for new clubs starting. We will update the list as soon as we can. Please complete a permission slip if your child wishes to join any club. Please note there is still a waiting list for the Friday football club with Mr Driver.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Classroom</u>
Art	Monday	3.30-4.15pm	6	Owls
Spanish	Tuesday	12.30-1pm	2&3	Otters
Cantonese	Monday	12.30-1pm	4,5&6	Badgers
Chess	Thursday	12.30-1pm	All	Squirrel
Film	Thursday	3.30-4.15pm	5,6	Owls
Football	Friday	3.30-4.30pm	4,5&6	School Field

Mobile Library Service

The Mobile Library Service will be visiting the school between 3.15pm – 4.05pm on the following dates:

11.2.15, 11.3.15, 8.4.15, 6.5.15, 3.6.15, 1.7.15, 26.8.15, 23.9.15.

The Mobile Library Services will be at the Mill Lane Community Centre every four weeks between 10.25-10.55 am on the following dates:

28.1.15, 25.2.15, 25.3.15, 22.4.15, 20.5.15, 17.6.15, 12.08.15, 9.9.15, 7.10.15, 4.11.15, 2.12.15, 30.12.15.

It is free to join and borrow books, (children's, teens, adult fact or fiction. DVD loan 50p).

Forthcoming courses at the Village Green Childrens' Centre

Family Learning

FREE certificated story sacks 10 week course (15.1.15-26.3.15)

Free creche & transport available for families with a child under 5. To book call 01493-789562 or email emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.

FREE certified Family Arts 10 week course (16.1.15-27.3.15)

Free creche and transport available for families with a child under 5. To book call 01493-789562 or email emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.

Need to get a maths qualification?

Come and join the Tuesday workshop 9.15-11.15am. To find out more, call 01493-789562 or email emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.

Behaviour & Positive Parenting

Tuesday 17th & 24th March, 1pm-2.45pm. Support with understanding why children behave the way they do. Practical tips and advice to positively manage challenging behaviour. Free creche and transport available for families with a child under 5. For more information call 01493-789562 or email emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.

Paediatric First Aid

2 dates available (both sessions must be attended)

24th Feb & 3rd March 2015, 12th May & 19th May 2015

The course will be delivered and certificates will be awarded on completion of the 2 sessions. Free creche and transport available for families with a child under 5. For more information call 01493-789562 or email emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.

Half Term Fun Celebrate Chinese New Year! Stay & Play 19.2.15.

For more information call 01493-789562 or email emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.

Easter Fun dates for your diary

Stay & Play 31.3.15, 10-11.30am, 9.4.15 1-2.30pm

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