MOORLANDS C.E. PRIMARY ACADEMY



Wednesday 21st October 2015

Important information, upcoming events and does for your diary.

Dates for your Diary

21.10.2015 - Closed for half term

02.11.2015 - School re-opens

11.11.2015 - Reception Opening Evening

11.11.2015 - Remembrance Day

16.11.2015 - Individual & Sibling Photos

28.11.2015 - Christmas Fayre

02.12.2015 - Years 1 & 2 Nasal Flu Immunisation

Message From Mr Lee

I am always amazed by how quickly time seems to pass in the life of a school. This half-term is no exception and seems to have disappeared very quickly. We have moved on a long way in that time though. The comments I have received from parents, the feedback from Parents' Evenings and visitors have been positive. Whilst we know that we still have a way to go, Moorlands is now a happy and productive place, with hard working children and rising standards and expectations. There have been many memorable moments from this half-term, especially the visit from Anglia TV to Year 6, the Year 5 trip to Cambridge and the recent two days of African activities, including African drumming, in Years 1,2,3 and 4.

Nursery and Reception are settling in really nicely to the school and we continue to work closely with our colleagues at VGCC. There will be problems along the way, but we will always tackle these with integrity and with the best interests of the children at heart. I hope that everybody has a safe and enjoyable half-term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on 2nd November.

Forthcoming courses at the Village Green Children's' Centre

Family Learning

Parents' Forum

If you could help make decisions and new improvements to the Children's Centre whilst gaining new skills, accessing training and improving services at no cost, we have the following dates available; 04.11.2015, 07.10.2015 and 02.12.2015, 9:15 - 11:15am. Light refreshments, pastries and fruit will be provided. We will also provide childcare for 0-5 year olds.

Maths and English e-learning Assessments

These can be any day, any time between 8.30am-4.00pm Monday-Friday (using the centre's PCs) or can be completed at home. emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.

Breast Feeding Babycafe

Every Monday from 1:30pm to 3:00pm at the Village Green Children's Centre. It is completely free. Come along, relax and put your feet up in our comfortable breast feeding surroundings. Breast feeding support is also available.

D.I.A.L

Last Thursday of every month 1-3pm Drop in for help and advice to reduce financial exclusion.

Road Safety Dates

Picasso's Group – Thursday 3rd November 2015 Music Makers Group – Wednesday 18th November 2015 Baby Bloom Group - Thursday 26th November 2015

Mobile Library Service

The Mobile Library Services will be available between 3:15pm - 4:05pm on the following dates:

2110.15, 18.11.15, 16.12.15.

It is free to join and borrow books

(children's, teens, adult fact or fiction. DVD loan 50p)

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

Thankyou to the PTA

A huge thankyou to our PTA for supporting our African Workshop days. The children have had an amazing time and this wouldn't have happened without their generosity.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the contributions that have been donated, they were very gratefully received by the Church. Years one to six had a lovely Harvest Service at the church and early years had their service at school. Many thanks to Jean White.

National Poetry Day-Competition Winners

Special Prize - Sophie Long-Hedgehogs
Jenna Platten - Badgers
James Goldsmith and Saskia Spychalski - Otters
Libby Symonds and Ruby Barnes - Foxes
Paige Vickery-Lynch - Owls
Romy Bird - Deers
Noah Woodhouse, Jacob Balagan and Alana Dakin-Grey - Eagles

Mobile Library Service

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:

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)

No Nuts Policy

As from Monday 19th October 2015 we are asking that pupils **do not** have anything containing nut products in school. We recently sent out a letter informing you of why we have implemented this.

Parking On School Premises

For safety of your children please do not park on school grounds unless an agreement is in place with the school or Village Green Children's Centre.

Immunising Primary School Children Against Flu

We have recently sent out consent forms for all children in Years 1 and 2. Thank you for completing and returning the forms. The immunisation team will be coming to Moorlands on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 to deliver this vaccination programme.

Year 1 & 2 Parent Helpers

We would like parent helpers for Years 1/2 reading throughout the week 8:45am-9:30am. Helpers need to be DBS checked. Please inform the office or Mr Allen if you would like to help.

Child Safety

We would like to say a big thank you for respecting the notices around the school asking to drop pupils off at the door. We appreciate your respect and understanding, our main priority in this matter is keeping children safe.

Reception Parents Opening Evening

We will be holding an open evening for all new parents to come and meet the team. Please collect a leaflet for more information or see our website.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Thankyou for booking sessions in advance. This helps us to manage the clubs safely. Please can I remind all parents that all sessions should be booked and paid for in advance.

Remembrance Day

We plan to mark Remembrance Day in a number of ways this year, including a live link up to the Cenotaph Service.

The children are invited to make a poppy at home to bring in during the week after half term. The hope is we can create a wonderful display of "home made" poppies. An activity to enjoy over half term maybe?

Also if you have any photographs of family or friends who are, or were, members of the forces we would like to add them to the display.

Clearly we wouldn't want to risk damaging original photos so if you were able to bring any to the office, we could photocopy them and use the copies for our display.

Thankyou.



Caterpillar Walk

Our younger children in Caterpillars Class enjoyed a small outing earlier in the week. A walk around the village. There was so much to see and so much to excite them – acorns, birds, a trip to the hairdressers and looking back into the school through the fence. Some of the smallest things fascinated them and generated lots of chat.



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