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**FRIDAY 12th February 2016**

Important information, upcoming events  
and dates for your diary.

## Dates for your Diary

Please see Dates For 2016 sheet

### Message from Mr Lee

It hardly seems possible that half of the school year is over! It has been a positive half-term, the school has made good progress on its improvement journey and the children are working hard and making us proud. No doubt, the remainder of the year will go equally as quickly.

Attendance is something that is increasingly in the news and is also fundamentally important for children to make good progress. Attendance since Christmas is running at 95.5% and the children are getting increasingly competitive over the trophy for the best class, which we give out in Assemblies on Mondays.

As a school, we would like attendance to be as high as possible and we are certainly aiming for over 96%. With your support, this is achievable.

All that remains is for me to wish everyone a good half-term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 22nd February.

### Plans to transform the School Hall

Your children will be able to explain our plans to make the school hall a more wonderful place to be! Working with local artist, Matthew Harrison and supported by the PTA, we plan to paint floor to ceiling murals which will give the hall the WOW factor it needs.

The children will have a part to play in every stage of this project. They have been working with their teachers to come up with design ideas based on a tree/core value/woodland theme.

One side of our hall is already covered in ideas that have come from the children. Pupils have been invited to gather ideas from family members which can be added after half term. Matthew will consider all the ideas shared as he creates the final design. Exciting stuff!

## Forthcoming courses at the Village Green Childrens' Centre

### **Family Learning**

#### Parents' Forum

If you could help make decisions and new improvements to Children's Centre whilst gain new skills, access training and improve services at no cost we have a date available on 9.03.16, 13.04.16, 11.05.16, 15.06.16, 13.07.16, 14.09.16, 12.10.16, 11.11.2016 & 14.12.16 9:15am.-11:15am, light refreshments, pastries and fruit will be provided. We will also provide childcare 0-5 years.

#### 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.

[childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.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.

#### Level 1 Award Caring for Children

This seven week course will include children's growth and development, health and safety and craft activities for young children.

#### Mobile Library Service

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

09/3, 06/4, 04/5, 01/6, 29/6, 27/7, 24/8

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:

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### School Kitchen

Recently we had a visit from Great Yarmouth Borough Council to carrying out a food hygiene rating report.

We are very pleased to announce the school kitchen was awarded 5\*.

### Clubs

Club	Day	Year Group	Start Date	End date	Teacher	When
Archery	Monday	KS1 & KS2	25/1/16	21/3/16	Premier Sport	After School
Chess Club	Monday	KS1 & KS2	3/9/16		Mr Allen	Lunch Time 12:30/12:45
Netball Club	Monday	KS2 Girls	3/9/16		Miss Cooper & Miss Drake	Lunch Time 12:45
Dance Club	Wed	KS1 & Early Years	3/9/16		Miss Rapa	Lunch Time 12:15
Choir Club	Wed	KS1 & KS2	3/9/16		Mrs Manifold	Lunch Time 12:30/12:45
Dodge-ball	Thurs	KS2	21/1/16	24/3/16	Premier Sport	After School
Book Club	Thurs	KS2	3/9/16		Mr Biddle	Lunch Time 12:45
Art Club	Thurs	KS1 & KS2	3/9/16		Mrs Sturgess	Lunch Time 12:30/12:45
Film Club	Friday	Y5/Y6	26/2/16		Mr Ruddick	After School till 4:15

### Inter School Indoor Athletics Competition

An enthusiastic Years 5/6 team travelled to Lynn Grove last week to take part in an Inter School Indoor Athletics Competition. The team was led by Ms Rapa who had helped those participating to train for the event.

The team members were a credit to the school. They were all competitive but at all times showed respect and resilience, as well as remembering to enjoy themselves. Family and friends who came along to support the event deserve to win a medal for being the loudest, happiest and most supportive spectators we could have wished for!

The team excelled at the running events and know what they now need to practise to improve their performances next time. A fun afternoon was had by all!

Results:

1st MARTHAM. 237.5 points

2nd HILLSIDE. 161.5 points

3rd= MOORLANDS 156 points

3rd= NORTH DENES 156 points

Congratulations to all involved.



### **Wear It. Beat It.**

We are pleased to announce we raised over £335.00., thank you for your support and contributions.

The children also had a fantastic fun learning assembly with Dawn and Artie, where children learnt the basics of CPR and who to contact in an emergency.



### **Chinese New Year**

Children in Voles, Dormice, Ladybirds and Caterpillars have been discovering lots about Chinese New Year Celebrations. On Wednesday they had their own Chinese New Year procession led by a wonderful dragons head, music, dancing and drumming that could be heard all over the school.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Anyone that visited Moorlands on Tuesday would have felt very hungry, the smell of pancakes filled the air! Children in Year 1 enjoyed cooking their pancakes and of course eating them.

### **Pupil Information**

Please ensure your child's Pupil Information Sheet is completed and returned to the school office so we can update our records and make sure all details are correct.

Please can we ask parents/carers to hand any money into the office and not place it in your child's book bag.

### **Road Safety**

Children throughout the school met with Nicky Johnson from RoSPA last week to think about how to stay safe when they are out and about near roads and traffic. Nicky congratulated the children on their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and insightful questioning.

Thank you to those parents who helped us by giving up their time to accompany Year 1 children on a walk around the village where they learnt how to cross the road safely. Your help was very much appreciated

To find out more about how to help keep you family safe, visit [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com)

### **Twitter**

We now have nearly 350 followers on twitter. It is a great way to keep touch with all the things that are going on in school.

If you don't already follow us, we are [@moorlandsbelton](https://twitter.com/moorlandsbelton)

