



## Moorlands Primary Academy

# NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Mr Lee

I'm writing this on returning from our Key Stage 2 Carol Service, having been to the Key Stage 1 service the day before. I am really overwhelmed with how our children are becoming such confident singers. Music, and in particular singing, has come back into the school in a very big way this term. Our Christmas productions were full of song and I also had the great pleasure of seeing our choir sing at Great Yarmouth Minster for the first time in a very long time. We have plans to continue to build on this as we know how much the children get from singing and of the joy that it brings them. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Visits and Visitors

There have been a range of visits and visitors this half term. We were very pleased to welcome author Sita Brahmachari who talked about her most recent book, *Where The River Runs Gold*. We were entertained by the Norfolk Music Hub who performed as part of Live Music Week and also had informative visits from the East Anglian Ambulance Service, Norfolk Fire Museum and a pair of Vikings (Bruce and Anneka!). In addition to this years 5 and 6 visited the Time and Tide Museum and year 6 also learned all about keeping themselves safe at the Norfolk County Council Crucial Crew event.

### Festival of Carols

We were all very proud of our choirs this half term. Under the expert guidance of Mrs Thurtle the key stage 1 choir performed at 'Sounds 4 Christmas' and the key stage 2 choir at the Festival of Carols, both of which were held at Great Yarmouth Minister. All of children contributed fantastically to these performances and thanks must also go the parents and staff who attended.



### Learning Cafes

We again had a range of learning cafes this half term. Years 5 and 6 created 'menus' of different styles of books which helped raise awareness of some of the great children's books out there. Years 3 and 4 completed activities around their 'Christmas Wishes' and years 1 and 2 read Harvey Schlumberger's *Christmas before* making and decorating some Christmas boxes. Thanks must go to the staff for arranging these cafes, to all the parents and relatives who supported them and to the children themselves for their efforts. There are more cafes planned for the next half term, we will let you know the dates via the app once they have been confirmed.



## House Point Results

It was a close fought battle between Cotterill and Coelho for first place this half term but eventually Coelho ran out winners by a small margin. Congratulations to them and again they got to wear non-uniform on Friday should they wish.

Cotterill - 1866

Coelho - 1937

Mini Grey - 1420

SF Said - 1371

## ICT Suite

We are very grateful to East Norfolk Sixth Form College and Daniel Carway for their generous donation of 30 desktop computers. This has enabled us to change one of the rooms in the school into a computer suite.

Jon Perrin is currently working on fitting out the room with benches so that once the children return in January they will be able to have timetabled ICT lessons as part of the broader curriculum.



## Christmas at Moorlands



Christmas is always a very busy time of year and this year was no exception! The highlight of the half term was, as always, our Christmas productions. Key stage 2 put on three fantastic performances of Bethlehem. Key stage 1

and our early years children also performed lovely nativities. We have to say a massive 'thank you' to Rosie and her team at All Saints Church who provided the children with Christmas workshops at the church, arranged two wonderful Carol Services and also delivered a 'Messy Church' event. All of these were brilliantly well attended by parents and relatives, thank you to everyone who supported them.



In addition to this we had a wonderful Christmas Fair organised by the Friends of Moorlands who also arranged the ever popular Christmas Shop. The children raised money for Save the Children by dressing in their festive jumpers and enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner thanks to Patsy and her team!



## Notices

- Children return on Monday 6th January
- Half Term week is Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020 and the last day of term is Wednesday 1st April
- A reminder that Mayday Bank Holiday this year will take place on **Friday 8th May**, NOT Monday 4th May
- Thank you to everyone who has now downloaded the app. Apart from the one issue in November it appears to be working well and **is our primary form of communication**. Please remember to let the school know should any of your contact details, **especially your mobile number**, change
- Look out for Red January!

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



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