



Moorlands Junior School Newsletter

Working Together, Inspiring and Nurturing Everyone to Achieve and Grow

27th November 2020

Christmas at Moorlands

At Moorlands we have several Christmas traditions that this year we have had to adapt but we are determined to keep them alive.

Our Christmas postal service starts on December 1st. Children will be able to post their Christmas cards in the postbox and the year 6 elves will deliver these to classes. As with most services at the moment, we are no longer able to guarantee same day delivery so please expect delays and be assured we are working to capacity. In order to speed things along, please make sure cards are labelled clearly with the full name and class of the recipient.

Christmas trees-the Christmas trees are being delivered next week and here at Moorlands we have a tradition of asking children to bring in a decoration for our tree. These can be brought in from Tuesday 1st December (please don't send in precious family baubles). We will return them at the end of term

Christmas lunch-we will be having the world famous Mrs Ashbourne's Christmas Dinner on Thursday 10th December. Children already on school dinners won't need to do anything different. Children on packed lunches can bring in extra festive treats for that day and all children can wear a Christmas hat.

Christmas Panto- as we are unable to make our annual trip to Sale Waterside to watch a production we will bring the panto to Moorlands! We will be watching the Blue Peter production of Jack and the Beanstalk. Children will be able to bring in a small 'snack pack' to enjoy during the viewing. Individual classes will be making arrangements for their viewings so keep an eye out on Class Dojo for more information.

Christmas parties-we will be having Christmas parties in our year group bubbles in the week beginning 14th December. Children will be able to wear party clothes for the day (please remember that they must be suitable for playing out in). Please note: there won't be any party food served on the day. Once again, class teachers will send out information regarding the dates and times.

Staffing news

We are very sad to announce that Mr Lake will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of this term. He is off to start a new exciting life in Brighton with his soon to be wife and we wish him all the best. We are excited to welcome Miss Foley in January who will replace Mr Lake as the class teacher in 4L. Mr Lake and Miss Foley will have a comprehensive pass up for the class over the next few weeks. We would like to thank Mr Lake for his hard work and dedication to the children and families of Moorlands and in particular all of his efforts in the area of PE and extra curricular sport. His efforts have benefitted many children both past and present.

We are also sad to announce the retirement of our caretaker, Mr Smethurst, who has been a long standing fixture of Moorlands over the past 15 years. We would like to thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement. We will introduce his replacement once we have appointed.

Finally, we say a 'bye for now' to Mrs Shaw who begins her maternity leave next week. We wish you all the best and can't wait to meet your little bundle! Mrs Shaw's SENCO responsibility will be covered by Mrs Norbury.

Stars of the week

3C Summer

3D Alex

4L Archie Y

4S Freddie H

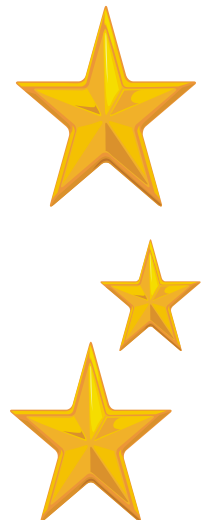
WN Sonny

5C Oliver

5D Kieran

6E Livia

6T Julia



Covid Arrangements

Please can we remind you if you or anyone in your family develops symptoms arrange for a test. **The whole family must then isolate until the results are known.** If negative and well your child can return to school. If positive they must isolate for 10 days and the rest of the family for 14 days. Please inform school of tests and results, during out of school hours **please use** info@moorlandsjuniorschool.com.

Can we also remind adults of the following at pick up or drop:

Please arrive and leave promptly for your child's drop off or pick up time.

Please keep your child with you within the school grounds, as we are trying hard to maintain the integrity of our school bubbles and not allowing children from different year groups, to mix in school.

Please keep your distance from staff and other families that are not in your support or child care bubble.

Please wear a mask if you are able.

Thank you for your continued support in protecting all of our school community.

Safe and Considerate Parking

Whilst we appreciate that the roads are busy at drop off and pick up times, can we please ask you to park safely and respectfully. This, at the front of school, we have witnessed cars parking on pavements, pulling into the school car park gate entrance, parking on bends and even driving partly along the pavement while children and families were walking. As well as being extremely dangerous, this is forcing families who are walking on the pavement to have to move closer together and makes maintaining a 2m distance more difficult. There are also a number of cars attempting three point turns at the main school entrance, this is already a very congested space and this driving is adding to the dangers our children and families walking to school face. Please can we ask you to be mindful of others and their children when dropping your own child off.

Thank you.

Own Clothes Day

Thank you for all the wonderful donations for hampers today. We appreciate that we are currently in difficult times and your generosity is much appreciated. The friends of Moorlands will certainly be kept busy organising the fabulous gifts into hampers!

Next week we will be doing it all again in exchange for a donation of chocolate.

FoM are organising a raffle, for which tickets will be sent home shortly.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st December: Christmas Post starts

Friday 4th December: Own clothes day in exchange for chocolate.

Week beginning 7th December: parent consultation meetings.

Thursday 10th December: Christmas lunch

Friday 18th December: Break up