



Moorlands Junior School Newsletter

Working Together, Inspiring and Nurturing Everyone to Achieve and Grow

10th September 2021

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to see you all back on the playground and to hear the excitement of children back in the classroom this past week.

We appreciate that while we are slowly returning to normal, life may still be going to be a bit different for a little while but we still have lots of exciting things planned for the children to do this year.

Yesterday you should all have received a welcome letter from the staffing team from the year group that your child is in. As far as possible we will be sending all correspondence out this year via email or google forms to eliminate the sending of paper home. Y3 emails are live on the system. Welcome to you all.

Each week we will email out and upload to Class Dojo a copy of our weekly newsletter. This will contain celebrations and important information that will be of interest to all our families.

As always, we have hit the ground running and are preparing ourselves for a very busy term. We will try to keep you as informed as possible with dates and give you as much notice as we can. We keep our school calendar updated on the website, you should also have received a yearly date list and also we will put upcoming dates on the newsletter. Any new dates will be highlighted in bold.

Values Day

At Moorlands we have four values that guide us in our behaviour and work.

These are:

Support and care

Respect and value

Be inspired to learn, achieve and grow

Make the most of every opportunity

Each value has been assigned a colour and we regularly celebrate our values throughout the year. Our first values day is on Thursday 16th September and to mark the occasion children can wear a yellow item alongside their school uniform. It could be a t-shirt, socks or a head band.

Stars of the Week

3C Emily B

3K Freya

4F Calel

4D Jasmine

WN Zane

5C Lily Ho

5D Ania

6G James

6T Ryan



Welcome back reminders

Please can we politely remind you that although PE kit is being worn all day on PE days it must still comply with our school uniform rules of a black sweatshirt and or white t-shirt and black joggers or short. These can have the school logo on or be plain.

Trainers should only be worn on PE days, with sensible school shoes worn on all other days.

Also, can we please ask that all uniform is labelled clearly with children's names.

Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th September: School values day-wear something yellow.

Week beginning 20th September: after school clubs start.

Thursday 23rd September: Individual photos

Wednesday 6th October: Year 5 to Winmarleigh Hall

Thursday 7th October: year 5 return from Winmarleigh Hall

Friday 22nd October: Break up for half term

Monday 1st November: Back to school

Birthday Celebrations

It has, over the years, become tradition amongst parents to send birthday treats in with their child on their birthday. This isn't something that we have suggested as a school and we would like this year to ask that treats are not sent in on your child's birthday.

We would also like to invite the child whose birthday it is to wear their own clothes for the day should they wish. If their birthday falls at the weekend they can wear their own clothes on the Friday before hand and if their birthday falls in a holiday on the last day before the holiday starts.

We will also be setting up a 'wishlist' of books that families can buy to donate to school as an alternative to sweets should they wish. Details of this will follow shortly.

There are also other times of the year, linked to religious festivals, when we encourage the children to wear their own clothes, when they are celebrating an important festival linked to their faith, for example Christmas, Eid, Hannukah or Diwali to name a few.

After school clubs

After school clubs will begin again the week beginning 20th September-look out for details of the clubs on offer coming out early next week.

To ensure equity for everyone, children will initially be asked to sign up for **ONE club** only.

If we have spaces we are more than happy to accommodate additional requests.

Covid 19 Guidelines

Since August 16th the need for bubbles or close contacts to self-isolate has been removed as long as they:

- Are under the age of 18 years and 6 months
- Are double vaccinated
- Are unable to get a vaccination due to advice from their medical consultant for medical reasons
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

The recommendation is however that as a close contact a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow Test) is taken to rule out being asymptotically positive. With this in mind we may ask you to take your child for a test if we identify them as being a close contact.

As always, thank you for your support in this matter.