



Moorlands Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

20th October 2016

What an incredible half term! We have dressed up as Roald Dahl characters, worn yellow and smiled a lot, we have been down a mine, visited an author, celebrated sporting achievements, learnt to ride balance bikes, taken part in musical theatre workshops, as well as leapt from trees, zoomed down zip wires and built rafts on a week-long residential visit.

We have many more exciting events planned for next half term, including celebrating 10 years of Reading Friends at Moorlands Primary School, hosting authors and poets, open afternoons and of course Christmas!

Sporting achievements

On 13th October the Year 5 footballers played at Deighton arena and won both league fixtures. The cross country results have been released and we are delighted to announce Lucy Fairburn and William Bawn will be representing Kirklees in the West Yorkshire finals in March 2017.

A huge well done to Jasmine Mangoro in 3S who competed in her first gymnastics competition at the end of September. She won beam and floor apparatus, so is Yorkshire champion at level 7, bronze on bars and also bronze overall.

Gymnastics festival

On Saturday 5th November the Pennine Sports Partnership Gymnastics festival will be held at the Huddersfield leisure Centre. Nearly 50 children are representing Moorlands Primary School at this event. Tickets for the event will be allocated straight after half term.

Harvest thank you

We have received a lovely Email from Emma at the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield.

Dear Teachers, Children and Parents

I just wanted to drop an extra thank you to you all on behalf of the Welcome Centre for such an amazing Harvest festival donation. I know you have supported us many times and I hope you took a copy of our Harvest thank you letter to share with the school but when I was looking at the donations I thought yours needed a special mention for such a large amount received. Best wishes Emma

PTA

We have been approached by a few parents who would like to start up a PTA and we think this is a wonderful idea!

If you are interested in being a part of this new group, please email Vicki Harris (a Yr6 parent)

Vicki.louise@btinternet.com

Pokemon/football cards

Just a reminder that Pokemon cards etc. will not be allowed in school after half term.



Remembrance week

On the week beginning 7th November the children will be taking part in various activities throughout school linked to Remembrance. We would like to invite parents and carers into school from 2pm onwards on Friday 11th November. Parents are invited to join the children in their classroom whilst they create some remembrance related artwork. During the afternoon each class will go outside to plant poppies they have made during the week. Please can we ask visiting adults to enter the building by the main entrance, and sign in. In order to safeguard the children, the car park will not be open and the path to the YMCA will be locked. We hope you understand our reasons for doing this.

To make the poppies we need hundreds of empty 2lt plastic bottles. Please can you save them and start sending them into school as soon as possible. Thank you for the bottles that we have received already.

Staff Car park

Sadly, due to the damage caused to grassed areas in the school grounds, cars being parked outside marked bays and abusive behaviour towards our staff, when a parent was requested to move their car that was blocking the circulation of the car park, we have had to make the decision that the car park gates will be closed at future events.

School Photographs

Please ensure that all orders for school photographs are returned to school by Wednesday, 9th November. This is a strict deadline, to enable all orders to be delivered before the Christmas break. Orders received after this date will be returned to parents/carers.

Dates for your diaries:

21 st October:	INSET day school closed	Half Term
31 st October:	School reopens	
1 st November	SPICED Evening for Year 6 Parents	
4 th November:	Author Cathy Rushworth to visit KS1. Also Deadline to book School Christmas Lunch	
7 th November	Deadline for Winmarleigh Residential Visit 2017 – non-returnable £50 deposit to be paid on Parentpay	
8 th November:	30 children to Cliffe House for Kirklees Learning week.	
9 th November:	Author Andy Seed visiting school and Reading Friends celebration	
11 th November:	Remembrance Day parent open afternoon 2pm onwards	
18 th November:	Children in need non-uniform – wear something spotty.	
12 th December:	Reception/Yr1 Nativity 9.30am	
13 th December:	School Christmas Lunch – pupils currently bringing a packed lunch can purchase a Christmas Lunch by paying £2.05 on Parentpay before 4th November 2016	
13 th December	Reception/Yr1 Nativity 5pm. Yr2 Nativity 6.30pm	
14 th December:	KS2 Carol concert 2.30pm	
15 th December:	KS2 Carol concert 6pm	
16 th December:	Christmas Jumper day	

Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 31st October.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Amanda Denney
Headteacher