



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year. We hope you had a peaceful and fun Christmas holiday with family and friends and are recharged and ready for another exciting term at Moorlands.

New Reception Starters - September 2019

A reminder that the closing date for applying online for September 2019 is Tuesday, 15 January 2019.

YMCA Car Park

Just a reminder that before Christmas we let you know that the YMCA car park can be used again by our parents as part of the Park and Stride scheme. Please use the car park sensibly, parking and moving around the car park with care.

Chinese New Year Assembly

On 4th February at 2.40pm, the Reception children will be performing an assembly for parents and carers to share learning about the Chinese New Year. We hope lots of parents and carers can attend.

Staff Car Park

Please can we remind you that the school car park is for **staff only** and parents/carers are not permitted to use the car park when dropping and picking children up before and after school.

Mobile Phones

Please can we remind you all that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school. They can not only be lost, damaged or stolen but are a distraction and can become a safeguarding issue for other children in school.



School Uniform

We encourage all children to wear a school uniform. This helps us all to feel part of the school community. The uniform is as follows:

Boys	Girls
Red Sweatshirt	Red Sweatshirt/Cardigan
White Polo Shirt	White Polo Shirt
Grey School Trousers/shorts	Grey Skirt/Trousers/Pinafore Dress
	Red checked summer school dresses can be worn in the summer term
All children should wear sensible black shoes , with plain grey, black or white socks or grey, black, white or red tights. (NO TRAINERS, OPEN TOED FOOTWEAR OR HEELS PLEASE)	
PE Kit In the interest of health, comfort and safety, we require a change of clothing for PE. Shorts - Navy or black T-shirt - White Joggers for outdoors and trainers or pumps Pumps or trainers should always be available	

For Health and Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears, jewellery of a religious nature and a watch. Stud ear-rings should be removed or recently pierced ears should be taped over with a plaster (provided by parents) for PE and swimming and watches removed to prevent them causing injury. Religious items such as the Kara should be covered with a sweat band provided by parents during PE lessons.

Note: staff do not replace ear studs etc, if the child cannot manage it.

Hair

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles would include shaved patterns in the scalp, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes. Such hairstyles are not acceptable at school. All children, girls and boys, are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough, for PE, DT and Cookery lessons.

Make-up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed.

Reward system

On Monday we launched a new reward system in school. We now have 4 house teams: Willow, Oak, Birch and Sycamore – which links nicely to our surroundings in Forest School.

Everyone has been grouped into four teams and children will stay in these teams throughout their time at Moorlands.

Team points will be collected weekly and the winning team will be announced and will appear on the newsletter the following week. Every child has received a new merit card and will receive merits for:

- ❖ Being a great role model - great behaviour, being very well mannered, being kind and caring.
- ❖ Work effort and quality of work produced.
- ❖ Spelling test - beating your own score or full marks.
- ❖ Reading records signed - whole page filled.
- ❖ If you are 'Good to be Green' all week, you will get a merit.
- ❖ Leaves and petals for the British values tree are worth 5 merits.

One merit equals one house point.

There will be termly winners - the winning team gets to wear non-uniform.

The children have been working hard all week to get their first merits and house points!

PTA

Wow! Just before we broke up for Christmas the PTA held a raffle and provided refreshments at all seven of our Christmas concerts. In total they raised a brilliant £1,332.65. All the money will be used to help enhance the curriculum for our children at Moorlands. Well done and a huge thank you to all the hard-working members of the PTA!

PTA Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be making a free donation to Moorlands Primary PTA? So far, our PTA have raised £580 through Easy Fundraising. There are nearly 3,000 retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the Trainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to say thank you for shopping with them. The PTA have set this up and are using it. It's simple and safe and does not cost you anything.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/RMUC7T/B63D3B>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping – your donations will be collected by Easy Fundraising and automatically sent to Moorlands Primary PTA. It could not be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Lost property:



Two keys have been in our lost property for some time. They are photographed here. If they are yours, please contact the school office.

One of our boys lost a coat at the end of last term. It is a black, Berghaus waterproof jacket with a plain, black lining. Could we ask all parents to check any coats at home just to make sure their own child has not brought this coat home by mistake.

Sporting News

At the weekend Sophie in Year 6 took part in a swimming gala in Harrogate, competing against children from across Yorkshire. She achieved 1st place in 50m breaststroke. Well done Sophie



Strictly Pennine Dance Festival

If your child is taking part in the Strictly Pennine Dance festival on 26th February, the tickets went on sale from the Lawrence Batley Theatre on Monday, 7th January 2019.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

❖ How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is **not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.**

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website and at the bottom of this newsletter.

❖ How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch

Celebration Assembly

Our School Councillors had the very hard decision of choosing just one piece of work per class for the half-termly School Council Awards. It is always such a hard decision when work is of such a high standard across school. The winners for last half term are below.

SS	Ivy	1O	Madison
HH	Baine	1W	Jessica
DD	Mabel	2O	Alicia
1J	Mason	2C	Charlie
		2D	Lily

3P	Maryam	5P	Kimi
3S	Kaiya	5B	Ted
3CW	Joshua	5A	Lily
4H	Kholwani	6D	Connor
4C	Jacob	6S	Zak
4CH	Florence	6CM	Alfie

We will publish the British Values Awards winners next week after the surprise reveal in this week's Celebration Assemblies!

Dates for Your Diary

15 th January:	Deadline for online Primary School applications (Sept 2019 intake for children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015)
17 th January:	Year 5 trip to Danelaw
21 st January:	Year 5 Trip to Danelaw
28 th January:	Year 5 Trip to Danelaw
31 st January:	Year 6 SATs Parents Evening
4 th February:	Reception Chinese New Year Assembly 14.40pm - sign in through the hall doors.
5 th February:	Safer Internet Day
14 th February:	School closes for half term
15 th February:	INSET day - School closed

Remember there are regular updates on Twitter@MoorlandsHudds and on our school website

www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk

As always, we do have an open-door policy, so if there is anything you would like to speak to us about, please do get in touch.

Amanda Denney
Headteacher

Information about applying and eligibility for free school meals

Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals.

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

- **How to register for free school meals**
- More information is available on the following websites:
- www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/kirklees
- <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>
- 01484 221000