



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had lots of exciting events in school this week, enhancing our curriculum. Reception have performed their Chinese New Year assembly, Year 1 have brought in their toy dogs to raise money for their charity and Year 2 have been visited by some feathered friends.

As you know there is always something exciting happening at Moorlands. Please keep your eye on the diary dates below, as many new events for the 2nd part of the Spring Term have been added.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week it is national 'Children's Mental Health Week', the theme is 'Healthy: Inside and Out'. To coincide with this, classes have been enjoying a 'Well-Being' breakfast. This has been encouraging children to recognise the importance of a healthy start to the day, which includes the social side of a positive start to the day. It was lovely to see the children in Year 2 helping make the breakfast with the adults and having a relaxed start to the school day! Your child will get a note home to let you know when they are having the breakfast, if they haven't already. We thank Sainsbury's for funding part of the breakfast costs. As previously announced, Moorlands Primary School have gained the Bronze 'Mental Health in Schools Award' from Leeds Beckett University and we continue to embed well-being and mental health in our day to day vision, in addition to this theme week

House Points

We are delighted to announce that last week the winning House was Willow with 569 points. Well done to all the children in Willow house who have two leaves on our house point tree!

Chinese New Year assembly



Well done to the Reception children and staff for their super Chinese New Year assembly on Monday afternoon. The children spoke confidently and sang songs beautifully, remembering all the words. Thank you to the grown-ups who came to watch the performance and to Alby and Oscar who gave up their time to speak to Reception about Chinese New Year.





Times Tables

Over the next couple of weeks, children in Years 1 - 6 will be coming home with their log-in cards for Times Table Rock Stars. This is a new online tool which we have bought to support children in practising their times tables. Please support your child by having a look at the programme and practising as much as possible. So far, the children that have been using it in school are thoroughly enjoying trying to beat their best time!

Rapid recall of multiplication facts helps children with so many areas of maths and is something we continually practise here at Moorlands.

The government will be launching their new compulsory multiplication test in 2020 for all children in Year 4 (current Year 3 children) and we want to ensure that our children are as prepared for that as they can be.

We will be holding a Parent Information Evening for parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 on March 28th at 6.15 during which we will explain the importance of times tables, how we teach it at Moorlands and give you an insight into the new Government Multiplication testing. Further information on this to follow.

Year 6 SATs information

Following the Year 6 SATs information evening, on the Thursday 31st January, all Year 6 parents and carers should have received an email of the presentation from the evening. If you have not received the email, or require further information, please contact a member of the Year 6 team.

Wise Owl visit



The Wise Owl Company came in to visit year 2 last week. The children had a fantastic time learning about different types of owls. The Year 2 children can now explain why owls have different coloured eyes, how many stomachs they have, what they eat and how they hunt! They met a very large owl called Willow, Dorothy a barn owl, Poppy a tawny owl, Storm a hawk and Orval a very small, young owl. They were also lucky enough to hold Poppy and Storm! Storm also flew over the children really close to the ground as they lay down. What a brilliant morning. A huge thank you to the PTA for paying for our special visitors to enhance the Year 2 Curriculum.

Year 1 Charity Day

On Friday, Year 1 had a fund-raising day to raise money for their charity. The children brought in dog toys or a pet toy if they didn't have a dog. We talked about why our pet is special to us and either had a dog parade or a dog show in our classes. We filled in a profile about our pet with info such as; what they eat, it's friends, where it sleeps and what it looks like. Parents donated £1 to the Guide Dog Charity and they raised £25.



Sporting News

Amelia in 3P is a super swimmer. She attends swimming lessons every week and last week achieved her Goldfish 2 Award. She is now working hard towards her Goldfish 3 Award. Well done Amelia.



Well done to our Year 5/6 Football team who took part in a friendly tournament at New College on Monday and played extremely well. Our Year 5/6 Athletics team will compete in the Kirklees Finals tomorrow and we wish them the very best of luck. We have quite a few tournaments coming up next week and, if your child has been selected for one of our teams, we would ask that parents/carers give their consent as soon as possible on ParentPay. These events are as follows:

Year 5/6 Hockey at New College on Monday, Year 6 Futsal on Tuesday at Huddersfield University, Year 6 Football League fixture at Kirkburton Middle School on Wednesday and Girls Futsal at All Saints Catholic College on Thursday.

Dark Day 14th February

A reminder that we will now hold our whole school "Dark Day" on Thursday, 14th February. School will operate without mains electricity where ever possible and classroom activities that day/week are planned to help us reflect upon how we might reduce energy consumption at school and home, cut spending on energy and think of things to do in our free time that do not rely on screens! **Children are invited to wear bright colours or Hi-Viz clothing and bring a torch, lantern or headtorch with fresh batteries.**

Well-Being

We are currently improving links with our local CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services), Northorpe Hall and will be up-dating you with any news and information. Please see the end of the newsletter for information on Workshops that may be of interest. Information can be accessed via our Website in the Parent/Well-Being Section.

World Book Day - 7th March

On 7th March it is World Book Day. We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to share in school. There will be a costume display in the playground (depending on the weather). We are looking forward to seeing the imaginative outfits and colourful creations.

Spring Term B 2019 - After School Lego Club - Years 3-6

We have places available for next half-term for our After-School Lego Club. Total cost for the half-term is £35.00. The Club is held on Tuesdays and will run for 7 weeks starting on Tuesday, 26th February 2019. If you would like to book a place for your child, please make your payment on ParentPay by 9.00 am on Tuesday, 12th February 2019.

Dates for Your Diary

13 th February:	6S Chemistry workshop at Greenhead College
14th February:	Whole school dark day- Children are invited to wear bright colours or Hi-Viz clothing and bring a torch
14 th February:	School closes for half term
15 th February:	INSET day - School closed
26 th February:	Strictly Pennine Dance festival at LBT
4 th March:	Years 5/6 Hi 5 Netball
5 th March:	3P Pedestrian training
6 th / 13 th /14 th March:	Year 5 Cricket in the classroom trip
6 th March:	3S Pedestrian training
7 th March:	World Book Day- more information to follow
8 th March:	The Book People Book Bus visiting for the day
11 th March:	Science and Waste Week
28 th , 29 th March and 1 st April:	Year 4 Coal Mining Museum Visit
15 th March:	Comic Relief- Red Nose day
18 th March:	Parent open afternoon – 1.30-3.15pm
22 nd March:	Reports out to parents
26 th March:	6CM trip to Standedge tunnel
27 th March:	30 children to Primary Proms at Halifax Theatre
28 th March:	Year 1 Phonics Information Evening
28 th March:	Years 3,4,5 Multiplication Information Evening

- 2nd April: 6D trip to Standedge tunnel
- 3rd April: 6S trip to Standedge tunnel
- 4th April: Creative Arts Performance 6pm
- 8th April: Reception and Year 6 class photos
- 9th April: PTA Easter Egg Bingo
- 12th April: Year 1 Easter assembly 9.15 am
- 12th April: Break up for Easter
- 29th April: School reopens.

Remember there are regular updates on [Twitter@MoorlandsHudds](https://twitter.com/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

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£15 per day

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Ages 5-8

5SPORT camps - KIRKLEES
18th - 22nd February, 8:30am - 3:30pm EVERYDAY!

Waterfront Entrance, Chapel Hill Car Park at Kirklees College, Huddersfield Centre, HD1 3LD

In partnership with **KIRKLEES COLLEGE**

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

For more info visit: www.5sport.co.uk/holidaycamps

MONDAY - Social Skills	TUESDAY - Problem Solving	WEDNESDAY - Opportunities	THURSDAY - Resilience	FRIDAY - Teamwork
8:30am-9am Registration & FREE PLAY 9:15am-10am CRICKET	8:30am-9am Registration & FREE PLAY 9:15am-10am BADMINTON	8:30am-9am Registration & FREE PLAY 9:15am-10am TAG RUGBY	8:30am-9am Registration & FREE PLAY 9:15am-10am New! GOAL BALL	8:30am-9am Registration & FREE PLAY 9:15am-10am New! KING-BALL
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:15am-11:15am GYMNASTICS 11:15am-12pm New! - BOCCIA	10:15am-11:15am SLAM BALL 11:15am-12pm ATHLETICS	10:15am-11:15am ARCHERY 11:15am-12pm HOCKEY	10:15am-11am TENNIS 11am-11:45am Multi-Skills	10:15am-11am CURLING 11am-11:45am SEALED 'UV' VOLLEYBALL
LUNCH 12:45pm - 1:45pm FREE 'SOCIAL' PLAY	LUNCH 12:45pm - 1:45pm 'CRYSTAL MAZE' PROBLEM SOLVER	LUNCH 1:15pm - 2:15pm FREE PLAY	LUNCH 1:15pm - 2:15pm '5SPORT OBSTACLE COURSE'	LUNCH 1:15pm - 2:15pm 'AVENGERS ASSEMBLE'
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
2pm - 3pm DODGEBALL 3pm - 3:30pm AWARDS CEREMONY	2pm - 3pm HANDBALL 3pm - 3:30pm AWARDS CEREMONY	2:30pm - 3:30pm ULTIMATE-FRISBEE 3:30pm - 4pm AWARDS CEREMONY	2:30pm - 3:30pm BOXERCISE 3:30pm - 4pm AWARDS CEREMONY	2:30pm - 3:15pm COACHES' CHALLENGE 3:30pm - 4pm FINAL CEREMONY

CAMHS @ Northorpe Hall

WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Plan yourself a great life (Moodmasters) For 11+ year olds

4th Feb 10-11am at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield
4th Feb 4.30-5.30pm at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield

General Anxiety for 11+ year olds

11th Feb 10-11am at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield
11th Feb 4.30-5.30pm at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield

Exam Anxiety for 14+ year olds

18th Feb 10-11am at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield
18th Feb 4.30-5.30pm at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield

Looking forward to things (Moodmasters) For 11+ year olds

25th Feb 10-11am at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield
25th Feb 4.30-5.30pm at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Understanding Behaviour as Communication

12th Feb 10.30-12pm at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield

Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

27th Feb 12.30-2pm at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield

Information about what anxiety is and resources to support manage anxiety when this becomes overwhelming.

Positive Communication and Attachment

13th Mar 12.30-2pm at Northorpe Hall, Mirfield

Understanding the importance of how we talk and interact with young people to minimise communication breakdown.

Health signposting

Is my child too ill for school?

Click the link below to see NHS advice

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Where can I get help if my child is feeling unwell?

- For less urgent health needs, contact your GP or local pharmacist. Your local pharmacist is an expert in medicines and uses their clinical expertise, together with their practical knowledge, to advise you on minor health concerns, such as coughs, colds, aches and pains, as well as healthy eating and others. Pharmacists can also help you decide whether you need to see another medical health professional. You can find your nearest pharmacist online – go to www.nhs.uk and search “pharmacy”
- The NHS 111 service is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by a team of fully trained advisers. The service can connect you to a Nurse, emergency dentist, or even a Gp and can arrange face to face appointments if they think you need one. If the advisor feels an ambulance is required they can send for one.
- Health and wellbeing services for Kirklees children and young people aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for children with special needs) and their families have been brought together under one name... Thriving Kirklees. The single point of contact telephone number for the 0-19 service is 0300 304 5555