



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very challenging week for everyone. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support during this challenging time. On Wednesday evening the Government announced; Schools in England will close for most pupils from Friday afternoon, where possible they will stay open (including during the Easter holidays) to look after:

- Children of key workers (NHS staff, police, delivery drivers).
- Vulnerable children (children with an EHCP, and those with a social worker).
- **Schools will remain closed to other pupils until further notice.**
- Exams due to be held in May and June will be cancelled, including GCSE and A Levels.
- Children on free school meals will get support from a national voucher scheme, which will be available as soon as possible.

We are waiting for further advice on:-

- What the precise definitions are for key workers and vulnerable children.

We will send out further information when we have clarification, but if you do come under the key worker definition, when released, there will be a form to fill in. If your child does qualify to attend school during the closure, you will be sent information regarding the location and the timings.

Please make sure your ParentPay contact details are accurate, to ensure all communication can be shared.

We have tried to keep going the best we can at Moorlands and, although many of our events have had to be cancelled, we are still having fun learning.

Emotional Well-Being

During this time, many of us may be experiencing a range of emotions.

To provide support with this, Young Minds have released this information for parents/carers to them guide in talking with children.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

To support young people with this, Young Minds have released this information, more aimed at older children:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/>

As adults, it is also important for us to take care of ourselves. This website may be useful:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Please also remember, the Well-Being Section of our website has a wealth of information from evidence-based sources. This has been updated with a range of apps, direct text services, phones numbers and services in the community for both adults and young people. This includes information on sleep, behaviour and general well-being.



You may also find information on the following website particularly useful. The Young Minds A-Z covers a wide-range of areas including anxiety, anger, gender identity, divorce, self-esteem and much more. It is available on our website or via the direct link below:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/>

Please note there is also a Parent Contact section that includes a telephone number as well as contact form:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/contact-us/>

Home-schooling

We are currently setting work on our website. Each year group has their own folder and there will be a letter sent out later with further details. Please remember, arguing with your children to do work is not what everyone needs right now. Instead, cuddle up together and read, read, read. Take turns reading. Do a puzzle. Build a den. Bake and cook. Write and tell a story together. Paint and create. Get out the Lego and build together. Set up a tent in your living room and camp out. Look at photos of when you were little. Don't worry about home-schooling them. Just spend time together. Your children will not learn much if they are feeling stressed. Though this is a scary time, it could very well be a time they remember as the best time in their life.

Race for Life

Last week we told you that the Year 4 children took part in a Race for Life, to raise money for their chosen charity – Cancer Research. The sponsor money collected so far comes to an amazing £1373.25. Thank you to all the children and staff for taking part and our wonderful families for being so generous.

Sports Relief

A huge thank you to everyone who raised money for Sports Relief last Friday. The non-uniform day raised £496.96 and the Year 5 sponsored swim raised £290.96. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated.



House Points

Oak	661
Willow	591
Birch	568
Sycamore	678

The results for last week were:

The winning House was Sycamore with 714 points which means Sycamore House now has 3 leaves on the tree and are neck to neck with Oak! Well done to all the children in Sycamore House.

Moorlands Meteors

Last Thursday, Meteors ECO team went to the garden centre at Birchcliffe to spend our winnings from last Summer's Great Yorkshire Show competition. The children kept note of what we spent, working out as we went how much we had left and whether to swap anything to make best use of our £35. We ended up with 2 bags of compost, a Tayberry Bush (big, dark raspberries), a few flowering plants for the ECO garden beds (a request from some children in Reception), seed potatoes and some vegetable plants and seeds. Miss Smith has taken potatoes home to 'chit', and we hope to get things planted out this week!



Aldi

Thank you to everyone who collected Aldi stickers in the Autumn term. This week we have received 2 bags full of sports equipment for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes.

Summer After School Clubs

On Monday, we opened ParentPay for Summer After School Club bookings. There are still places available on most clubs. If there are not enough places filled, certain clubs may need to be cancelled. We are still thinking we will be running clubs in the summer term. We will update you all if this information changes.

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

www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk

We will be updating parents and carers regularly during the closure. The most important point in all of this is to keep safe. The safety of our children, staff and whole community is the most important thing.



DESIGN A ' *WELCOME TO OUTLANE*' SIGN

Your design should be bright, colourful and stand out. It needs to encourage safe driving and might depict aspects of the village: (e.g. Its Roman History, links with farming and industry, or its people)

This Competition is open to anyone living in or around Outlane. It is intended that the winning design(s) are made into signs & erected on the approaches to the village.

Let your imagination run wild and submit your entry (A3 Landscape) & contact details to: Friends of Outlane, C/O richoldham@talktalk.net or 890B New Hey Road, Outlane. HD3 3FE by Sat 11th April 2020

Friends of Outlane