



# Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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@MoorlandsHudds

Thursday, 23 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at Moorlands. Year 5 have been looking a bit sleepy after their action packed residential last week. They had a fantastic time and represented Moorlands so well throughout the whole week.

The children have been learning about democracy this week and busy voting to make decisions. Each year group has decided which charity they will be supporting and classes have been holding hustings for new School Councillors. We will let you know who has been chosen and which charities are being supported next week.

## World Smile Day – Friday, 1st October

This year, Moorlands are joining the celebration on Friday, 1st October and are asking children to wear something that either makes you smile or will make others smile. In return we would like children to do an act of kindness and help at least one person smile. How many people will you pass a smile to?



## SENDCO

We now have three members in our SENDCO team. Miss Flint has joined Miss Crowther and Mrs Augustine. Miss Crowther will be beginning her maternity leave in November.

## Bringing History To Life

Next Tuesday (28th September), Year 3 are having a very exciting day as a visitor from 'History to Life' is coming into school to deliver a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop linked to our History topic. We will be looking at artefacts and completing lots of exciting activities and look forward to taking some pictures for next week's newsletter!



## Harvest

### The Welcome Centre

Throughout the year, each year group usually takes it in turns to host their own assembly to parents and carers. Year 2 starts off the year with their Harvest assembly. Sadly, due to the current situation we are unable to invite parents into school. Instead of their usual Harvest assembly, Year 2 will be doing a Harvest production, which will go onto our school website. There will be more details nearer the time. We will still be having a Harvest collection for the Welcome Centre. The collection box will be outside the main school office from the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October. Here are their current shortages (non-brand specific)



## Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for Educational Support Assistants. We are seeking to appoint experienced, enthusiastic and dedicated colleagues who will work one-to-one with a child as well as part of a team, including teachers and other support staff, to support the learning and welfare of the children at Moorlands. If you enjoy working with children, are hardworking and work well in a team, we would love you to apply to join our wonderful Moorlands Team <https://kirklees.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-4/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/4/opp/3742-Educational-Support-Assistant-Moorlands-Primary-School/en-GB>

## Maths Mates

We are really excited to be working with Kirklees on their new project 'Maths Mates'. This initiative trains and prepares adult volunteers from local businesses, the local community and parents to support young people to improve and develop their maths skills in preparation for their KS2 maths assessments. The role of the maths mate volunteer is not just to help a child with their numeracy work but also to encourage a love of maths, so they become a confident young person who does not see learning maths as an obstacle. We would love it if some of our parents and carers would like to become Moorlands Maths Mates! If you feel that you would be interested in volunteering or finding out more about this project, please see details on the flyer attached.

## House Points

Well done to everyone in **Willow** house again, who worked very hard to get the most house points during our second week of this term. This means they will get their second leaf on the house point tree! The class with the most points altogether was 6C. Well done Mrs Chapman's class

Together, as a school, there were 2118 merits awarded last week. What an achievement everyone! 😊

<b>Oak</b>	<b>501</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>566</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>546</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>505</b>

## Shout Out!

Isla in 4S took part in a dance competition at the weekend, as part of the KT Dance troupe. She achieved individual silver for a ballet performance and she gained gold for her modern dance routine. Wow!



## Universal Free School Meals

We would just like to remind parents/carers that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Universal Free School Meals. As a result, no payment is required for school meals until children start Year 3. If your child is in one of the relevant year groups and you have made a payment, this will be refunded to your ParentPay account.

## Statutory Free School Meals



If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for Statutory Free School Meals which continue beyond the end of Year 2.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

To apply follow the link below.

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please contact school if you need any help with the application.

## Current Covid guidance

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms, please book a PCR test - do not send them to school. Children with symptoms can only return to school when the negative PCR test result has been sent into the school office email address: [office@moorlandsprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@moorlandsprimary.org.uk)

### Dates for Your Diary

Monday and Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Danelaw History trip
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October	World Smile Day – non-uniform
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	World Smile Celebration Lunch
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Individual photos
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Harvest donations to the Welcome Centre

Remember there are regular updates on Twitter @MoorlandsHudds and on our school website [www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk](http://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.



## Would you like to share your love of maths and help children in school improve their maths?

*Would you like to be a volunteer in schools to support young people aged 7 to 11 to help improve attainment, confidence and motivation in numeracy in schools across Kirklees? Would you be able to spare 1 hour a week to help young people in the classroom?*

*If so, why not become a Maths Mate?*

*Full training will be given on how to support young people and how to make maths more accessible.*

*If you are interested in becoming a Maths Mate and would like this training, or would like some more information, please contact [success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk)*



Volunteering as a Maths Mate provides many benefits, including:

- Contributing to the achievements and aspirations of young people
- Encouraging young people to have fun with numbers and enjoy learning
- Collaborating with colleagues on a worthwhile project
- Doing something positive that is fun and engaging
- Developing interpersonal and communication skills
- Making a difference and being rewarded for your efforts



## What if I need further support?

- **Contact your local school**

Find your local school at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/schools](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schools)

- **Contact Kirklees pupil admissions**

Tel: 01484 225007

Email: [pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:pupiladmissions@kirklees.gov.uk)

Website: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions)

- **Visit your local Kirklees customer service centre**

Dewsbury Customer Service Centre

The Walsh Building, Town Hall Way, Dewsbury WF12 8EE

Huddersfield Customer Service Centre

Civic Centre 3, Market Street, Huddersfield HD1 2YZ

- **Visit your local Library and Information Centre (LIC)**

Find your local LIC at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/leisure/libraries](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/leisure/libraries)



## Don't miss out...

- ★ **Apply online, apply on time**
- ★ **Name three preferences**
- ★ **Include your catchment school**



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We are happy to provide this information in alternative formats, such as large print, braille or a community language. Please contact 01484 225007.



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## When do I need to apply?

If your child is starting  
**Secondary School in September 2022**  
you must apply online between 1 September 2021 and 31 October 2021

If your child is starting  
**Junior or Middle School in September 2022**  
you must apply online between 1 September 2021 and 15 January 2022


If your child is starting  
**Primary School (Reception) in September 2022**  
you must apply online between 1 September 2021 and 15 January 2022  
(for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018)


You are strongly advised to name three preference schools on your application, including your catchment school.

If you apply late, your application will **NOT** be considered until all on time applicants have been allocated school places.

Applying late can severely reduce your chances of getting a school place at any of your preferred schools.

## What do I need access to?

 A smart phone, tablet or computer

 The internet

 An email address

## What do I need to do?

- 1 Go to [www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions)
- 2 Read the relevant Admissions Guide for Parents.
- 3 Click on 'Apply online'. You will be taken to the Kirklees Parent Portal.
- 4 If this is your first visit, click on 'create an account'. Enter your details and follow the link to verify your account.
- 5 Login to add your child's details and preferred schools.
- 6 Check and submit your application.

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## What happens next?

Offers of a school place are sent by email on National Offer Day to the email address you have used. You will also be able to see your offer of a school place by logging into your Kirklees Parent Portal account.

## National Offer Days

Secondary School	1 March 2022
Junior and Middle School	19 April 2022
Primary School (Reception)	19 April 2022

# THE HAYDN WOOD MUSICAL FESTIVAL

## FAO Head of Music

I am emailing on behalf of the Haydn Wood Music Festival.

The Haydn Wood is an inclusive annual music festival located in the beautiful Colne Valley. We aim to promote and encourage young musicians up to the age of 21, from all backgrounds and standards.

From the Recital Class to the Pre-grade 1s, there is a class for your students! All classes are competitive, with certificates and trophies to be won, and all competitors will receive a handwritten sheet, especially for them and written by the adjudicator, with professional tips and advice.

There is also a winners concert on the Saturday evening showcasing each of the class winners.

After having to cancel the Festival in 2020 I want to let you know that the Festival will be going ahead on November 19-20 this year at the Linthwaite Methodist Church Centre, stones Lane, Linthwaite, Huddersfield.

Please visit our website for full details of the festival including classes, and to submit entries online. **Closing date for entries is 2 October 2021 so please hurry.**

I hope you will encourage young musicians to apply as it is great experience for them.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Gill McAllister  
Secretary