



Moorlands Primary School

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Thursday, 30 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas songs have started to fill the air this week, with classes starting to rehearse for their performances in a few weeks' time. The decorations will be going up over the next few days as the build to up Christmas begins! This week Year 2 and Reception have been to visit Mount Methodist Church. Year 2 have been learning about baptism and Reception have been learning about how Christmas is celebrated. Thank you to everyone at Mount Methodist Church for facilitating both trips.

Christmas Cards - Tomorrow



As we all know, children love to send Christmas cards to one another.

Each year group will have their own post box/collection point and, as usual, the cards will need to be clearly named, stating the correct class. This will start from 1st December.

Shout Outs

Louis in 2H brought his impressive trophy and medal to show the class. He was voted the 'Players' Player' by his team at Elland Rugby Club. What a fantastic achievement! We are all very proud of you Louis!



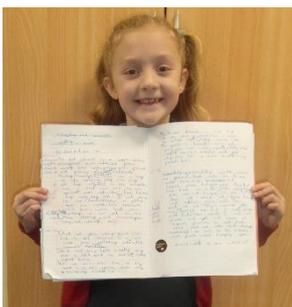
Well done to Milo from 3S who successfully passed his Bronze swimming award.

Pari from 5T has showcased a hoard of medals from her latest gymnastic competition held at Iconic Gymnastics. Medals were given for floor work, the vault and gymnastic ability overall from which Pari was awarded 1 silver and a whopping 5 gold medals! Outstanding work Pari.



Moorlands Star Writer of the Week

This week's Star Writer is Holly from 3CM. After studying some of Aesop's fables, Holly chose to base her fable on the tale of the Ant and the Grasshopper. In Holly's version, The Bear and the Cat, Cat is a foolish creature who fails to prepare for the winter ahead. Bear tries to warn Cat but Cat doesn't listen. Read the story to find out whether Bear takes pity on his fellow creature! Well done, Holly, your teachers are very impressed by your impressive storytelling!



All work chosen for Moorlands Star Writer of the Week will be shared on the school website and can be found under the 'Curriculum' tab on the website's main page. From there, select the 'Writing' tab and then finally the 'Moorlands Star Writer of the Week' tab.

Be sure to keep checking our newsletter and website to see who the next Moorlands Star Writer will be!



Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards.

Each week, every class award two certificates: Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week.

These awards are for children who have shown they are wonderful role models and have an amazing attitude to learning - trying their best all the time.

We are delighted to share that the following students are this week's recipients of these awards.

Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner	
	Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week
DD	Stanley G	Ruby R	2S	Florence C	Cody G	4H	Georgia L	Olivia P
HH	Remi W	Mia- Rose M	2H	Olivia J	Caelan H	5T	Lily F	Logan Mc
SS	Luke P	Emma R	3M	Amelia B	Sulaiman H	5KS	Naima U	Edward B
1P	Rosie S	Alistair B	3CM	Zy'aire M-P	Jonah B	5S	Ivy B	Jude S
1K	Arielle D	Louie B	3S	Edie A	Esmee B	6W	Freya T	Jae 'Cole P
1O	Arthur C	Nieve C-W	4G	Sebastian B	Millie B	6C	Fathima A	Hassan A
2J	Matthew R	Hasan M	4W	Aaniyah A	Miley C	6F	Laylah D-S	Kayden T

They were presented with certificates in assembly, which will be on display in school for a week, and have been given a privilege card which entitles them to go for lunch first with a friend on a day of their choice this week and a non-uniform day on Friday of this week.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed a Parent Questionnaire. Your feedback is much appreciated.

There were a few comments and questions, so we hope we can clarify a few areas.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have reading mornings, where parents are invited to come, if possible, into school to read with children. We understand not all parents are able to attend due to work and other commitments. All children during this time read with adults, so nobody misses out.

We stopped using Seesaw due to the expense. All information is sent out through this newsletter, Twitter, emails and the year group curriculum newsletter. We have discussed changing the newsletter to bi-weekly, however we feel it is good to have weekly communication with families so we can celebrate all the wonderful things children have been doing and pass on messages and information.

Our homework is centred around spelling, timetables and reading, including phonics. The decision to focus homework on these three areas was taken after parent feedback, as well as undertaking research about the impact of homework for primary aged children. We know families have very busy lives and try to keep homework expectations realistic. A curriculum newsletter is sent home termly. If families would like to do further homework linked to curriculum topics, we would love to see it and share it in class.

We offer a wide variety of after school clubs. These vary from term to term, depending on the coaches and staff available to run the clubs. We try to choose clubs that will be popular enough to attract enough children to make it viable to run. In the Autumn term, we offered 17 clubs weekly and in the Spring term there will be 16 clubs.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel clubs when we have had low uptake. If children would like to suggest other clubs they would like to do, we are more than happy to try to find a coach/adult to run the club.

Children are given opportunities to take part in a variety of sporting events throughout the year. Some events are competitive and others are 'try it' sessions. Different events are held for different year groups. Children are asked in

class if they would like to take part in events. In addition to clubs and sports events, we currently have sports coaches teaching PE sessions four days a week.

We are very pleased with the way our new behaviour policy is going. The children are showing they are ready, respectful and safe. There is additional support for any children who need it and lots of praise to reward appropriate behaviours. In addition to this, we have weekly awards to celebrate successes.

If you have any concerns about anything, please contact class teachers. There are adults on the doors every morning. Class teachers are in classrooms greeting the children and getting them straight onto activities, but messages can always be passed on. Class teachers all see the children onto the playground at the end of the day and can be spoken to at this time, if needed.

Fruit Shop Payment for Spring Term 2024 – Years 3-6

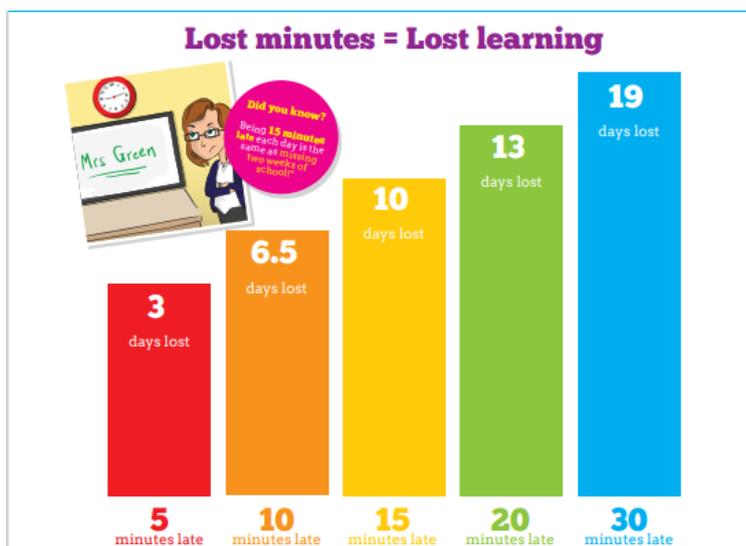
If you would like your child to have fruit and healthy snacks from our Fruit Shop during the Spring Term 2024, would you please make a payment of £14.70 via your ParentPay account by Wednesday, 13 December 2023. This represents a charge of 30p for 1 item every day from our Fruit Shop. Please note that your payment means that your child opts into our Fruit Shop for the full term and, due to the numbers and logistics involved, we are unable to make refunds for absence, etc. If you prefer to pay via a Paypoint, please contact the office to request a Barcode.

Attendance: why is punctuality so important?

It's a GREAT START to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities. Punctuality is linked to good attendance and, as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!

We pride ourselves on children having excellent attendance and great punctuality. We believe school really is unmissable so children can engage, build upon prior learning and avoid having gaps in their education. Missing days in school has a detrimental impact on a child's learning and can lead to children not fulfilling their potential. We want all children to

fulfil their potential. Our aim is for all children to have 100% attendance. However, we know that sometimes children cannot come to school because they are really unwell; that's the right thing to do for them and other children. Medical advice is clear, however, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance, 'Is my child too ill for school?', can support parents in their decision making about mild illness. Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)



School Council Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the School Council Christmas Card Competition. It was a very difficult decision to choose a winner, as the entries were all so creative. The Year 6 School Councillors chose a KS1 and KS2 winner. They were Seth C in 2J and Zara in 6W. Their designs will be the official Moorlands Christmas card 2023. Well done to you both.



PTA Raffle Prize Donations

The PTA are working very hard to raise money to support our children in school. They will be holding a raffle during the school Christmas performances and would like to put a plea out for prizes. If you have any unwanted gifts or prizes you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office. If anyone owns a local business, donations would be much appreciated. Thank you everyone.



After School Club Programme – Spring 2024

Our Spring Term Clubs were opened for bookings on Monday, 27 November 2023. We still have places available for the following:
Multi-Sports (Yr. 1-3), Hockey (Yr. 3-6), Science (Yr. 1-2), Girls Football (Yr. 4-6), Choir (Yr. 1-6), Lego (Yr. 2-6), Drama (Yr. 3-6), Hip Hop/Street Dance (Yr. 4-6), Football (Yr. 4-6) and Hip Hop/Street Dance (Yr. 1-3).

Christmas Performances 2023

Our planning for Christmas activities in school is well underway and our Christmas performances are one of the main events and one of the most exciting. As usual, we would like to invite parents and carers to come and watch the children perform but, due to the size of our school, all our performances will be ticketed. The exception to this is our reception performance where tickets will not be required.

Tickets are free of charge, will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis and will be limited to two tickets per family to allow as many families as possible to attend. (This means that, where a year group has two performances, two tickets IN TOTAL can be requested, i.e. one for each performance or two for the same performance). Children will require a ticket, apart from those aged 2 and under who will be required to sit on an adult's lap. Tickets for children will be part of your family's ticket allocation of 2 tickets.

Ticket booking on ParentPay has been open since Tuesday, 21 November 2023. To help us issue tickets in good time, we ask that you place your orders by Wednesday, 13 December 2023. Where a performance is oversubscribed, we will take into account the date and time the order was placed.

Performance dates and times are shown in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter.

Christmas Day Hampers:

For the last 14 years, Amber Novak and her family have organised a Christmas Day Celebration at the Jubilee Centre in Paddock for people who would otherwise be on their own, or for people who don't have enough to cook a Christmas meal for themselves.

Last year they gave out hampers to each of the guests who were very grateful for them. They would like to do the same again this year.

If anyone would like to donate, we are collecting donations, which we will take down to the Jubilee Centre in the last week of term (w/c 18th December). Thank you for your support.



Dates for Your Diary

30 th November	New Parents (September 2024) open event (booking available through our website)
1 st December	Year 1 and Reception charity Reindeer Run.
4 th and 5 th December	Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement
6 th December	Year 4 to the Town Hall
18 th December	Years 1/2 Christmas performance 2.30pm
19 th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
19 th December	Years 1/2 Christmas performance 5.30pm
20 th December	Years 3/4 Christmas Performance 9.15am
20 th December	Years 5/6 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
21 st December	School Christmas dinner
21 st December	Years 3/4 Christmas Performance 5pm
21 st December	Years 5/6 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
22 nd December	Christmas jumper day.

Remember there are regular updates on X @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.

CHRISTMAS
AT ST MARK'S CHURCH
LONGWOOD

Sunday 17th December

7pm Carols by Candlelight
to sponsor a candle in memory of a loved one
contact Phil pnturner@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

11am Sunday service with carols

4pm Christingle and Nativity
for families and children

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

11am Christmas Day Service with carols



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ALL SESSIONS 12PM - 4PM

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LUNCH IS PROVIDED FREE

Inclusive Short Breaks programme, designed for children and young people with a disability.

For more information contact:

jordan.foster@sportworksltd.co.uk or to book: follow <https://bookwhen.com/sportworks64>



THE BIG AMBITION

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



FAMILY FUN DAY
ANIMAL CARE CENTRE
AT TAYLOR HILL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

10.30am-2pm
FREE ENTRY

ANIMAL HANDLING
FACE PAINTING
QUIZZES
CRAFT STALLS
HOMEMADE CAKES

Meet members of the
Huddersfield and District
Beekeeping Society.

Stalls can be hired
Please ring 01484 437184

All activities subject to weather conditions

01484 437184
Close Hill Lane, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 6LE

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LET'S GET VACCINATED!

Free Flu & Covid vaccines!*

WHEN&WHERE?
The Chestnut Centre
(Sheepridge, HD2 1HJ)

Friday 1st
December 2023
1PM - 3PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

Have your jabs in a friendly, local & familiar setting - Community Champions will be there to answer any questions!

***Restrictions apply - please contact us, if you are unsure if you are eligible for the vaccines!**

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

MORE INFO

01484 516444

£6.50
PER PERSON

FAMILY PANTO ROBINSON CRUSOE

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

2:30PM: DOORS OPEN / MEET AND GREET
3:00PM: PERFORMANCE STARTS

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BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO BUY

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Donations can be dropped at Reinwood Infant school office, Lindley Infant school office or FOCAL centre-Wednesday between 1pm-3pm or call Keeley 07816937331



CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL

We are looking for donations of new items that we can gift to children aged between 4-16 years. Items such as toys, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, gift sets, hot water bottles and books will be gratefully received.

Put a smile on the face of a child, who may not receive a gift this Christmas time.



Thank you!

Community Advice Fair

We're working together to make communities safer

On: Thursday 30th November 2023
At: Salvation Army, New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4BZ
Time 10am-1pm

Come along and meet your local Police Community Support Officer along with other partners. Lots of information, help and advice available.

The Mayor of Kirklees will be visiting the event.



FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES
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Central Youth Club

Winter Holiday Sessions

Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Thursday 4th January 2024
Friday 5th January 2024
11.00am to 3.00pm each day

Open to ages 8+ of all abilities, including SEND
25 spaces available each day

Our groups are a great way to have fun, socialise and make friends. Come along and find out for yourself!

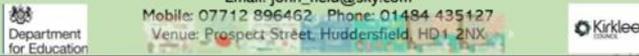
Free Lunch provided!!

The sessions are funded by the Department of Education's Holiday Activities and Food Programme supporting children and young people that are eligible for Benefits Related Free School Meals.

All activities are inclusive.
Arts & crafts, multi - sports, pool, table tennis, fun and games

Booking essential via this link...
<https://forms.office.com/r/ntijPkfuLw>

Email: john_field@sky.com
Mobile: 07712 896462 Phone: 01484 435127
Venue: Prospect Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2NX





Festive Fun Christmas Holiday Sessions!

**SESSIONS
ARE
FREE**
FOOD INCLUDED

South Kirklees:
Northfield Hall, 40 Norfolk Ave,
Huddersfield HD2 1GS

Wednesday 20th December
Thursday 21st December

9am-1pm - Ages 8-12 years
1:30pm-5:30pm - Ages 13-17 years (VR games included)

North Kirklees
Ravensthorpe Community Centre - 24, Dewsbury WF13 3AR

Wednesday 27th December
Thursday 28th December

9am-1pm - Ages 8-12 years
1:30pm-5:30pm - Ages 13-17 years (VR games included)



Energise
Registration is required. Booking is essential.
Contact our bookings team for more information:
M: 0330 1332642 E: bookings@endorphins.uk



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GIRLS FOOTBALL

IS YOUR DAUGHTER IN
SCHOOL YEAR 6, 7, OR 8?

IF THEY'RE ALREADY
PLAYING FOOTBALL, OR
WANT TO START, ALL
GIRLS ARE WELCOME

JOIN CURRENT AND
FORMER REINWOOD
PUPILS IN A SUCCESSFUL
ALL GIRLS TEAM

NEW PLAYER ENQUIRIES

NEIL [YR 6/7]
07849137283

ANTHONY [YR 8]
07428865467

ALL COACHES CRB CHECKED

TRAINING:
[APR-OCT] WEDNESDAY 6PM HD3 4GR
[NOV-MAR 2024] THURSDAY 7PM HD2 1YY

GAMES [BY INVITATION]:
[SEP-APR]: SATURDAY AM



Moorlands Primary School

School Holiday Dates

2024/2025

School opens – Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Half Term Close Friday 25th October 2024

Reopen Tuesday 5th November 2024

Christmas Holiday

School Closes Friday 20th December 2024

Reopen Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term Close Thursday 13th February 2025

Reopen Monday 24th February 2025

Easter Holiday

School Closes Friday 4th April 2025

Reopen Tuesday 22nd April 2025

School Closed for May Day – Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term Closes Friday 23rd May 2025

Reopen Monday 2nd June 2025

School Closes for Summer Holidays – Friday 18th July 2025



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