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Thursday, 21 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful end to the term. This week we have had many Christmas performances, with the last two tonight. The children have performed amazingly well in all of them. A huge thank you to our staff who have collectively put together these shows. The children and staff have been amazing as always, learning lines, dances and songs. It has really got us in the Christmas spirit. The hard work with rehearsals, sets, costumes and ticket organisation and distribution has definitely been worth it. We hope everyone who has joined us this week has enjoyed the shows as much as us. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the children. Thank you to our fantastic PTA who have worked very hard all week serving refreshments at all our productions - your time and effort is much appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this year and we hope that you manage to have a break this Christmas with loved ones.

Have a wonderful Christmas and here's looking towards a happy and healthy 2024! We will see you all on Monday, 8th January.

Christmas Productions

Here are just a few snippets from our Christmas productions.

































School Council Coffee Morning

Last Friday, the school council hosted a coffee morning for members of our community. They baked biscuits, buns and brownies for the event. Our guests watched the Reception Christmas performance, were sung to by our choir, our recorder group performed and our origami club made them cards. Our children loved hosting the event and the people who attended had a lovely time.



















Shout Outs



Henry in 2H brought his super trophy to show us. He is very proud of his team 'Westend' as they won their match and he has been awarded his 'World Cup' trophy. Well done Henry you are a superstar!

Lily-Mae 3CM passed her blue tag taekwondo belt on Saturday morning. Lily attends taekwondo every week and loves going, making it even more special when she passes her grading belts. Well done to Sam in 1K who won his certificate for doing a trampoline routine. Reagan has won



three medals for her super dancing. Well done 🗐

Eden in 2H brought his very impressive trophy to show the class. He plays for Lindley Moor football club and practises playing different positions on the team. He was very pleased to have his turn with the trophy! Well done Eden!









Christmas dinner

Today, we have all enjoyed a very tasty Christmas dinner today. A special thank you to our wonderful kitchen ladies, who have worked incredibly hard to make and serve over 560 Christmas dinners. The children made hats for the occasion and sung Christmas songs in the halls during lunchtime.

Moorlands Star Writer of the Week



This week's Star Writer is Henry in DD. He has spent a lot of time practicing his phonics and is now able to use his learnt sounds to write simple words such as cup, hat and bell. We used these words to write a list to Santa of some of the things we might like for Christmas. Henry even added his own sound buttons to show how the sounds make up each word! Well done, Henry, we're proud of you. 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 will be the next Moorlands Star Writer!

PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA who have provided refreshments at all seven our Christmas concerts this week. They have also been selling raffle tickets, which will be drawn tonight. Thank you to everyone who has bought refreshments and raffle tickets to support fund raising for school.

Spelling Shed League -Year 2, 3 ,4 ,5 and 6

A big WELL DONE to our Spelling Shed league leaders for Autumn B. The league for this half term was based on 'the number of games played'. Well done all. A big SHOUT OUT also goes to the top Spelling Shed class, 3CM, who are storming ahead in the whole school league. Who will challenge them to the top spot next half term?

A big well done to all of our Moorlands
Spelling Champions for Autumn B. You are super spellers and really impressing us. Keep up the excellent efforts in class and enjoy your time on Spelling Shed.

Position	Name		Games Played ↓
1	Jed, 3S		286
2	Olivia, 3	s	228
3	Jonah, 3	CM	203
4	Aiden, 3	СМ	179
5	Aisha, 5k	rs .	137
6	Aiza, 4G		133
7	Beth, 53	S	129
8	Baine, S	5KS	123
9	Eva, 2H		111
10	Leo, 3N	1	108

Year 2 Amelie, Bianca, Lola, Elvis, Thomas, Matilda, Callum, Caitlin, Hannah, Eva, Molly, Matilda, Blake, Sienna, Hussnain, Olivia and Alice.



Year 3 Theo, Olivia, Harry, Alfie, Victoria, Ronnie, Luke, India, Lily, Jared, Seb and Anna.	
Year 4 Owen, Grace, George, Zoha, Ava, Jake, Gracie, Kiaan, Olivia, Kai, Louis and Charlie.	
Year 5 Shrenna, Taiah, Joshua, Sophia and Harper	
Year 6 Esmae, Oscar, Zubaria, Amy, Samuel, Grace, Callum, Madison, Jacob J and Eve	

Keep up the hard work, Spelling bees!

The next Spelling Shed league will begin on **08.01.24** and will be based on **'the number of points scored'.** Get playing for your chance to top the league and be named Spelling Bee Champion. Enjoy and good luck!



TT Rockstars Challenge Final

The children in Years 2 - 6 worked hard on their times tables to make it through different rounds on our TT Rockstars Challenge competition. Two live finals took place this week where the top five from Phase 2 (Years 2 and 3) and the top five from Phase 3 (Years 4, 5 and 6) battled it out to become ultimate champions. Please see results below. Special shout out to Seth and Gracie who were the youngest finalists in their categories - amazing work, well done!





Phase 2Phase 31st - Emily 3M1st - Freya 6F2nd - Jed 3S2nd - Layla 6C3rd - Jamie 3CM3rd - Zoe 6C4th - Anna 3 M4th - Gracie 4H5th Seth 2J5th - Emma 5KS

A huge congratulations to all our finalists who worked so hard to get through to the last stage of the competition. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Online Safety

As the holidays are fast approaching, children may be spending more time online and playing games with friends over the internet. They may be also spending time using apps on mobile devices. This can be a time where children may face e-safety risks. Below is a link to the NSPCC website that provides parents and carers with advice about keeping children safe online.

Keeping children safe online | NSPCC

Christmas Jumper Day - 22nd December

It is Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, 22nd December. No uniform is required.

Dates for Your Diary

21st December Years 3/4 Christmas Performance 5pm 21st December Years 5/6 Christmas Performance 6.30pm

22nd December Christmas jumper day.

 22^{nd} December Close at the end of the day for the Christmas holidays

8th January 24 School Re-opens

23rd January 24 Year 3 to Bagshaw Museum

25th January 24 Year 3 to Bagshaw Museum (2 classes)

1st February 24 PTA Disco

9th February 24- Break up for half term.

19th February 24 INSET Day - teacher training, school closed.

20th February 24 School re-opens.

21st February 24 Young Voices Choir to Manchester Arena

27th February 24 Strictly Pennine Dance festival

21st March 24 PTA Easter Egg Bingo 7th March 24 World Book Day 22nd March 24 Yr. 1 Easter assembly

22nd March 24 School closes at the end of the day for the Easter holidays

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.

Triangles Christmas Family Services



🚲🎎 Toddler Crib Service, Saturday 23 December 11am

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Crib-Christingle Services, Christmas Eve 3pm and 4.30pm

A fun retelling of the Christmas story with interaction, the building of the crib scene, and ending with Christingles. All are invited to come dressed up as a nativity character (we have some costume items available in church as well. A repeated service - come at either time.

This service supports The Children's Society.



Family Communion, Christmas Day 10.30am

Celebrate Christmas with the church family. Bring a gift to challenge Revd. Abbie to include in a creative retelling of the Christmas story. With carols and sharing of communion.

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PADDOCK JI&N SCHOOL – FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

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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





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.







KIRKLEES SUCCESS CENTRE







ADULT LEARNING COURSES STARTING JANUARY 2024

COURSES FOR VOLUNTEERING/WORKING IN SCHOOLS		
Reading Friends Training	Would you like to share your love of reading with children in Kirklees schools and help to increase their reading ability? Our course will give you the skills and knowledge to be a Reading Friend Volunteer. Volunteers wanted across Kirklees. If you do not see your local school on the list, get in touch to be informed when we are running one in your area. You do not need to volunteer in the school where you complete the training.	Staincliffe Junior school Starts Monday 15 th January 9-12pm St John's Primary school, Dewsbury Starts Tuesday 16 th January 2024 12-3pm Gomersal St Mary's school Starts Thursday 18 th January 2024 9-12pm Ravenshall school, Dewsbury Starts Friday 19 th January 2024 9-12pm
Speech Stars Training	Do you have an interest in children's speech and language development or education? Full training will be given to volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to support children in a school or nursery setting as part of the Speech Stars programme.	John Smith Stadium Starts Monday 15 th January 2024 10-1pm Saville Town Nursery Starts Tuesday 9 th January 2023 12.30 – 3pm
Preparing to Volunteer in Schools	Would you like to volunteer in a school, possibly with a view to a paid role in the future? Our 6 week training course will help you to understand how schools work, including the curriculum, safeguarding, support needs of children with SEND, behaviour management and the types of activities you may be asked to support with. The final week will look at how you can make yourself stand out in interviews/applications.	Westmoor Primary School, Dewsbury Starts Wednesday 24 th January 9-12pm Mount Pleasant Primary School, Lockwood Starts Wednesday 21 st February 9 – 12pm
Maths Mates	This course prepares volunteers who would like to support primary aged pupils in the classroom with their enjoyment and progress in maths.	Coming soon Register your interest with us.

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COURSES FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING				
Eat Well for Less	Our popular short course looks at ways to save money on your food bills and make healthy, tasty food for all the family.	Field Lane J, I & N School Starts Thursday 29 th February 9-12pm		
Steps to Success	Need help to increase your confidence, self-esteem or motivation? Join our friendly tutor on this popular course to look at the way we think, explore our comfort zones and to learn strategies to help overcome the issues and barriers in our lives.	Online Starts Thursday 18 th January 2024 10-12pm		
Create Time for Wellbeing	Leave your worries behind and join us as we bring a variety of craft projects to have a go at, which may include marbling, weaving, Acrylic paint pen crafts/glass painting, Macrame, Paper Flowers/egg box flowers, Felting, Marbling , Jewellery/beading or rag rugs. Everyone welcome at these sessions.	Saville Town Nursery Thursday afternoons 1-3pm from 18 th January (starts with jewellery making)		
Knitting for Wellbeing	Did you know knitting is good for your mental health and wellbeing? From beginners to improvers, join our friendly class where you can learn the basics or more advanced techniques. Everyone welcome, materials provided.	Intermediate course starts at The Recovery & Wellbeing College in Mirfield (For anyone wanting to move on from the basics) Starts Tuesday 9 th January 10-12pm Heckmondwike Primary school Wednesday 17 th January 9-11.30am Netherhall Learning Campus community room Starts Monday 15 th January 12.30-2.30pm		
Write Time for Wellbeing	Suitable for anyone, no experience needed. Take some time out for you and learn activities you can do anytime which can help when you are feeling stressed and overwhelmed.	Coming soon Register your interest with us.		
Weight Off Your Mind Workshop	Would you like to gain more control over your eating and have a positive mindset when it comes to your eating habits? This 2 hour workshop will explore how we can overcome emotional and binge eating to help you make healthier lifestyle choices.	ONLINE with the Recovery College in Mirfield Monday 15th January 10 – 12pm		

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Courses delivered by our team of friendly tutors from Kirklees Success Centre. We provide free adult learning courses for any Kirklees resident aged 19+ at community venues, schools, online and from our classroom at the John Smith Stadium in Huddersfield.

For courses at the Recovery College, please telephone 07717 867911 or enrol by visiting the recovery college website

https://www.calderdalekirkleesrc.nhs.uk/courses-and-enrolment/

More courses coming soon—get in touch today to register your interest or to be added to our termly update list or find us on Facebook – Kirklees Success Centre.

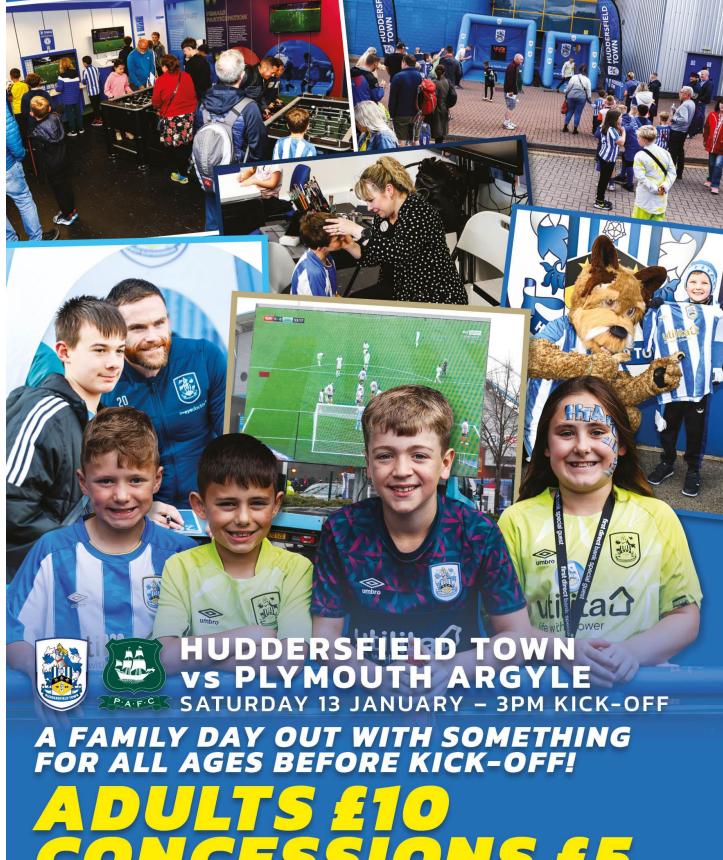


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Moorlands Primary School School Holiday Dates 2024/2025

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