



# Moorpark Junior School Newsletter



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Thank you to all children, staff and families for a successful start back to the new school year. Special thanks to all families who came to the meet the teacher sessions, your feedback was very positive, we are glad you found the sessions useful.

The children have been working super hard and have settled well into their new classes. We have already enjoyed lots of educational visits and different visitors into school, a National Poetry day, National fitness day (thank you to fit 4 less for their sessions during the day), Dyslexia Awareness week with a no Pen day and much more. We are looking forward to lots more through the term and we are aiming to increase the tweets for you to share events as they happen.



## Whole School Priorities for 2017 2018

- ⇒ Continue to strengthen everything in maths— rapid recall of mental methods (everyone knows their times and division facts), apply maths in reasoning and problem solving in everyday life.
- ⇒ Spelling higher level inference skills in reading (reading between the lines)
- ⇒ Continue to strengthen enquiry skills in science and topic
- ⇒ Enhance mindfulness and inner happiness
- ⇒ Strengthen governance—recruit parent governors
- ⇒ Attendance to be at least equal to national 97%
- ⇒ Gold Sports mark award—increase sports teams
- ⇒ Online communication—Facebook and Twitter



## Diary dates Autumn 2017

- Wednesday 11th October- Y3+4 Immunisations
- Wednesday 11th October- Y6 SATs and Stanley Head meeting at 5:30pm
- Thursday 19th October- Y6 Visit to Ormiston.
- Friday 20th October- School Closed to Pupils Staff training day.
- Friday 20th October- Friday 27th October- Autumn Half Term School Closed.
- Monday 30th October- School re-opens to pupils.
- Thursday 9th November- Parents and Carers progress meetings 1:00pm—6:00pm

## Rocket Mouse & School Star



You will be amazed at the new Rocket Mouse themed corridor—with it's Harry Potter style augmented reality photographs. We have showcased science enquiry from year 2 to year 6, you will be able to take the full tour during our parent and carer progress meetings this term.

Central to the display is the certificate and map of our new school star, named: Reach Believe Explore Achieve. This was a most thoughtful and generous leaving present from one of our Year 6 families at the end of last term—huge thanks from everyone at Moorpark to Mr & Mrs Jackson and family for your wonderful gift to the school.



**Breakfast club 7.30am—8.50am £3 per day Breakfast and activities**  
**After School Care Club 3.10 pm—6.00 pm £7.00 per day teatime and activities**

## Sponsored Run in the Summer Term—thank you and well done.

Total Money Raised £833.32

Top 5 prize winners on sponsorship money raised : 1st Laura (Vouchers for Snow Dome), 2nd Louise (ten pin Bowling), 3rd Isabelle (Swimming sessions) 4th Tom (flip out vouchers), 5th Jamal (flip out vouchers)

## Educational Visits

We can **not** accept verbal permission for educational visits. Please sign and return permission forms in plenty of time before the day.

The school governors have agreed to continue funding our educational visits so the cost of parental contributions will be **£7 per half term / £42.00 for the whole year**. Please ensure you indicate whether your child would like a school packed lunch. Children will be asked the day before what filling they would like.

## Emergency Procedures - Parent and Carer information

The school has successfully completed our new to school Fire Drill and Lockdown Drill during September and we regularly practise through the rest of the year.

In the event of a lockdown, parents and carers will be notified as soon as it is practical to do so via the schools established communication network – Teachers2Parents text/website/ telephone. The message will say:

*“The school is in lockdown, please do not call or visit the school until further notice.”*

Depending on the type and severity of the incident, parents and carers may be asked NOT to collect their children from school as it may put them and their child at risk.

Pupils will not be released to parents and carers during a lock down.

Parents and carers will be asked not to call school as this may tie up emergency lines.

If the end of the day is extended due to the lock down, parents and carers will be notified and will receive information about the time and place pupils can be picked up from by office staff or emergency services.

A letter to parents and carers will be sent home on the nearest possible day following any serious incident to inform parents and carers of the context of any lockdown and to encourage parents and carers to reinforce with their children the importance of following procedures in these very rare circumstances.

## Uniform, Jewellery, Hair & PE KIT

Thank you for your support with this, our families always uphold a high standard of uniform and presentation and it makes a huge difference to the pride the children show for themselves and their school.



- ⇒ **Black shoes only**
- ⇒ **NO** hair art (shaved lines or patterns) or hair dye.
- ⇒ **NO JEWELLRY** on any day ( a watch is acceptable if it's not causing a distraction.) - if your child is having their ears pierced please do so at the start of the Summer holidays so that they can be out by September, we believe that there is no justified reason to have ears pierced during the school year.

Please ensure your child has a **navy blue tracksuit** to wear on PE days with a white T-shirt and trainers or pumps. **LABEL** all items with your child's name.

Your child may use their navy blue sweater with navy jogging bottoms if you do not wish to purchase a full tracksuit. Moorpark tracksuits are available to order.

(We will contact parents and carers immediately if your child is not appropriately prepared and presented for school—we will always work together to change this for your child.)



## Parking and Road Safety

Please be alert on all the roads around school when dropping off and picking up your children, please do not park on double yellow lines, yellow zig zag lines or the entrance up from the school which includes the ally way. This is purely for the safety of your children.

Please let us know if you would like a larger printed version of the newsletter—  
you can also access a full colour version on the website.

## Swimming Days

Autumn Term

Year 6M— Every Monday

Year 6G—Every Friday