



Moorpark Junior School Newsletter

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Thursday, 12th January 2017

Happy New Year 2017
and welcome back to the new Spring term.

We have many exciting plans for the new term, please see the diary dates on the reverse of the newsletter or use the school website for regular updates and news.

School Sports Mark—SILVER award.

Congratulations to everyone for your commitment to sport at Moorpark.

We are now already on our way towards gold in 2017.

Important Online safety reminder for all parents and carers.

At the end of this week I will be texting all parents and carers a link to a new video produced by the police to raise awareness for all parents regarding online safety. You may have seen the campaign on television. Please follow the link in the text message to see the short film - "Kayleigh's Love Story" produced by Leicester police force with the support and consent of Kayleigh's family.

The film tells the true story of the last 13 days in the life of 15-year-old Kayleigh Haywood.

The film is part of the Leicester police force campaign on sexual exploitation, hoping to serve as a warning to children and adults of the dangers of grooming and sexual exploitation following Kayleigh's tragic death in November 2015. Please note that if the film was to be shown in British cinemas it would have a 15 age certificate.

We will not be sharing the video with children in school due to its content not being age appropriate, but we feel all parents and carers should watch it to stay ahead of the children in terms of knowledge and understanding.

Many of your children will have received a new tablet or PC for Christmas, please ensure you maintain an open door agreement to have access to your child's online activity and accounts at all time so that you can keep them safe online at home.

Breakfast Club new opening hours and costs

The Breakfast Club is now open from 7.30 am until 8.50 am. All children will be provided with a breakfast and supervision until school opens at 8.50am.

The cost of this will be **increased to £3 per child, per day** (previously this has been £2.00 but from an 8.00 am opening). We have carefully considered the fee and we believe that £3.00 is a very fair and competitive charge for before school care. Furthermore, **we have not increased our charges since 2012 and we have always aimed to run the service as a non-profit making venture that covers staffing and food. However, as we all unfortunately know, overall costs have risen across widespread services and supplies over the last four years, therefore the increased fee also ensures continued provision on a non-profit basis. We hope you agree that Moorpark's Breakfast Club still offers excellent value for pre-school child care.**

If your child attends and wishes not to have any breakfast you must still pay the £3.00 daily fee. This is due to us providing a child care service for your child until the school day begins at 8.50am. Regardless of what time you bring your child to the breakfast club the charge is set at £3.00 flat rate.

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.

Outstanding Attendance

This year we are aiming to be well above 97%.



This year we ask you to PLEASE seriously consider avoiding booking holidays in term time as this not only and most importantly negatively affects your own child's education, it's also a detriment to the whole school that has to withhold your absence.

Termly Parents and Carers forum

Next meetings dates:

14th March, 9am @ Moorpark, -

responsible use of the internet—using cameras and videos (to give you permission in school for your own use)

23rd May, 2pm @ Jackfield

Your comments and suggestions will set the agenda for the future



Diary dates Spring 2017

- Monday, 16th January, Tuesday, 17th January, Year 5—Bikeability.
- Friday, 20th January—Year 3 Educational Visit. Manchester Museum.
- Tuesday, 24th January—Year 4 Educational visit—Stafford High house.
- Tuesday 7th February—Internet Safety Day
- Thursday, 9th February—Choir at Manchester MEN—Young Voices.
- Week Commencing 13th—17th - Science Week
- Friday, 17th February, Half-Term ends
- Monday 27th, February—School opens

EasyFundraising

Help us raise funds towards our Sensory Garden

Moorpark has joined [Easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), to enable us to raise funds towards the sensory garden project. You can shop with any of over 2000 well known retailers listed on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Moorpark Junior School at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorparkjuniors>

We also have a quick link on the front page of our website and we will send a text out with the link attached.



Playground equipment before and after school

We are more than happy for you and your children to use the playground after school but they must be collected by their responsible adult at the end of the day, then if you have the time to stay and play on any equipment or areas that are not being used by an after school club, the collecting adult must be responsible for the behaviour and safety of their child.

We ask all Year 6 children who walk home on their own to go straight home.

Swimming days Spring 2017

Year 4— Starts Wednesday, 18th January. Every Wednesday until Wednesday, 29th, March.

Year 5— Starts Friday, 20th January until Friday, 31st March



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. 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. (We will contact parents and carers immediately if your child is not appropriately prepared and presented for school.)

Please ensure your child has a navy blue tracksuit and wears it on PE days with a white T-shirt and trainers or pumps.

(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.

Uniform, Jewellery, Hair & PE KIT

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