



Moorpark Junior School Newsletter

News 2 Autumn 2016

26th September, 2016

Did you know?



Swimming

Did you know that the minimum expectation for your child is to be able to swim a length (25m) without stopping by the end of key stage 2?

This is a national expectation.

At Moorpark we want to improve on the numbers of children who reach this standard so we have doubled the number of swimming sessions for year 5 to 20 weeks of swimming.

How you can help your child:

Join a swimming club or even just take them to the swimming baths as a family day out to keep your child used to swimming in between the swimming in school (James Brindley and Dimensions offer many free family swimming sessions at weekends and during school holidays).



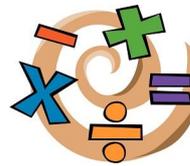
Reading

Please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes every night and talk to them about what they have read.

Well done to class 5s for reading the most words so far this term.

Share your own reading enjoyment with your child so that books are an important part of home and school.

Volunteer to become a reader in school (especially if you are a dad or grandad – inspire our boys to read too) - see the back of the newsletter for details of how to get involved.



Maths

Regular chanting and quick fire practise of times tables up to x12 and how to tell the time this will help your child and will help to make learning these crucial facts fun at home. Facts that are now expected by the end of KS2.

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Harvest—this year we will be supporting our local foodbanks as we understand the harvest festival in our lessons and assemblies. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in each class throughout October 2016.

Uniform, Jewellery, Hair & PE KIT

The school uniform consists of:

- Black shoes on non PE days. (no pumps, trainers or boots)
- Blue jumper or cardigan
- Black/grey trousers/shorts or skirt.
- Red polo top
- Girls— red and white summer dress - EC to check

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.)

Autumn Term PE days

Monday—Year 3

Tuesday—Year 5

Wednesday—Year 4

Thursday—Year 6.

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

Volunteer Readers Wanted

Could you spare some time each week to listen to children and develop their confidence and understanding?

If so, please contact the school and collect a volunteer application to find out more.

Great to put on your CV too.

Diary dates Autumn 2016

- ☺ Monday, 26th September—Year 6 educational visit—Churnet Valley.
- ☺ Tuesday, 27th September—Year 6 parents SAT's and Stanley Head meeting—3.30pm—6pm
- ☺ Wednesday, 28th September Year 6 Taster Day at Haywood
- ☺ Thursday, 6th October—School Photos (individual and families)
- ☺ Monday, 17th October—Friday, 21st October—Year 6 Stanley Head
- ☺ Friday, 21st October—Year 3 immunisations
- ☺ Last day of half term—Friday 21st October.
- ☺ Monday, 31st October—School re-opens

Dinner money

School lunches are **£2.30 per day, £11.50 per week**. Please ensure that your child has sufficient funds in their account to enable them to have a dinner. **You must not let your child's account go into arrears, otherwise they will not be able to go through on our computerised dinner system. This will result in Ms Copeland contacting you to provide sandwiches for your child until debt is cleared.**

Please remember to complete a free school meals application (available from the office) even if your child prefers their own sandwiches. The school receives extra money based on eligibility for free school meals that we use for extra support and educational visit subsidy.

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.

We can do it if we all work together.

Autumn attendance best class

Week 1: 3H & 6M—100%

week 2: 4R—97.14%