

Moorpark Junior School Newsletter

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Thursday, 16th February, 2017

Calling all handy-people volunteers

Mrs Poynton is organising a few dates for parents, carers, grandparents, older brothers and sisters to come and join us to give our sensory garden and outdoor area a Spring boost.

If you can spare some time over the next half term then please see the special invite letter to help with a variety of jobs, from painting the planters to digging over the vegetable growing areas.



Science week— thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for the Science watch me learn days, they were well attended and fun was had by all in their eco detective workshops led by Scott Walker from Keele Science Hub.

Easyfundraiser— please have a look at this website, it's so easy to register and if you use it to logon through there before you do any internet shopping the donations we receive from the company you shop on will quickly add up. You can shop for holidays, flights and much much more. Another example where we could really benefit for our school, shortly after registering you are sent a survey (we know how companies love a survey), well at least for this one they donate 50p to school, if we all went on and just did the survey we would raise over £100 for Moorpark. The only difficulty is remembering to logon to easyfundraiser before doing any online shopping. Here is the weblink <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorparkjuniors> We will text it to you again by the end of the week.



Spring term golden treat Funsters, the last week of the full term. Children achieving a stamp each day when they follow the rules, wear the correct uniform and complete their homework (6 stamps lost is the limit— the expectation has been raised over the full term, the behaviour of our children is excellent but if you're child is one of a few who are finding it difficult to achieve all their stamps then the class teacher will be in touch with you to discuss how to help them to improve.

Parent of the month

I am actually dedicating February to all our staff who are parents of children at Moorpark too. They often get forgotten, their relationships in school with their own children is always of the upmost professionalism and the work they do is always above and beyond because they want the best for every child. Furthermore, it gives me opportunity to express how extremely proud of our ethos in developing people and growing our own leaders of the future, we are especially pleased when this is also a direct benefit to our very own community— Mrs Rodgers, a local parent, is now completing her teacher training at Moorpark, started employment as a member of support staff (actually at Jackfield), moved through to Moorpark in 2014, completed her higher level study and personal development to successfully move into the teaching profession. We are very proud of her and are excited to see her career grow over the next year.



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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.

Spring Week 1- 6G 99.4% Week 2- 6M 99.1%

Week 3- 6M 98.6% Week 4- 5S 97.9%

Week 5- 6M 99.0%

Overall best class this term: 6M



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 meetings.



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.

We ask for no play from 8.50am in the morning and before then only if with a responsible adult as above.

Diary dates Spring 2017

- Thursday, 2nd March- World Book Day- Where's Wally Theme
- Thursday, 2nd March- Year 6 Educational Visit- Blue Planet
- Thursday, 2nd March- Premier League Football Tournament
- Monday, 13th March- Year 4 Educational Visit-Thinktank Museum
- Monday, 13th March- Dance Extravaganza- Victoria Hall.
- Wednesday, 22nd March- Easter Service at Swanbank Church
- Monday, 3rd April- Golden Treat Day.
- Friday 7th April- Last day before Easter Holidays.

Term Dates

The term dates for 2016—2017 are available on our website.



Black shoes only

NO hair art (shaved lines or patterns) or hair dye.

Uniform, Jewellery, Hair & PE KIT

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.