

On behalf of everyone at Moorpark, I would like to share our utmost respect to all the families affected by the recent tragedy in Manchester. Let's all be extra mindful for our strength together, to live in peace amongst the shared love of our own, each other and everyone in our community and beyond. I wish everyone a lovely half term. Yours Mrs Peters.

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST PAPER NEWSLETTER!

We invite you to join our pledge to reduce the amount of paper we use in school. In future, you will receive a text with a link to the news on the school's website. A copy will be placed in each of our noticeboards that have been sited around the school. Our governors and staff have also committed to this too through paperless meetings and reports.

You will still receive paper letters for all educational visits (for now -unless we find an easier way for you).

The main paper usage will now be aimed as much as possible just for classroom, children-centred activities.

We hope to not only save trees (our eco-council are smiling!) but we are aiming to save valuable funds that can be better spent elsewhere. You will all be aware from the news how tight all school funding is at the moment, so this is an achievable way to make a good saving.

Our governors have done an excellent job to ensure our funding remains aimed at the right places for the next year at least; we withhold our excellent levels of staffing, we will be keeping our free clubs and the half-termly educational visits. However, I do need to let you know that the charge per visit will increase to £7 from September (although I'm sure you will all agree that this is still a very reasonable amount for what the children get back in experiences to learn about). Our governors show a great understanding of the school to make sure these are protected parts of our budget.

PLUS: You may even get to see an e-news letter more frequently than the ones currently delivered by pupil post.

Congratulations to the Girls Football Team!

This week, the girls' football team headed off to the Bet365 Stadium representing Burslem in the Stoke-on-Trent Schools competition. After winning all four games without conceding a single goal, they were crowned champions of the competition, winning a football strip for the school along with another cup for our ever-growing collection. Well Done Girls!



Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday the 23rd of May, a team of year 4's took part in a cricket tournament at Longton cricket club. Ten teams from schools around Stoke-On-Trent took part in the tournament. We played a total of four matches throughout the day, winning 3 out of the 4. This was our first ever cricket tournament and to win three out of the four matches was an amazing achievement. Well done to all the children who took part!



Thank you! - Plant Day

We would like to thank all of the parents/carers for your kind donations.



Diary dates June 2017

- **Half Term- Monday, 29th May to Monday, 5th June.**
- **Monday 5th June- School Closed, Teacher Training Day.**
- **Tuesday, 6th June- School re-opens for pupils.**
- **Thursday, 8th June- Year 6 Puberty Talk.**
- **Friday, 9th June- Year 3 Launch Day and Special Meal- USA Theme- Menu attached.**
- **Wednesday, 14th June- Whole School Sports Day and Sponsored Mile**
- **Thursday, 15th June- Year 3 Educational Visit to Kilnworx Climbing Centre.**
- **Friday, 16th June- Northwood Town Sports 9am to 1pm.**
- **Wednesday, 21st June- Watch Me Learn, English**



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Uniform, Jewellery, Hair & PE KIT

In order to help speed up the delivery time for you to receive your uniform, we now have a new uniform supplier, Smart School Uniform. This is a local supplier based in Newcastle-Under-Lyme.

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.



Outstanding Attendance



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

Holidays in term time have spiked and it is seriously affecting our overall attendance which has dropped to 95.6%! This is the lowest it's been for 2 years. We know why you go in term time due to the costs-but your child needs to be in school.

PLEASE STOP before you BOOK.

We can do it if we all work together.

Class % Summer Half Term

Week:-14- 3H 99.3% Week 15 - 3A/3H 100%

Week 16- 6G 100% Week 17 - 6G 100%

Whole School - 96.17%

Breakfast club

7.30am-8.50am

£3 per day

Swimming days

Summer after half Term

Year 3s- Tuesday, 6th

June. Every Tuesday up to Tuesday, 11th July.

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.



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 to the school. This is purely for the safety of your children.

Talk to your children again about road safety on the way to and from school and especially over the holidays.

Dinner Money- Payment Machine

Due to the circulation of the new £5.00 notes and £1.00 coins, we are awaiting an upgrade to our machine. We are hoping this will be completed during the summer term, however, in order for you to continue to pay for your child's dinner, we are re-issuing you with your online payment details which you may find more convenient than finding the correct money to add to the machine.