

# Moorpark Junior School Newsletter

News 3 Spring 2017

Thursday, 23rd March, 2017

## Grandparents' Gardening Week

Monday, 27th March—Friday, 31st March.

Come and join the fun. We need you! If you can't make it, you might have some plants or paint to donate. See Mrs Poynton for ideas.



## Parent and Carer Forum Update



Huge thanks to all who attended the coffee morning last week, we are steadily growing the group.

Great ideas for fundraising included: introducing talking books, upgrading the benches at the front of school at Moorpark and playground equipment for Jackfield. With ideas for events that we loved, such as a communication day where children could be sponsored to learn a new language or skills like sign language or a joint fashion show between the two schools. Our student councils will consider all the suggestions and let you know.

We agreed to keep looking into responsible community use of images at school events but this needed lots more work together to make sure our children stay safe.

We also had a discussion about the youth centre and car parking—both are work in progress between us and the council.

We do look forward to seeing everyone in the group at the next meeting—and hopefully even more of you will join us too. The next one is at Jackfield Infants, 23rd May, 2pm.



## Online safety



**PLEASE** check your child's devices daily—check history, chats & favourites.

**PLEASE** put parental settings onto the device to block any downloads.

**PLEASE** only let them use them online in a shared room and not in their bedrooms.



Visit our school website and follow the below link for further advice on how to use parental settings on your child's device:- <http://www.moorpark.stoke.sch.uk/online-safety-web-information>.

The NSPCC NetAware Guide to The Social Networks your children use can be found by this will help you to keep up to date and to keep your child safe in today's digital world. This site can be found here:- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/#>

Watch out for these new social sites that are known to be a target for people to prey on unsuspecting children :

[Musical.ly](http://Musical.ly), [talktoastranger.com](http://talktoastranger.com),

**Our children know how to stay safe online—but without your vigilance at home they may not realise they need to use their knowledge in action to not get involved in anything that may lead them to harm. You need to take this seriously! We are not been over dramatic! PLEASE act now.**

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## 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.



### Spring

Week 6 3H-98%    Week 7 3A- 99.33%    Week 9 6G-98.9%

### Swimming days

Summer Half Term 2017

Year 3- Starts Tuesday, 2nd May.  
Every Tuesday until Tuesday, 23rd May.

Breakfast club  
7.30am—8.50am  
£3 per day

Well done to our fantastic football teams again... The girls team won their first ever tournament and the mixed y5&6 team played at Bradford last week representing Port Vale.

Well done to our dance club- you were all amazing this year dancing the 1920s Charleston at the Victoria Hall on Monday, 13th March, 2017.

### 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.



### Parent of the Month - Ms Mellor 6G

We thank her for her generosity with donations of Arts and Crafts materials, in particular for our new under the sea display that's' being created by year 6 for the community room.

### Junior Chef of the year 2017 Competition .

Well Done Eowyn for representing Moorpark!



### 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.

(there will be a separate letter regarding this sent home before the end of term).



Black shoes only

### Uniform, Jewellery, Hair & PE KIT

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.