



Moorpark Junior School Newsletter

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Christmas Came Early at Moorpark ... Playground Upgrade

The new playground equipment is a welcome addition to our daily entertainment and exercise at Moorpark. There is some remaining work on the surface around the new quiet seating area that will be completed in the Spring . We have successfully been awarded £10,000 from the National Lottery to help fund this project, which means we can start work on phase 2 earlier than expected next year.

New Mini Bus

We are also pleased that we have seen the delivery of our new school mini bus. We have agreed to share this valuable resource with Jackfield Infants. This not only opens up lots of new opportunities for even more visits to places of activity and interest for all of our pupils but we can also see our sports teams and other representative groups taking part in an increased number of competitions and events—and they will certainly be arriving in style!

Christmas and End of Term events

Christmas Fayre— Friday, 9th December with a Non uniform day Monday, 5th December—bring a gift goodie bag / bottle. We are also collecting toys, books, bric a brac and any items for the tombola (unwanted gifts, stationary etc) you can send these into school at anytime. We will also have our annual house team competition cake stall too and these will be collected on the Friday morning, this year you can make any cake of choice and the winning team will be the one that bakes the most cakes to sell (and sell them :) Every class will be creating their own Christmas crafts for you to share and purchase at the fayre. With games, raffles and prizes galore.



Christmas party day— Thursday, 15th December. The children will share a Christmas party buffet for their lunch. (party food may be brought in on the day to share, school lunches will be party food and children may bring their own special party lunch box plus anything else they would like to share with their friends. There will be party games in the afternoon. This day will be in non -uniform.

Christmas disco - Thursday, 8th December. 5.00 pm—6.30pm. £2.00 entry fee, plus treats to purchase from our tuck shop.

Christmas jumper day—on the last day of term , children to wear their jumper with tracksuit bottoms to take part on the inflatable assault course for the golden treat and bring an item of food as a donation for the local food banks.

Christmas singing and story telling— all families welcome to join us for at least 1 (SEE SEPARATE FLYER)

Holy Trinity with Jackfield Infants, Monday, 12th December @ 6pm—7pm.

Swan Bank, Wednesday, 14th December @ 10am -11 am.

Moorpark, Tuesday, 13th December @ 2.15—2.45 — *Unfortunately we can only have spaces for 80 parents (10 from each year group) so this will be based on a first come, first served basis. So please send your replies in ASAP. We will notify you if you have been allocated a space.*

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for regular tweets on school news and activities.



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.

We can do it if we all work together.

Autumn attendance best class

Autumn 2nd half term:

Week 8: 3A -96% Week 9: 5S -98.1%
week 10: 3A—100%



Termly Parents and Carers forum

The first parents and carers forum was held at Jackfield Infants on Tuesday, 22nd November, 2—3pm.

Huge thanks to the parents who joined us—but we want more...

All welcome from both schools. How can we help you to get involved?

Next meetings dates:

14th March, 9am @ Moorpark,
23rd May, 2pm @ Jackfield

Your comments and suggestions will set the agenda for the future meetings.

Watch me learn

Thank you to the 40 families who joined us for the first maths watch me learn. This will be a termly event, the next one focused on English lessons.



SEN Questionnaire and Appointments

Thank you to all parents who made an SEN appointment with Mrs Poynton, there is still time to meet to review your child's targets before Christmas. This is really important for all parents and carers, especially for year 3 children, due to this being their first SEN appointment with Mrs Poynton.

Please contact the office to make an appointment.

Many thanks if you have completed the SEN questionnaire. If you haven't completed one yet, you can complete the questionnaire online via our website :-

<http://www.moorpark.stoke.sch.uk/sen-parent-questionnaire>

or request a paper copy from the office.



- Diary dates Autumn 2016
- **Friday, 2nd December**—Year 4 Class assembly @9.30 am
 - **Monday, 5th December**—Non uniform
 - **Wednesday, 7th December**—School Christmas Dinner Day.
 - **Thursday, 8th December**—Christmas Disco—5.00pm—6.30 pm
 - **Friday, 9th December**—School Christmas Fayre.
 - **Friday 9th December**—Year 5 Class Assembly.
 - **Monday, 12th December**—Holy trinity Church service—6pm-7pm
 - **Tuesday, 13th December**—Moorpark Carol singing. (spaces allocated)
 - **Wednesday, 14th December**—Swan Bank Church service—10am-11am
 - **Thursday, 15th December**—Christmas Party Day.
 - **Friday, 16th December**— Golden Treat Day and Christmas Jumper Day.
 - **Friday, 16th Dec**—Term Ends.



Uniform, Jewellery, Hair & PE KIT

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.