



Moorpark Junior School Newsletter

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15th December, 2016

Disco fundraising and Christmas Fair Enterprise challenge

A total of **£1091.95**, was raised at the two events.

Christmas Enterprise competition winning year group: Year 5—Christmas Wreaths, Calendars and Ho Ho Ho Choco Trees — **total Profit £79.94**

Fund aims 2016— sensory garden total so far :£700.00

The student council and classes will choose the new project for 2017



Everyone at Moorpark Wishes you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2017.

Huge thanks and good luck to Mrs Ault in her new future career with the church. Miss Courtnell, who is our Assistant Headteacher, will be their new teacher. (great that the children already know her from their Friday's together!)

MOORPARK GOVERNING BODY

We say a huge thank you to Councillor Joy Garner who has stepped down as Chair of governors at the end of her term this year, Cllr Garner has been the chair since 2012 and worked closely with the school to see it's success moving from special measures to be judged by OFSTED in June 2016 as a strong good. However we are delighted that Cllr Garner is staying on the board of governors to continue her valued work in the school in the role of co-opted community governor.

Mrs Sheela Dutton has been appointed by the board to be the new Chair—Mrs Dutton has been a parent governor since 2014, although her grandson has moved to high school, she remains fully committed to our school. Having a parent governor as chair is not common in many schools, so we are delighted that we set a good example to others of a strong parent voice leading our school.

We do have vacancies for parent governors, if you're interested then see the website for more information..

THANK YOU—Parents and Carers of the month

Mrs Rushton, thanks for taking the time to give a demonstration at our after school Pet Club linked to your job micro chipping pets.

We highly recommend you for all dog grooming and pet micro chipping. You can call Mrs Rushton on **07857 270122**, Shelley's Dog Grooming and Micro chipping.

If you have a job that you could share with our children we would love to hear from you. It's one of our targets this year to help the children to understand the different types of jobs that are linked to maths and science.

Huge thanks to Y6 Millie's, Mum and Grandad and Y4 Leon's Mum, who have been on a number of year group educational visits—they really have climbed up hill and down dale this term!

Millie's Nan has also given her time generously to help at all fundraising events—we really do appreciate it.

Follow Moorpark on Twitter or view the thread via our website
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%.

Overall Whole School Attendance

96.17%

(We are nearly on the way to achieving 97%!)

Autumn attendance best class

6M—97.2%

Autumn 2nd half term:

Week 11: 6M-98.9% Week 12: 6M-98.09%

Week13: 6M/5S 98.6%



Diary dates Autumn 2016

- **Monday, 12th December**—Holy trinity Church service—6pm-7pm
- **Tuesday, 13th December**—Christingle Carol singing. (spaces allocated)
- **Wednesday, 14th December**—Swann 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.
- **Wednesday, 4th Jan**—Spring term 2017 opens for children.



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.



Christmas Online Safety

Think of safety this Christmas if Santa has been asked for new online devices. We can help you to set security and give advice to help you stay ahead. Please feel free to drop in before or after the holidays for any IT support.

Top 3 must dos: have an open agreement with your child that you can see their messaging, contacts and web history.

Always have an online device in a shared living space—never alone in a bedroom or unsupervised.

Remind your child about SMART (see our website under parents link —child net international for more information)

Computer games are certified 18 for good reason. We will continue to contact all parents/carers regarding their child playing unsuitable age computer games within our responsibility. We take safeguarding very seriously.

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.



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.

(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.