

MOOR ROW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October 2022

‘Learning for Life’

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st and 2nd November –
Parents evening.

7th November – Wheelchair
Basketball.

10th November – Flu
Vaccinations (excluding
nursery children)

Thursday 18th November –
Children in Need – Non-
uniform day

7th December – Christmas
Jumper Day

13th December -
Nursery/Reception & Year 1/2
Nativity – afternoon

14th December - Christmas
Dinner & Christmas Jumper
Day

15th December – Year 3/4 &
Year 5/6 Christmas Carols –
afternoon

20th December – Last day of
term. Finish 1.15 pm

4th January – Return to school

Dropping Off & Picking Up Children Arrangements:

It has come to my attention that a number of parents have been enquiring as to the possibility of being able to come onto the playground before and after school – as was the case pre-covid.

As a team we had a number of conversations about this and the decision I have made is that we will continue with our current arrangements for dropping off and picking up children from the school gates.

This decision is based on a number of factors including safeguarding – it is paramount that we keep your children safe and by having no adults on site at this time it allows us focus entirely on the children. The mornings are extremely busy and as a staff we need to get focused on the childrens learning as quickly as possible. This is difficult to do if we are needing to lock the gates after parents. Staff have also reported an increased independence in the children as a result of them coming into school on their own. At the end of the school day it would also be difficult as we still have PE lessons occurring and after school clubs which may require these spaces.

It would be really supportive if parents could be aware of children needing to walk on the paths so they do not have to step into the road to go around adults. This is particularly relevant at the KS2 gates. The staff at Moor Row Primary School always stay with children by the gates if they are waiting for an adult to pick them up. Please do not worry if you need to be at both gates. Please collect the younger children first and then come round for the older children. As some children get older parents are allowing them a little more independence to walk round to meet them at the infant gate. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance:

Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996 parents are responsible for making sure their child of compulsory school age receives efficient full time education that is suitable to the child’s age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs the child may have.

As a school we strive for 100 % attendance. Every day counts! In reality, we understand that children do get poorly and that they are likely to have some time off during the academic year due to ill health – we wouldn’t expect them to be poorly. The government expectation is that good attendance is between 96 – 100% and that children who fall below 90% are identified as persistently absent from school.

Now that we are ‘living with Covid’ the spot light is being shone back onto schools attendance figures. With this in mind our new attendance policy – approved by Governors - states that parents will receive termly

letters form myself linked to attendance. Green letters are for 96 – 100 % attendance, Amber letters are for 93.9 – 95.9% attendance and red letters will identify pupils with attendance of 90% or lower. Where attendance falls into the amber and red category parents may be invited into school to discuss and support offered. If you login into your Scholarpack app and click onto your children this gives you an ongoing update on your child's attendance throughout the year. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or you wish to discuss further with me please contact me via the school office. The first attendance letters will go out WB 12.12.22. Thank you again in your co-operation on such an important matter.

Children In Need – Friday 18th November

Once again we will be supporting Children in Need by having a non-uniform day in school for all pupils and staff. If your child would like to take part, please send a donation of £1 in to the school office on or before Friday 18th November.

Black History Month

On Thursday KS2 took part in an online assembly linked to Black history Month – at an age appropriate level.

Parents Evening – Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd November

Parents evenings will take place on the above dates between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Appointment times are available to book online, all information on how to book has been sent out to you by email.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco was a great success. Thank you to all the staff who helped to make this an amazing experience for all the children who attended.

J. Beavis – Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to our winners of a Headteacher Award this week.



Priya (EYFS)
Kacey (Yr 1/2)
Eddie & William (Yr 3/4)
Tia (Yr 5/6)



Reader of the Week Awards

Congratulations to our winners of the Reader of the Week Awards this week.

Please try and read with your children every day whenever possible and talking about the books with them is just as important.

Happy Reading!!

Reader of the Week
Rose (Yr 1/2)
Sophie (Yr 3/4)
Jamie B (Yr 5/6)



Writer of the Week Awards



Writer of the Week
Rosa (Yr 1/2)
Niall (Yr 3/4)
Harrison (Yr 5/6)

Safeguarding



Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCBP) are available if you have concerns about the wellbeing of any child. More information can be found at www.cumbrialscb.com

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