

# MOOR ROW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Friday 6th January 2023



'Learning for Life'



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WB 16.1.23 NSPCC Assemblies

19.1.23 Best of British Theme Lunch

31.1.23 Young Voice KS2 Manchester

7.2.23 KS2 singing Jubille club

8.2.23 Parent Workshop – Mindfulness

Month of May – Yr. 2 assessments

WB 8.5.23 - Year 6 SATs

WB 5.6.23 - Yr. 4 Multiplication checks. 3-week window

WB 12.6.23 - Yr. 1 Phonic screening week

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. We have had a busy week settling back into the term which has included new play equipment on the playground, a school trip for Yr 3 and 4 and the introduction of Accelerated Reader which is replacing MyBookBlog for Yr 2 – 6.

#### **New Playground Equipment**

Over the Christmas holiday period new play equipment was installed on the school playground. This is to help increase active play and ensure breaktimes and lunchtimes are engaging and full of enjoyment for the children. Thank you to the staff who remained on site during their holiday time to ensure this installation could occur. The children have all really enjoyed the new equipment – photographs have been posted on the school facebook page.

#### **Year 3 & 4 Roman Trip to Maryport**

On Thursday Year 3 / 4 launched their Roman history topic with a visit to The Senhouse Roman Museum at Maryport. This was a fantastic day out and all the children are looking forward to learning more about this exciting time in British History. We completed a quiz looking at a variety of artefacts within the museum, the fort and its importance was investigated – we went up to the top of the watch tower to identify the fort features, we learnt how hard life was as a Roman soldier as well as making Roman artefacts out of clay. The volunteers at the museum were very impressed with the behaviour and learning attitudes of our children. We will keep you updated with family day information run by the museum via our facebook page.

#### **Accelerated Reader**

Starting this term we will no longer be using MyBookBlog to support independent reading for Yr 2 – 6. Unfortunately the company responsible for MyBookBlog are no longer investing in the platform and therefore new books are not being added to the system. Over the next couple of years the site will be closed. This has resulted in us investigating a number of platforms to further support reading. National research has found Accelerated Reader to have an effective impact on reading outcomes for pupils. Westlakes Academy and Whitehaven Academy also utilise this platform and therefore at Moor Row Primary School we have decided to use this system. This is a system which is just used within school and will not be accessed at home. Pupils will complete a Star Test 3 – 4 times per year. This will identify the books the children will find accessible but also challenging to ensure progress over time. Your children will receive a ZPD code and all books in school will be labelled. At the end of reading the book the children will complete a comprehension quiz to assess their understanding of the books content. The following website is useful for parents wanting to look at the ZPD codes of books you may have available at home.

[Accelerated Reader Bookfinder UK & Ireland - Quick Search \(arbookfind.co.uk\)](https://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

The job of checking all books within school and labelling them is going to be an extensive one. If any adult helpers would like to volunteer this would be greatly appreciated. If interested please let me know and we can arrange a DBS check. Thank you in advance.

Children in the Juniors (Yr 3 – 6) will still be encouraged to regularly Book Blog using Showbie.

### **Mindfulness Parent Workshop**

Last term all pupils across the school engaged in 6 mindfulness sessions. These sessions have now been completed but staff will be working with the children to further embed these skills into their everyday lives. I have secured a parent workshop on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 – 4.30. This is to introduce you to the techniques developed with your children and thus allow you as parents to understand and further support these strategies at home with your children. Mrs Bone will send out an online form next week for you to complete to let us know if you are able to attend this session.

### **Best Of British Theme Lunch**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 we will be repeating our popular VIP lunch. This term the theme is Best of British and the menu is a Brunch which includes: sausage, bacon, hash browns, scrambled eggs and beans. Pudding will be berry trifle. This all sounds delicious! All children who are booked in for a school dinner will receive a raffle ticket. A winner will be drawn from each class and the winners will be able to choose a friend (who has also booked a school dinner) to join them to sit in the decorated and themed VIP area. Staff will once again be serving the VIPs.

### **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs are now up and running for this half term. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday clubs finish at 4.15pm but Judo on a Friday finishes at 4.30pm. All children are to be collected from the main entrance at their respective finishing times. We still have spaces available at all the clubs – please book via Lunchshop.

### **Parking**

Please park and drive safely and with consideration for others around the front of the school building, also please don't double park as this causes further congestion. Can I politely remind you that no parents should be parking on the zig-zags or the Keep Clear writing. If you are running late please park sensibly and walk your child around to the main doors. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

### **PE Days**

PE Days for this half term are planned to be as follows:

Nursery/Reception – Thursday

Year 1/2 – Monday & Friday

Year 3/4 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 & 6 – Wednesday & Thursday

All children are to bring their PE kits to school on a Monday morning and they will then bring them home on a Friday.

Kind Regards Jacqui Beavis – Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to our winners of a Headteacher Award this week.



### Safeguarding



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

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