

22/09/2023

# MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

Dear parents and carers,

This is our first newsletter of the academic year, we have been busy making sure the children and staff are settled and that all school routines are firmly in place. We are so pleased to let you know that the start of term has been brilliant. Lots of trips are in place for this term already and we have also started planning the Winter Market - details will be shared soon. It has been fantastic welcoming children back to school seeing so many happy parents and children. As we walk around school daily, it is brilliant to see our children actively engaged in their learning and generally delighted to be back to school. We have been so impressed with our new Year Three pupils, who have settled in so well and are adapting to their new surroundings. We are really looking forward to seeing them progress and thrive as they go through their first year here at Moat Farm Juniors.

Ivy - Fundraising

Ivy from Red 6 cut her long blonde hair for charity recently. She donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust (after taking care of it for months) and also raised £390 for Santa's a Gangster children's charity. Ivy, what an amazing act of kindness. We are so, so, so proud of you!



Year 5 Swimming

This year, swimming sessions for Year 5 will be taught at the new Sandwell Aquatics Centre. Red 5 are the first class to use this wonderful facility in order to learn to swim. We have had so much positive feedback about the first two sessions from the pupils and Mr Oldfield. How amazing is it that our pupils get to swim in a state-of-the-art leisure centre, which hosted the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games!

### Year 3 PE T-shirts

We wanted to let you know that the PE t-shirts have been ordered and we will hand them out to the children as soon as they arrive. We apologise for the delay.

### Coat Sale

Thank you so much for all of the coat donations we have received. Recycling clothes helps our environment (something our children will learn more about during Earth Day later on in the academic year) and with the cost of living on the rise, we also aim to help our school community. We will use the money raised to buy much needed new equipment for our playgrounds and new books. Coats will be available from the hall on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September from 2:30pm until 3:30pm (£2 for adult coats and £1 for children's coats).

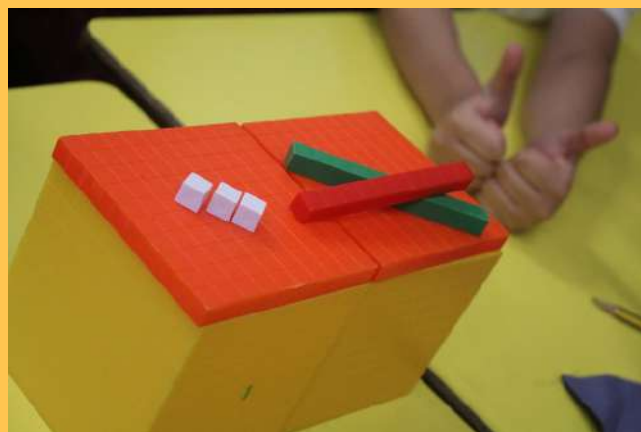
### Parent Curriculum Workshops

Thank you to all of our parents who came to the curriculum workshops this week. Our teachers really enjoyed sharing lots of different aspects of what happens in school, as well as future events and topics that are coming up. We hope you found them very useful and got to meet your child's class teacher for the first time.

### Attendance

We would like to finish this week's message on a positive note... Attendance continues to be a focus area for us this academic year, we have been really encouraged by everyone's efforts since the start of term. Last week's attendance was 97.8%, this brings our year-to-date attendance figure to a very impressive 97.3%. It is important that we all work together to ensure we are able to reach (or exceed) the ambitious target of 96.5% for the year by ensuring that children are not missing out on any of their learning. As always, we thank you for your continual effort and support with this.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support,  
Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney



# Teacher Training

## Dates

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

MONDAY 17TH JUNE

MONDAY 22ND JULY

### DIARY DATES

**26.09.23**

**29.09.23**

COAT SALE

**26.09.23**

B6 / G6  
RAINFOREST  
EXPERIENCE

**27.09.23**

R6 / Y6  
RAINFOREST  
EXPERIENCE

**03.10.23**

FRANK CHAPMAN  
RESIDENTIAL  
MEETING

**06.10.23**

YELLOW 6 CLASS  
ASSEMBLY

**10.10.23**

HELLO YELLOW DAY

**10.10.23**

G4 / Y4 ISLAMIC  
EXPERIENCE  
EXHIBITION TRIP

**11.10.23**

B4 / R4 ISLAMIC  
EXPERIENCE  
EXHIBITION TRIP

**11.10.23**

BLUE 6 CLASS  
ASSEMBLY

**20.10.23**

TIMES TABLES  
ROCKSTARS DAY

**25.10.23**

YEAR 3 SANDWELL  
VALLEY TRIP

**25.10.23**

**27.10.23**

YEAR 6 FRANK  
CHAPMAN  
RESIDENTIAL

**30.10.23**

**03.11.23**

HALF TERM  
HOLIDAY

**06.11.23**

TRAINING DAY  
(SCHOOL CLOSED  
TO PUPILS)

**13.11.23**

PARENTS' EVENING

**16.11.23**

PARENTS' EVENING

**24.11.23**

G4 / Y4 BEWDLEY  
MUSEUM TRIP

**27.11.23**

YEAR 5 TRIP TO  
HARVINGTON HALL

**28.11.23**

YEAR 5 TRIP TO  
HARVINGTON HALL

**06.12.23**

B4 / R4 BEWDLEY  
MUSEUM TRIP  
(SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE)