

27/10/2023

# MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful week it has been and a great end to the first half term of the school year!

As we prepare all the exciting events we have planned for the lead up to the Christmas holidays, we would like to update you on changes within our Senior Leadership Team, which will commence after this half term. As you are aware, this academic year, Ms Stone has been working as Acting Executive Leader for our Trust, while also being our school's Executive Head Teacher, with us (Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney) leading the school as Heads of School in her absence. From 1st November, Ms Stone's role of Executive Leader for the Trust will become permanent and our roles will change slightly from Heads of School to Acting Head Teachers.

Ms Stone has been an amazing leader, leading us through some of the best and most difficult times. Under her leadership, we have been able to thrive and develop a clear vision for our school, where children's well-being, experiences and outcomes are our highest priority. We are incredibly saddened to see her move on, but we are also so proud of her. We know she will have a fantastic impact across the Trust and we will miss her dearly.

## **Communication**

We would like to apologise again for the issues we had communicating key information about Times Tables Rock Stars Day and the Year 3 Trip to Sandwell Valley. We always endeavour to give you at least two weeks' notice about events. The issue has now been resolved. Thank you for your patience. We would also like to remind you that key dates are also published in this newsletter to give you even more notice ahead of emails being sent out with further details.

## **Times Tables Rock Stars Day**

We hope you enjoyed seeing the photos taken from the day on our school Twitter (X). We hold this fun event during the first term of the academic year to get the children really excited to go on to Times Tables Rockstars. Children who can recall their times tables tend to be more self-assured when learning new concepts in maths. Please encourage them to go on the 'soundcheck' mode of Times Tables Rockstars at home regularly.

## **Year 3 Trip to Sandwell Valley**

Year 3 had a very exciting time during their visit to the RSPB Reserve in West Bromwich on Wednesday. The children explored a variety of soils and with help from the RSPB volunteers, were able to identify and describe three different types of soil. They created a soil 'recipe' and had a very interesting debate about what makes soil, soil! The children had a fantastic time in the sunshine and can't wait to apply their new knowledge back in the classroom.

## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 have had a fantastic time at Frank Chapman, taking on new experiences and challenging themselves in ways they wouldn't have done at home. We've enjoyed making dens, fires, crawling through mines, climbing high ropes, archery, various team evening activities as well as domestic chores like setting the dining table and making beds. The weather has been kind to us and children have enjoyed quality outside down time too. New friendships have been formed and long-lasting memories.

## Baby news

Congratulations to Mrs Lodge who welcomed a baby boy into her family. Both mum and baby are doing well, and we hope she enjoys every minute of her maternity leave.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support throughout this wonderful first half term.

Happy half term holiday - we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney

## ASSEMBLY



## CORONATION LETTER



# What we've been up to

## RESIDENTIAL



## TTRS DAY



## COOKING CLUB



# Teacher Training

## Dates

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

MONDAY 17TH JUNE

MONDAY 22ND JULY

### DIARY DATES

**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

**17.11.23**

CHILDREN IN NEED  
DAY

**24.11.23**

G4 / Y4 BEWDLEY  
MUSEUM TRIP

**24.11.23**

GREEN 6 CLASS  
ASSEMBLY

**27.11.23**

YEAR 5 TRIP TO  
HARVINGTON HALL

**28.11.23**

YEAR 5 TRIP TO  
HARVINGTON HALL

**01.12.23**

TRAINING DAY  
(SCHOOL CLOSED  
TO PUPILS)

**06.12.23**

B4 / R4 BEWDLEY  
MUSEUM TRIP  
(SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE)

**07.12.23**

XMAS JUMPER DAY

**08.12.23**

RED 6 CLASS  
ASSEMBLY

**09.12.23**

WINTER MARKET  
(DETAILS WILL BE  
SENT OUT SOON)

**19.12.23**

YEAR 3/4 CLASS  
PARTIES  
(NON-UNIFORM)

**20.12.23**

YEAR 5/6 CLASS  
PARTIES  
(NON-UNIFORM)

**22.12.23**

PANTOMIME - JACK  
AND THE  
BEANSTALK  
(NON-UNIFORM)