

MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY
13TH SEPT

Message from Mrs Shaw & Mrs Scotney

Welcome back everyone! It's been so lovely to see all the happy children, parents and carers on the playground once again. We're thrilled to see our Year 4 to Year 6 pupils already so actively engaged in their learning – it's made us both feel so excited to be back for a new academic year! A special welcome to our new Year 3 children, who have settled in wonderfully and are already impressing us. We're really looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic year ahead!

Uniform

The children have started the year looking really smart in their uniforms. If you are unsure of our school uniform policy, please refer to our [website](#) for more information. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging to the school. Our P.E. kit is seen as an extension of our school uniform; therefore, we require the following items for the lessons: black shorts, burgundy t-shirt, a pair of plimsolls and black jogging bottoms. Year three will all be given a P.E. t-shirt; we are awaiting the delivery. For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for P.E. and need to be removed by the child, for each lesson. Thank you for your support in providing your child with a full uniform, if you are having difficulty purchasing the correct uniform and need some help, please contact out pastoral team who will be happy to help.

Curriculum Meetings

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parent Curriculum Welcome meetings. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout, and we hope you found the meeting helpful; the feedback was very positive. We look forward to welcoming you into school throughout the year!

Attendance

Attendance is incredibly important to us, as it allows children to achieve their full potential both academically and socially. We are committed to working together to ensure that every child is in school regularly, giving them the best chance to succeed. This year, we are aiming to surpass our attendance target of 96.3%, and with your continued support, we are confident we can achieve it! Let's make this a fantastic year for attendance and ensure that children are not missing out on learning opportunities!



Reading At Home

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment regularly not only perform better in tests than those that don't but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background (Pearson 2021). At Moat Farm Junior, we place high importance on reading and ask that this is supplemented by reading at least three times a week at home. In school, we have a reading league, where each week we see who tops the Battle of the Readers table.

Harvest Festival Collection

In assembly today, Reverend Jennie spoke to our children about Harvest Festival and why it is so important. From Monday 16th September, we will be collecting items of food as part of our Harvest Festival. If you have any donations of non-perishable items like tins and jars, please do send them in with your child. These will be delivered to our local food bank and those in need. Thanks in advance - even the smallest donation will help support local families.

Wrap Around After School Care

We are pleased to let you know that the survey we sent out in July to see what demand there was for an after-school care provision was very positive. We are currently making plans to have that provision in place in school. We will keep you posted with our progress.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, we are so proud to be the Headteachers of this wonderful school! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney



LEARNING IN PICTURES



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



UPCOMING EVENTS

18.09.24

Whole school
Photographs

27.09.24

McMillan Coffee
Morning

**01.10.24
&
02.10.24**

Amazon Man
visits year 6

**02.10.24
&
03.10.24**

Year 3 Trip to
Sandwell Valley

03.10.24

Flu Vaccinations

08.10.24

Catch up
Flu Vaccinations

10.10.24

Hello yellow day

28.10.24

01.11.24
October Half Term

4.11.24

Parents Evening

7.11.24

Parents Evening

**23.12.24
03.01.25**

Christmas Holidays

06.01.25

Back to School

**17.02.25
21.02.25**

Spring Half Term

24.01.25

Back to School

31.03.25

Teacher Training
Day

**14.04.25
25.04.25**

Easter Holidays

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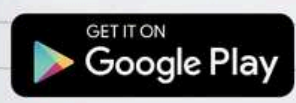
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The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



Registering your school

A school, PTA or parent council can register on behalf of their school.

To register, they must sign up with our charity partner, Parentkind, via their [website](#). There is a free option for those unable to sign up for the yearly membership. If a school isn't registered by 30th November, the money earned will be transferred to the Schools in Need Cashpot, where it will be distributed to schools in disadvantaged areas.



Parentkind

About Parentkind

Parentkind is one of the largest federated charities and is the membership body for school Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs). They have spent the last 68 years helping an army of volunteer parents organise millions of events to enhance school life, raising billions of pounds for their schools.

As well as fundraising, Parentkind supports the voice of parents at a national level. With more research into parent opinion than any other UK charity, Parentkind offers a vital insight into both education and family life.