

Head Teacher's Message:

School Expansion

This week I have shared the most up to date news on our school expansion on our school blog, which can be found here:

<http://moorhall.blogspot.co.uk/2018/04/expansion-update-24th-april.html>

Balfour Beatty issue a regular newsletter to our neighbours and these can be found here along with other expansion information on our website.

<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/expansion-documents>

We receive lots of photos of the process of the work which are also uploaded to our web site. Here are a few.....



The contractors contact details are Darren Holmes 07855 438063 Tina Phillips (Liaison Officer) 07854199719 — if you have any concerns or questions.

Our improvement plans for the entrance, office and Early Years parts of the school have been published on our website and have been sent for planning permission. The developments could transform the front of our school by improving security, widening the pathway, creating a new office area and, importantly, making the EYFS environment even better, enabling more opportunities for learning for the children.

There is an opportunity for comment with respect to the plans via the BCC website. If you would like to discuss them with me and other leaders then we in the process of arranging a meeting in school to give you the opportunity for you to do this.

SCHOOL MATTERS CAMPAIGN – Working in Partnership with Local Businesses

As you are aware, our school takes part in a wide range of collaborative activities with the Learning Trust for Excellence (LTE) schools. The Trust is keen to work with local businesses and community groups to develop and deliver projects which benefit children across the Trust schools.

We are excited to announce the first LTE partnership with the local business Easigrass Birmingham North. Easigrass is an artificial grass company who design and install artificial grass that looks like the real thing! Further information about their products is available on the school website.



Easigrass are offering a donation of £50 to the LTE for every order of artificial grass as well as purchase of selected products. This will create a fantastic opportunity for the LTE to purchase resources to enhance teaching and learning experiences for our children.

To help our school benefit from this business partnership simply quote easi-CPS/FOPS/HPS/LSS/LSPS/MHPS/WCPS -50. This offer is also valid for friends and family.



Modeshift Stars

I am delighted to be able to confirm that we have reached our target to gain the Modeshift Stars Bronze award by Easter. I would like to thank children, staff, parents and our local community for all the help and support we receive on Road Safety. There is always more to do and with this in mind we are looking to achieve the Silver Award by Christmas 2018. Please continue to support us and each other in our work to improve safety around our school. We will be receiving our plaque and certificate in May.



We are now looking to trial the Walking Bus again, please watch this space for further information. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this scheme which will not only cut down traffic around our school, but will also help reduce air pollution and allow our children to enjoy a morning and afternoon walk.

Andrew Steggall

Royal Wedding

We will be celebrating the wedding of Harry and Meghan on **Friday 18th May** with a garden party at school. Children can bring 'wedding attire' - e.g. posh frocks and smart shirts—into school to change after lunch.

Please send an 'afternoon tea' snack for your child to enjoy. School will supply squash/water.



PA Diary Dates:

Friday 27th April—Quiz Night 7:30pm start
Friday 25th May—Beer, Band and Bubbles
Saturday 30th June—Summer Fair



Please follow and 'like' the PA Facebook page to keep up to date with all events and fund raising ideas—if you can spare half an hour to help at any events please let your class reps know. The page is called: **Moor Hall School Parents Association**



We regularly tweet photos and updates of what is happening in school on Twitter. Please follow us.

<https://twitter.com/moorhallprimary>

This week you will find Tweets about, the Wildlife Garden, Road Safety talks, school expansion, marble runs, space camp and more.

BOOK FAIR—until Friday 27th April. Please visit Year 2 after school.

1980s and 1990s Toys—Recent History!

We are looking for a collection of 80s and 90s toys to keep in school to discuss recent history with the children, as part of our history curriculum.



If you have anything lurking in your attic which you are able to donate to school, it would be very much appreciated.

Please bring in any batteries for re-cycling and put them in our big Duracell battery in school reception by Monday 30th April. Thank you.



#Bedtime stories – Internet safety

Below is a link to a Youtube clip that hopes to make parents aware of the dangers of online bullying and the effects that it can have on your children. It is quite a hard hitting clip and we would recommend that you **DO NOT** watch it with your child.

We are very fortunate at Moor Hall that our children are mostly very well behaved and sensible. In their naivety though, children may send what can be very hurtful messages to other classmates.

https://youtu.be/yuqlg_pyZks

School Uniform Grant Applications 2018 - Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust—Closing Date 4th May

We have received blank application forms for parents who would like to apply to Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust for school clothing grants in 2018.

To be eligible, you must be:

- A current resident of Sutton Coldfield in one of the following four wards: New Hall, Vesey, Trinity, Four Oaks
- In receipt of one or more of the following benefits (please note maximum income levels will apply): Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Universal Credit.

Applicants must provide a copy of the full set of their current benefit notification with their completed form. Only one application per family (up to four children) will be accepted. Vouchers may only be redeemed at Clive Mark Schoolwear, Boldmere.

Applications are available from the school office (please ask Mrs Michel) and must be returned to school by Friday 4th May 2018 at the latest. Successful applicants will receive vouchers to the value of £75 per child by the first week in July.

ALL STARS CRICKET

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

The England Cricket Board are running an 8 week programme (1 hour per week) for girls and boys aged 5—8 where they will have great fun learning skills like throwing, catching, hitting a moving ball and teamwork. The course starts from May 2018. All Little Stars Crickets will receive their own personalised kit included a personalised t-shirt, bat, ball, cap, activity book and back pack. This is all for a cost of £40 for the 8 week programme.



Sutton Coldfield Library

FOLIO Sutton Coldfield, is a charity supporting the public libraries in Sutton Coldfield. As you may be aware, Sutton's central library recently reopened included a new café. The library is open Monday—Saturday 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Over the coming months the library already have a number of author visits planned, including a Kate Greenaway medal winner, a Blue Peter Book prize winner, and - at the end of this April - two visits by teen authors. They will also be hosting events for families. As events are publicly announced they will be added to the calendar which can be found here:

<http://foliosuttoncoldfield.org.uk/whats-on/>.

Wildlife Garden—Please can you help?

Our wildlife garden is coming along nicely. Please see our before and now shots:



We now need some lovely plants to start making this a wonderful place for the local wildlife and for your children to enjoy.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have sent out a separate letter with a call for donations of plants—we would be very grateful for anything you can support us with. Please bring any plants you are able to donate in to school as soon as possible. **THANK YOU**



We have been fortunate to receive a lovely pack of wild seeds from the lottery funded charity Grow Wild. The Wildlife Club planted the seeds and looked after them at home over Easter and they are now ready to plant into the 'Mini Meadow' area of our new wildlife garden. More information about Grow Wild can be found here:



https://www.growwilduk.com/resources?utm_source=Kew&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9323077_Seed%20kit%20leaders%202018%20-%20email%202&dm_i=522.5JTQD.RPS701.LJID9.1

April

Week of 23rd—Scholastic Book Fair

27th—PA Quiz night

28th (Sat) - Y6 netball tournament

30th—last day for batteries to be put in the big Duracell battery in school reception

May

1st—Open morning for Sept 2018 new parents 11:00am

2nd—SEN drop in session 1:00—3:00pm

3rd—Y6 Netball matches at Sutton College

3rd—Election Day—**School Closed**. Year 6 children to be in school

7th—Bank Holiday—**School Closed**

14th—Y6 SATs week

18th—Y6 Whitemoor Lakes

18th—Royal Wedding Garden Party

21st—Walk to School Week including walking bus

25th—Last day of term and PA Beer, Band and

Bubbles Night

4th June—school re-opens for staff and children

INSET DAYS for 2018/19: 3rd & 4th September 2018. 7th January 2019, 22nd July 2019 with one more to arrange.



Class Assemblies

Each class will be holding a class assembly where parents are invited to attend.

Dates of these assemblies will be sent to parents as soon as they are confirmed.

WALKING BUS

Thank you to the Road Safety Parents Group for working with school to arrange a further trial of a Walking Bus. This trial will take place during the week of 21st May 2018 and for a second week commencing 4th June.

Letters will be sent to parents via book bags tomorrow (Friday 27th). We hope that you will support this initiative.



Please note that if you have already made Moorhens payments for these weeks and you wish to cancel the session due to using the walking bus, please can you notify Moorhens in writing of your child's non attendance at Moorhens or a club. A credit will be issued and can be carried forward for use during the next term.

As our usual policy is not to issue refunds for sessions once booked, this arrangement will only apply to parents who cancel due to the walking bus trial.

Boldmere St Michaels Football Club are looking for boys and girls to join their football club.

Junior football trials are being held in May.

Please email for further information or to reserve a place:

bsmjuniortrials@gmail.com



We are very proud of Malaika in Year 6 who has raised money for RNLI. She asked for donations to her chosen charity instead of birthday gifts and delivered the cheque to RNLI whilst on holiday in Exmouth recently. She was invited by the team to board the lifeboat.

Well done Malaika. Your consideration for others is something that we are extremely proud of at school.

ICT Tip

Vishing is a type of phishing scam that happens on the phone. The word vishing is a combination of 'voice' and 'phishing'.

These are unsolicited phone calls from fraudsters which encourage you to give out your personal details, such as your card, PIN, Mobile Banking App activation/ passcodes or card reader codes. The fraudsters pretend to be your bank, the police, or any other official company. Fraudsters pretend to be from your bank in order to get your personal information. They may have some of your personal information, such as name, address, or phone number, to make them seem genuine.

These calls will often seem urgent to get you to act as quickly as possible, giving you minimal time to think about whether the call is fraudulent. The atmosphere and background noises can help the calls seem more convincing.

Sometimes you may get a 'warm up' call where no information is discussed. This is to set the scene for a later call where you may be asked for information.

Grammar Schools in Birmingham—entry September 2019

Information is now available for the arrangements for admission to the eight Grammar Schools in Birmingham.

Children only need sit one entrance exam to be considered for one or more of the Grammar schools in Birmingham. These schools are free to attend and do not have a catchment area so parents may apply for their child's admission wherever they live.

The entrance test, to be considered for entry to any of the Grammar Schools in Birmingham in September 2019, will be held on **Saturday 8th September 2018**. Parents can find more information on the schools admission policies and can register their child for the test by visiting

www.birminghamgrammarschools.org.