

Head Teacher's Christmas Message:

2017 has been a memorable year in so many ways. We are all truly appreciative of all who have so generously offered their time, advice and support throughout the year.

The PA have done an amazing job raising significant funds in order to help the staff deliver the curriculum. Our volunteers have made a real difference in school, we have parents who help by supporting us in many different ways - most importantly by working with us and with your children to ensure that they get the very best opportunities at this important time in their lives. On behalf of all of our staff and governors I would like to offer sincere thanks.

The staff at our school continue to amaze me in their absolute devotion to making Moor Hall such a special place. We have a team of hard working and talented people. Our governors give generously of their time and expertise on a voluntary basis for which we are truly grateful.

There have been many, many occasions when I have felt incredibly proud of our children. Whether it is when they bring work to show me, receive awards in assemblies, show consideration towards others, perform, compete, attend golden tea, support charities, care for the environment and work hard in their classes. We have wonderful children and they are a true credit to you.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that you are able to enjoy precious time with your families over the break.

Andrew Steggall



Modeshift Stars

The children and staff continue to do work in school on road safety. This week the children have been given a fluorescent book/zip tag to bring home (Year 3 already have theirs) We have a video on our website, posters have been designed by the children and assemblies held. There is lots more planned for the new year. All these activities go towards our aim of achieving the Bronze Modeshift Stars Award. So far we have achieved the majority of the 15 interventions that we want to secure by Easter. We continue to meet with the Road Safety Group and I would like to thank those involved in giving up their time to work with us to help make things safer.

I am really pleased that the School Council and Mr Winter have raised enough money to buy everyone a reflective Moor Hall arm band, and these are now on order. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone involved including parents who have also raised money and donated to our campaign.

We are planning our own walk to school week from 5th—9th Feb and then we will, of course, also take part in the National walk to school week is 21st—25th May

<http://modeshiftstars.org/>



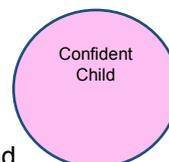
Christmas Performances

What awe inspiring Christmas Performances we have had from both KS1 and KS2. All the children were amazing. We even had a soloist singer and violinist from our reception

class—well done Ruby and Alexandra. The Year 3 & 4 play was fantastic. What fantastic talent we have across the school. There are lots of photos on our website—please take time to have a little look.



<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/special-events>



THANK YOU so much for all the gifts you have sent into school for children at Birmingham Crisis Centre. Mr Steggall had the honour of delivering these gifts last week to these children who find themselves in a such an unfortunately situation. Your gifts have brought them such joy.





School Uniform

At Moor Hall we strive to maintain high standards. Standards go beyond the work in class, they include behaviour and also appearance. The positive approach towards work is supported by appropriate dress and sensible hairstyles.

Extreme haircuts, including those which are significantly different from others, can distract from learning are not in keeping with the school's ethos. We do not consider shaved heads to be appropriate.

In addition, long hair below shoulder length should be tied back.

Can we also remind parents that black shoes with black soles, not trainers, are a required part of our uniform.

We request that parents support our policy. Please contact Mr Steggall or Miss Jones if you have any concerns.

Our School Uniform Policy can be found on our website:

http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/assets/uploaded/downloads/uniform_policy.pdf

Choir

The school choir have been incredibly busy over the run up to Christmas. They have sung to shoppers at The Mitchells Centre and at Chase Farm, they have performed at Lichfield Cathedral and St James' Church and have learnt We Wish You a Merry Christmas in sign language. Fantastic work Mr Watts, Miss Hurrell and all the children.



Here is a festive tip from our ICT Manager, for staying safe online at Christmas, it is well worth a read:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/staying-safe-online-at-christmas/>



The **Christmas Hamper** has been won by **Mrs Jean Taylor**, Grandma of Jacob and Finley.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets at our Christmas performances. We raised £408 for the Alzheimer's Society.

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>

The Big Battery Hunt

We are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt. This is a nationwide campaign, run by Duracell, to help recycle more batteries.

Each child in school will be given a battery collection box. They can get creative by colouring their box and completing the activities.



We are looking for children to collect as many batteries as they can, and maybe become a Battery Recycling Champion by going the extra mile. For example, collecting from the wider community, creating a poster or encouraging others. So please start collecting in your boxes over Christmas.

Many thanks to Mr Vos for sourcing the resources for us.

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>

January 2018

Mon 8th—INSET day—School Closed
Tues 9th—School re-opens
Tues 8th—Fri 12th—Year 3 Swimming
Wed 10th—Reception Phonics Meeting for parents—9:00am—10:00am
Wed 17th—Y1 Phonic Meeting for parents—9:00am—10:00am
Wed 24th—PA Meeting 7pm at school



February 2018

Thurs 1st—Year 6 Maths Workshop—9:00am—10:00am
Fri 2nd—Year 5 Maths Workshop—9:00am—10:00am
5th—9th—Moor Hall Walk to School Week.
Thurs 8th—Year 4H Maths Workshop—9:00am—10:00am
Thurs 8th—PA School Disco KS1 5—6 KS2 6:15—7:30
Fri 9th—4W Maths Workshop—9:00am—10:00am
Mon 12th—Y2 Maths Workshop—9:00am—10:00am
Tues 13th—Parents Evening
Thurs 15th—Parents Evening
Fri 16th—Last day of half term
Mon 26th—School Re-opens

Expansion Update

Birmingham City Council and contractors Balfour Beatty have issued a communication regarding the commencement of building work at Moor Hall School which can be found on our website:

http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/assets/uploaded/downloads/Moor_Hall_start_of_works_letter_Blog_17-12-20.pdf

It's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 22nd December.

It's a non-uniform day for a donation of £1 to our PA.



Merry Christmas