

Head Teacher's Message:

School Expansion

The latest Balfour Beatty newsletter delivered to our neighbours can be found here:

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

Balfour Beatty have been running a colouring competition and they are currently looking through the lovely entries to choose some winners, who will receive a small gift from the contractors.

We are very excited to have welcomed visitors to school last week to formally start our school expansion works in a 'Turf Turning' ceremony. Cllr Mackey and Cllr Mosson came to school along with our Chair of Governors Mrs Garrington and Mrs Hewitson and Mr Green representing the Learning Trust for Excellence. The school children were represented by our School Councillors. The Sutton Observer sent a photographer so we are hoping that you will see the photos in the next edition. I will also post them on our website when we receive them.

The site manager (Darren Holmes) has confirmed that he has contacted the subcontractors to reiterate the need for them to only arrive at school between 9:30 and 2:30. The contractors contact details are Darren Holmes 07855 438063 Tina Phillips (Liaison Officer) 07854199719 — if you have any concerns or questions. I would like to thank Darren and Tina, who are doing a great job of keeping us all informed.

A Stakeholder Group is being set up by Birmingham City Council as an ongoing means of information sharing. We have volunteers for this group and the first meeting is being held this week.



Adverse Conditions

I would like to express my personal thanks to our wonderful Mr Gwilym. Mr Gwilym works above and beyond the call of duty for our school and we are particularly thankful to him during the snowy and frosty days when he arrives at school very early to make sure that all the pathways in school are cleared and safe for when parents, children and staff arrive. A BIG THANK YOU.

Parking/Road Safety

Please remember to drive and park responsibly and safely.

- We operate a voluntary one way system, this means you should only pass with the school on your LEFT.
- Do not double park—this would restrict an emergency vehicle getting to our neighbours or to the school.
- 20 is plenty—whilst the speed limit on the roads around school is 30 miles per hour, we think 20 is plenty.
- Do not block the pavements—you need to leave room for children, parents, pushchairs and wheelchairs to pass.
- Do not park on double yellow lines.
- Do not park, even partially, over neighbours' drives.

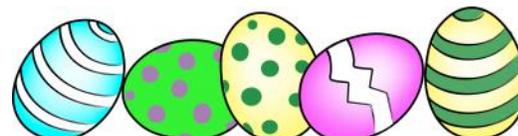
Next term, we have invited our local Police into school to talk to Years 5 about Road Safety and we are on track to achieve our Bronze Modeshift Stars award by Easter.

Job Vacancies

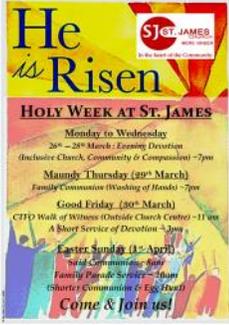
We are currently looking to recruit lunchtime supervisors into our existing team of lunchtime staff. Please can you call into school if you are interested in applying for a role. We are looking to recruit as soon as possible and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who may be interested.

Finally, I hope you have a lovely Easter Break and we will see the children back on Monday 16th April.

Andrew Steggall



Community & Charity



Moor Hall Reading Morning

There was great excitement in school last Wednesday. Every teacher chose a book to read for half an hour and the children were able to pick which reading session they would like to go to. There were children on cushions in the staff room listening to Mrs Evans read *Beware of the Bear*, children in Mr Steggall's office listening to him read his favourite childhood book—*Winnie the Pooh* and all the other classrooms were full of story telling.

There is nothing nicer than sitting and listening to a lovely story. This was a fabulous start to the day for both children and staff.

Mayor's Eco Challenge

We have been very lucky to have received a grant from the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield towards our new wildlife garden. We have had the help of Balfour Beatty in clearing the bottom corner of our field in preparation. Mrs Glare and the Wildlife Club along with Year 6 children doing their Junior Rotary Award have been very busy designing plans, making insect hotels and doing lots of research. We have already bought a fire pit and a pond to start putting our plans into actions.



ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL



We have presented our plans to the Mayor and he has chosen us as winners to receive further funding. Cllr Pears visited the school on Friday to present the cheque.

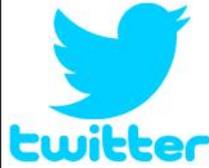
CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED.

PA Diary Dates:

Friday 23rd March—Easter Competition in school
Friday 23rd March—Film Night—5-7pm
Tuesday 24th April—Bags to school
Friday 27th April—Quiz Night 7:30pm start
Friday 25th May—Beer, Band and Bubbles



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>

Why not have a look at what has been happening during Science week?

Reception Parents Open Morning

We will be holding an additional open morning for prospective Reception parents on

Friday 20th April 10:00am—11:00am.

This is to ensure that everyone who has been allocated Moor Hall (decisions are out 16th April) has an opportunity to visit the school.

Snuffles Hedgehog Rescue

Our wildlife club had visitors from the Snuffles Hedgehog Rescue to talk about caring for hedgehogs and making sure we protect the environment to ensure their habitats are not destroyed. They even bought a real hedgehog with them to show the children. The children donated dog and cat food for the charity to use to feed the many hedgehogs they rescue and received a certificate in return. If you would like to help this charity or would like to know more please have a look at their website.

<http://snuffles-rescue.com/>



Year 4 Concert

Our Year 4 classes have been working hard with Sutton Coldfield Choirs as part of the 'Friday Afternoons Singing Project'.

<http://www.suttoncoldfieldchoirs.org.uk/>

Their hard work paid off with a wonderful evening concert at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall on Friday 16th March. The children were amazing and enjoyed the experience of singing with the choirs on stage in this prestigious venue.

MOOR HALL SPORTS ROUND UP

Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 **Change for Life Team** who took part in an event at BMET. All the children had a great time and were a credit to Moor Hall School. Well done!



A great effort was shown by all who took part in the **Cross Country** race at Bishop Vesey this week.

Year 5 have taken part in **Bikeability** with Aspire Sports this month. Well done to everyone involved. This event also goes towards our Modeshift Stars Bronze Award.

Year 5 Netball Tournament was unfortunately cancelled due to the adverse weather.

Happy Mothers Day

We hope that everyone who came to our KS1 Mothers Day assembly had a lovely time and hope that too many tissues weren't needed!

Thank you for sharing this special time with us.



Year 4 Viking Day

Our Year 4 classes had a wonderful day being Vikings on 8th March. They dressed up and learnt how Vikings would have lived, worked and played.

There are lots of photos on Twitter.



ICT Tip

From Connecting to free WIFI hotspots to Pension Fraud to password advice. This website can provide useful information for protecting yourself in this digital age.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/>
Parent Zone has announced the launch of Vodafone's Digital Life Skills, an interactive workshop designed to help parents keep their children safer online.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/vodafone-digital-families>

Safeguarding

We are currently reviewing all school safeguarding policies and procedures.

If any parents would like to be involved in reviewing the Behaviour Policy next term please let Miss Jones know.

Punctuality

We are growing increasingly concerned by the number of children arriving after 8:50am.

We welcome children into school from 8:40, leaving a "buffer" period of 10 minutes before the beginning of the school day at 8:50am. There are start of the day activities (SODA) in place in all classes at this time.

Big Battery Hunt—please can you / your child bring in any batteries they have collected in their boxes and pop them in the big battery in school reception. If your child would like to enter the competition, details can be found here:

http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/assets/uploaded/downloads/Duracell_COMP-ENTRY-FORM.pdf

POLITE REMINDER....

No toys are allowed in school. This included slime (either shop bought or homemade) which seems to be popular at the moment.

For KS2, please only send healthy snacks into school (KS1 are supplied with their snacks). A piece of fruit for morning break and a health snack for the afternoon such as a breakfast bar, cheese, dried fruit. NO NUTS please. Crisps, chocolate, sweets and biscuits should not be sent in as snacks.

March

19th—21st—Y5 Whitemoor Lakes visit
21st—Y6 KS2 SATs Parents Evening 6pm
22nd—Y6 Netball @ Sutton College
23rd—Easter Competition
23rd—PA Film Night—5—7pm
28th—Last Day of Term
29th—INSET Day

April

Monday 16th April—school re-open after Easter break
18th—Y1 & Y2 Athletics at Bishop Vesey
19th—Y6 Netball Matches at Sutton College
20th—10:00am Open Day for Reception 2018 Parents
Week of 23rd—Scholastic Book Fair
27th—PA Quiz night

May

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
21st—Walk to School Week
25th—Last day of term and PA Beer, Band and Bubbles Night

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

