



May 2018 Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Message:

It has been a very busy few weeks in school, particularly for Year 6 who have been taking their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard and have really risen to the occasion during the week of the tests. Their attitude and determination have been amazing. I am very proud of them.

I would like to thank Miss Shindler and Mrs Menmuir who have worked so hard with the children and have kept the children calm and focused.

The Year 6 children will now be looking forward to an exciting break at Whitemoor Lakes at the end of the week.

Royal Wedding

All children, with the exception of Year 6, are looking forward to celebrating the Royal Wedding at school. We will be having a garden party on the field on the afternoon of Friday 18th May. We would ask that the children dress appropriately for such an occasion. This could involve dresses or jackets and ties etc. Children should come to school in their school uniform and they can then change in to their 'finery' after lunchtime. Please don't forget to send in a plate of party food **NO NUTS** (this is in addition to lunch) for your child to enjoy. The school will supply drinks.

Walk to School Week

Next week is National Walk to School Week. This is a great opportunity to find ways to walk to school, if you don't already. The organisation 'Living Streets' have lots of information on their website including a Family Walk to School Kit which gives lots of ideas on how to support Walk to School week and how to overcome some of the barriers you may face in walking to school:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/3561/family-walk-to-school-kit.pdf>

Our Parents' Road Safety Group have arranged parent volunteers who are giving up their own time, during walk to school week, to help raise awareness of the problems of dangerous and inconsiderate road use outside our school. If you do need to travel by car please ensure you drive and park considerately. We fully support the volunteers and ask that you respect and support what they are doing.

We will have a reward system in place for a two week period for children who walk to school from home or from a location that is a reasonable distance from the school gates.

Walking Bus

We are also running a walking bus next week and the week after half term.

The bus time is now from 8:00am with the 'bus' departing at 8:20am promptly.

Children booked on the bus are to be dropped and collected at the junction of Little Sutton Lane / Heath Croft Road.

There will be a daily charge of £1 per child per trip. If you would like to book your child's place please contact the school for a booking form.

School Expansion

Please follow my regular blogs to keep up to date on the school expansion works.

<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, including photos of progress, on our website.

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

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

I held a coffee afternoon on 11th May to give parents the opportunity to see and discuss the plans for improvements we would like to make to EYFS and the entrance to the school. I will be sending out a Questions and Answers document shortly which will hopefully cover the majority of questions you may have at this early stage.

Andrew Steggall

Royal Wedding

Don't forget 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:

Do you have our Summer Fair in your diary?

Saturday 30th June



Wildlife Garden HELP!

Thank you very much for the donations of lovely plants for our wildlife garden. As you can see from our photos below, it is coming along nicely and the children are working very hard.

We now need to put a fence at the front of the garden to make sure balls from the playing field do not damage the garden.

We are looking for volunteer(s) who would be willing to install a low level fence for us. We can source the fence, unless a parent has a contact who could help with this too. If you are able to help in any way please could you phone or call into school and speak to Mrs Southgate or Mrs Glare. **THANK YOU**



GDPR Statement

As you may be aware data laws are changing in May. The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into effect on 25th May and will replace the current Data Protection Act. The GDPR sets out new guidelines for how personal data is processed. Moor Hall School takes your data seriously and we are committed to high standards of information security, privacy and transparency. We place a high priority on protecting and managing data and we are working hard to ensure compliance with GDPR. We will never share your data unless we have a legal obligation to do so, or unless it's necessary to carry out our public task. We will only process the personal data that we need to in order to maintain the high levels of education and safeguard our pupils. If you require further information please contact:- enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk

This article was in last months newsletter but we feel it is important to include it again. It is a very hard hitting video, but highlights the need to ensure you know what you children are doing, or seeing online. Please do not watch with your child.

Please discuss any concerns with school.

#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

St Basil's Charity

We are very proud of Charlotte in Y2 who has pledged to raise money for St. Basils by completing her first triathlon.

Charlotte heard about St Basils when they visited our school. The triathlon is called the Ultimate UK Kids Fun Triathlon and the age range of participants is 7-16 years. The event which takes place on Saturday 2nd June starts with a swim in open water followed by a cycle ride and then a run.

If you would like to help Charlotte reach her £100 target please donate via: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/susienicholas5> Charlotte has featured on the St Basils website. Well done and good luck Charlotte.

<http://www.stbasils.org.uk/news-resources/news/7-year-old-charlotte-nicholas-to-take-part-in-first-triathlon-to-raise-funds-for-st-basils/>



Moor Hall Music Concert

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a music concert in school on Tuesday 19th June 7:00pm—8:15pm. All children who sing in the school choir and/or have music lessons in school will perform at this concert. It is going to be a wonderful celebration of the musical ability we have in school. Tickets will cost £1.00 each and 2 tickets per family will be available to purchase. A letter with more details and how to obtain your tickets will be sent out in book bags nearer the time.



ICT Tips

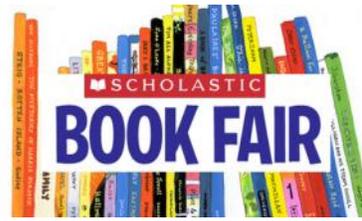
The NHS recommends that children should have no longer than 2 hours screen time per day. Set a strict time limit with your child and give your child a 5-10 minute warning when time is nearly up.

YouTube Kids is an app for iOS and Android created to be a family-friendly version of YouTube for younger children, and now with even more control. Latest updates mean you can now limit the search criteria preventing access to the wider YT community and select the specific channels, video collections and topics you want your children to access. Protecting children from those unwanted videos.

Fortnite, is an online game that's becoming a sensation amongst youngsters. The game requires players to work collaboratively to survive in an open-world environment, involving combat against other characters controlled by the game or other people. Its gameplay involves cartoonish violence and characters that might be disturbing to younger players.

Fortnite is rated 12+ by PEGI, for its frequent scenes of mild violence. This rating is simply advisory but as with all games online, it is important that parents are aware of all the safety concerns around Fortnite.

Visit Parentzone.org.uk and search Fortnite for all you need to know.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who visited the book fair in school. We are so thrilled to have **DOUBLED** our target of £600 to make

sales of £1243.08 and this means we have a massive 60% commission (£745.85) to spend on new books for school. We hope that all the children who bought books are enjoying reading them.

If you are running late.....

We understand that there may be exceptional cases when you may be running late to collect your child. If this is the case, please advise the school office as soon as you know and in plenty of time to get the message to your child's class teacher (by 3:10pm at the latest).

Your class teacher will be able to stay with your child until 3:30pm after which your child will go to Moorhens.

Grammar School Admissions—entry September 2019

There are 8 Grammar Schools across Birmingham, children therefore only need to sit one exam to be considered for all the grammar schools in Birmingham. These schools are free to attend and do not have a catchment area so parents can apply for their child's admission wherever they live.

The entrance test to be considered for any of the grammar schools in Birmingham in September 2019 will be held on **Saturday 8th September 2018** and parents of children of Year 5 children considering grammar school will need to register them for the test by **4pm on Friday 29th June**.

You can find more information and can register your child by visiting: www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham are offering two initiatives so if your child is considering taking the grammar school test but maybe doesn't feel confident then you can register for their familiarisation course. More information can be found at <https://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk/> Leaflets can be found in the school porch.

May

18th—Y6 Whitemoor Lakes
18th—Royal Wedding Garden Party
21st—Walk to School Week including walking bus
22nd—Defibrillator training session 6pm—8pm
25th May—Last day of school.

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

4th—8th—Walk to School Week
4th —Year 4 cricket festival
7th —Year 4 Art Gallery Trip
11th —Year 5 cricket festival
14th -Year 6 visit to Synagogue
15th – Fathers Day Assembly for KS1 9:15am

15th June—Y5 Netball Tournament
19th—Music Concert 7:00– 8:15pm
20th—Area Athletics at Wyndley
21st—Year 5 Cluster Day at Arthur Terry
21st—Community Tea
28th—Year 6 Cluster Day at Arthur Terry
30th—Summer Fayre

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

