

Head Teacher's Message:

This week is **Anti-bullying week** and Miss Jones has been working with staff and pupils to raise awareness of this important subject. There has been an assembly in school, activities in class and a poster competition. A letter about the competition has been sent out in book bags. The winning posters will be displayed around school.

Anti-Bullying Week

13-17th November 2017

Road Safety Week



Next week is **Road Safety Week**.

I will be launching Road Safety Week to the children in a special assembly on Monday 20th November. There will be lots of extra focus on road safety during the week, in school and in Moorhens.

We will be asking children to identify what good and bad parking looks like. We therefore very much hope

that you will always demonstrate good parking. Please don't be surprised if your child points this out to you!

The safety of our children is paramount at Moor Hall School and I am focusing this newsletter on this important topic. I regularly make a plea to parents and grandparents, via this newsletter, to ensure they keep our children safe by driving and parking responsibly.

The majority of our parents are sensible and considerate in their road use but there continues to be a small proportion who continue to ignore our safer driving recommendations, the highway code and in some cases, the law. Please can I ask for your full support in making the roads and pavements around our school safe?

Andrew Steggall

Three Point Turns

One of the most dangerous things I have seen on the roads around school is parents/grandparents doing a 3 point turn right outside the school gates, and even on occasions mounting the pavement to make the turn. This is extremely dangerous, as our children may not see the car and you may not see the children.

This also stops the flow of traffic causing more disruption and potential subsequent dangerous manoeuvres by others.



Author Visit

On the 6th December we will be very pleased to welcome the Author Maz Evans to school. Maz is the author of the children's book Who lets the Gods Out.

He will be talking to children in KS2 and signing books.



We have already had author Dan Walker talk to us, and the children were very much inspired by his story of how he became a writer. Many children have bought and are enjoying his book The Sky Thieves.



The Speed Limit on the roads around school is 30mph but we think 20 is plenty.

Christmas is coming.....

The children in each class are starting to make their class items to sell at the PA Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st Dec. Don't forget to pop along and buy what your child has made.



Expansion Update:

Expansion of our school has been confirmed for September 2018. We are awaiting a number of planning conditions to be met before building work can commence. I will post updates as and when I have them on the school website.

November

15th—9:30—10:30 Open Morning for prospective parents

17th—Children in Need fundraising in school—wear spots and ears for a donation to the charity

17th—PA Film Night 5pm—7pm

24th—Non Uniform Day for PA tombola prizes

30th— 2:00—3:00 Open afternoon for prospective parents

December

1st—5pm—8pm Christmas Fayre

6th—Author Maz Evans visits school

6th—School Choir at Lichfield Cathedral 7pm

13th—School Carol Concert at St James Church 7pm

14th—2pm KS1 Christmas Performance

15th—9am KS1 Christmas Performance

16th (Saturday)—School Choir at Mitchells Centre 12:00—1:00

18th—2pm KS2 Christmas Performance

19th—9am KS2 Christmas Performance

19th—KS1 Christmas Party

20th—Christmas Lunch

21st—KS2 Christmas Party

22nd—Non Uniform Day—Christmas Jumpers

22nd—Last day of term

January

Tuesday 9th January—School re-opens



Remembrance Day

We had our Remembrance Day assembly last Friday where we remembered those who have lost their lives or been affected by war.

We held a minutes silence and Year 6 sang beautifully. You can listen to them on our website.

<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/>



REMINDER FOR YEAR 6

The re-arranged Height and Weight checks for Year 6, which was originally scheduled for 3rd October, will now take place on Thursday 16th November.

If you do not wish your child to be included, please let the school office know.



One Way System

Please use our one-way system around school every morning and afternoon.

It is easy to remember:

Only ever pass with the school on your LEFT.

The one way system operates on Rowallan Road from the top of Essex Road to the end of Homer Road.

ICT Safeguarding Tip

Parent Zone is devoted to providing expert information to families, schools and family professionals. They create, curate and check the best available advice and information on all of the issues that are caused or amplified by the internet. <https://parentzone.org.uk>

ZIG ZAGS

The zig zags outside the school gates are in operation from 8am to 4pm.

During this time DO NOT park or drop off here. It is dangerous to our children to do so.



We are supporting CHILDREN IN NEED on **Friday 17th November.**

Children can wear their own clothes, including as many spots as you like, for a donation to the charity. Why not wear a pair of ears too?

Year 6 will be holding a charity event in the hall during the afternoon of 17th November where each class will be able to take their turn to buy goodies or play games. Please can you send you child in with a bit of pocket money if you would like them to be involved. Please note this takes place during the school day.

Siblings - Reception Class, September 2018

Please can anyone with a sibling due to start school in Reception in September 2018 call into the school office to give us details of your child's name and date of birth?

Change to School Entrance

KS1 parents have been advised of a change to the entry into school for their children which involves them coming directly into their class rooms rather than through the School Reception area. The door into this area will remain closed.

We ask that all visitors, including parents, go to the hatch window. This means that anyone coming into the school building will be asked to sign in.



Thank You

To our Parents Road Safety Group who raise awareness of safe road use around our school and are vigilant in spotting those who are not so considerate! We welcome your support and pass on the photos you send us to the appropriate authorities. Please follow them on Facebook.

Why Not Walk?

The very best way to reduce the number of cars around our school is to walk part of or all of the way to school.



It's great exercise and gives you time to have a chat to your children whilst teaching them how to stay safe in preparation for when they become more independent.

Moor Hall Sports Round Up



Well done to our Hockey Team who took 3rd place at the recent tournament at Bishop Vesey.

Sleeping Beauty

The whole school had a wonderful afternoon on 1st November when the pantomime Sleeping Beauty came to school. There was lots of fun and excitement and it was wonderful to hear the laughter from them all.



Music School Choir



The run up to Christmas is always a busy time in school, and particularly for our wonderful school choir.

Mr Watts and Miss Hurrell run choir during lunchtime every Tuesday and we are delighted to see so many children from Y3—Y6 taking part. Please make a note of the performances coming up. We would love to see you there.

Chase Farm Thursday 30th November 5:30—6:30. The choir will be singing

Lichfield Cathedral 6th December—7:00pm—letters have been sent to choir members in Years 5 and 6.

School Carol Concert at **St James' Church** 13th December starting at 7:00pm. We expect all KS 2 to attend.

Michells Centre Saturday 16th December at 12:00—the choir are invited to sing Christmas songs for the shoppers. Please come and support them.

Respect Our Neighbours

We have had some reported incidents of cars being parked either partly or fully over our neighbours' driveways.



This is very frustrating for our neighbours and in some cases stopping them from using their cars.

It is unacceptable to park even part way over a dropped kerb, regardless of the time spent there, or whether or not you are in the car.

Reception Eye Tests

Reception children will be having eye tests from an Orthoptist from Good Hope Hospital on Friday 1st December 2017. Parents have been sent an opt-out form which should be returned to school if they DO NOT want their child to be tested.



Please Support our Community and Charity Activities if you can....

Charity

Moor Hall PA Events to Look out for.....

Friday 17th November—FILM NIGHT. Details have been sent in book bags. The film SING will be run from 5pm to 7pm. The tickets are £4 per person and will cover the cost of pizza and popcorn. Please bring your own water bottle or juice bottle. Please pop your completed form into the PA box asap.

Non-uniform day—24th November 2017—for tombola prize for PA tombola.

Non-uniform day—wear spots—for Pudsey—17th November 2017—bring a monetary donation.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival—thank you to everyone who sent food into school for our Harvest Festival celebrations. We collected a wonderful array of food which was gratefully received by St. Basil's Charity for young homeless people.

Community and Charity Events

If you would like to tell our school community about any local community events or charity work which our children have been involved in outside of school please email a.southgate@moorhall.bham.sch.uk and we will try to publish them in our newsletters.