



Moor Hall School News



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School Council—Update

Our school council are checking what is a healthy snack. They are using the Change4Life Food Scanner. Why don't you give it a try?

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/change4life-food-scanner/id1182946415?mt=8>

ICT Tips

When you log onto a site or app with your social media account such as your Facebook or Google username and password, you may be agreeing to share information from your social media profile. Read the fine print to know what you're sharing and giving the 3rd party access to. If possible edit the lists so you're only sharing what is necessary. Even if you limit what's shared, your social network will continue to track your behaviour through the apps and possibly target you with advertising based on your trends.

Carry out regular privacy checks! Get in to the habit of regularly checking your privacy settings on all social apps you use. Some App updates or Privacy Terms may change without you realising, so its worth periodically checking your settings.

Use tough **passwords** and change them frequently. It's good practice for passwords to be real words or phrases you can remember easily - but spell them incorrectly. They should be at least eight characters and have a combination of letters, numbers and special characters.

Mr Steggall's Message

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Mrs Angela Smith passed away earlier this month. Mrs Smith was a highly regarded member of staff at our school from 2001 to 2011, who was very passionate about her job and had a love of children. We pass on our condolences to her family. We have a collection in school for St Luke's Hospice in her memory.

I am pleased to be able to also share some lovely news and let you know that Mrs Petryshan, currently teaching in EYFS, is expecting her second baby in the spring next year. Many congratulations.

Our school council are working hard on the subject of 'healthy eating'. The councillors have discussed raising awareness and to support their work I am asking that parents of Key Stage 2 children only send in healthy snacks for flexi break. This could be a piece of fruit, a portion of cheese or a cereal bar (but please check the sugar content as some of these can still be very high in sugar).

School closes for the half term holiday on Friday 26th October. I hope you all have a lovely break. I have sent a letter in book bags from Erdington Police as a reminder of how to stay safe over the holidays, particularly during Halloween and Bonfire Night.

During the holidays the outstanding building work will be finished off to the EYFS classrooms so we look forward to the school looking really nice when we come back on Monday 5th November.

On Tuesday we celebrated Harvest Festival in school. I would like to say a very sincere thank you to everyone who sent in donations of food and toiletries. We had a wonderful display and they will all be sent to St Basil's Charity who help young homeless people across the West Midlands. They are very grateful for your support. There are some photos later in the newsletter.

Please also have a look at the photos in this newsletter and on our website of our poppy display. It really is something special.

Key Dates

November

- 5th school reopens
- 8th 2pm Open Day
- 9th Remembrance Day in school
- 12th—16th Anti Bullying Week
- 14th 9:30am Open day
- 15th PA School Disco
- 16th Children in Need
- 19th—23rd Road Safety Week
- 23rd PA Film Night
- 29th 5:30pm Choir at Chase Farm
- 30th—PA Xmas Fair

December

- 5th St. James Carol Concert
- 11th EYFS Xmas performance
- 13th 2pm Y1/Y2 Xmas performance
- 14th 9:15am Y1/Y2 Xmas performance
- 17th 2pm KS2 Xmas performance
- 18th 9:15am KS2 Xmas performance
- 18th KS1 Xmas Party
- 19th Xmas Lunch
- 20th KS2 Xmas Party
- 21st Xmas Jumpers

Much later..

- 7th Jan INSET day
- 8th Jan School re-opens
- 8—11th Jan Book Week
- 21st Jan Martin Luther King Jnr Day
- 25th Jan Choir at Young Voices
- 12th Feb Parents Evening
- 14th Feb Parents Evening
- 15th Feb Last Day of half term
- 15th PA Coffee pm
- 25th Feb School re-opens

School and Class Events

VIKING DAY

Year 4 had an amazing time on Viking Day! We learnt all about their daily life which included making bread and weaving. We even took part in a Viking battle against the Anglo-Saxons!



HARVEST FESTIVAL



Thank you to everyone who donated food and toiletries for St Basil's Charity. What a lovely display. We held a Harvest Festival Assembly in school.

Remembrance Day



Our school hall is looking amazing with a display of over 200 poppies designed and made by every child in the school. The effect is quite emotional.

As you will know it is 100 years since the ending of WW1 and there is lots happening in school to commemorate this. Our Remembrance Day in school will be Friday 9th November.



School Choir

The school choir will be singing at the following events:
The Chase Farm Shop - Thursday 29th November - 5.30-6.30 (Christmas Open Evening)
School Christmas Fayre - Friday 30th November
Lichfield Cathedral—Wednesday 12th December.

REMINDERS

Childcare Vouchers

I would like to remind you that school accepts childcare vouchers which may be used for Moorhens before and after school care and clubs as well as music lessons. If you need any information regarding this please speak to Val Gregory in the School Office.

Cash/ cheque payments

All cash should be sent in to school in a clearly marked sealed envelope with the child's name, class, the amount and what the payment is for. Packs of small envelopes are available for sale if required. Please ask a member of the Office Staff. It is also useful if this information is shown on the back of any cheques please.

Music Money

Money for music lessons is due for the autumn term and individual bills and music policies have been sent to parents. If you haven't already sent your payment into the school office, then the amounts to pay are as follows:

Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Clarinet and Flute - £90 for the term

Keyboard Years 5 and 6 - £66 for the term.

Guitar Years 5 & 6 - £70 for the term

Please can you send your payment into school as soon as possible. If you are paying by cheque, it would be helpful if money for different instruments is sent as separate cheques. Please check with Mrs Michel in the school office if you are not sure if you have paid for the autumn term. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reception Class 2019

Please can anyone with a sibling due to start school in Reception in September 2019 call into the school office to give us details of your child's name and date of birth.

Secondary School Places

Year 6 parents please note that you will need to apply online for a secondary place for your child starting secondary school in September 2019 between **3rd September and 31st October 2018**. More information can be found at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Individual Photos

Individual photos were taken in school last Friday and will be sent home to parents as soon as they are received in school. If you wish to order any photos via the school office then the deadline for returning your order is **Friday 9th November**.

Sports Round Up

Well done to everyone who took part in the Year 3 and Year 4 Dodgeball inter-house competition. The results are as follows:

Year 3—joint winners—Ennis and Armstrong

Year 4—Armstrong.

Other Information

MOOR HALL BLOG

Don't forget there is lots of information posted on the Moor Hall Blog—please take a look:

<http://moorhall.blogspot.com/>

and please follow us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/moorhallprimary>



Hall

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF THE PA, ZOE

Kim and I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout all our events.

We have a lot of fantastic help from the parents, all of our events would not be possible without all your support.

In just one half term we have raised a fantastic amount of money for school.

Disco - £490.20

Film nite - £461.00

Bingo nite - £310.00

Bags to school - just waiting for total

We have renewed Mathletics for the next year with all the money we have raised.

None of the above would be possible without all of your support.

New events coming up:

Disco 15th November (helpers required)

Xmas fair 30th November... lots of fun to be had... we have the magic show, Santa, fantastic food by Farmers Rasoi, lots of games, raffle, tombola.



The Moor Hall Child

Here at Moor Hall School we strive to develop:

The Moor Hall Child

The Moor Hall Child is:

Confident,

Achieving,

Healthy and

Responsible



Message from the National Online Safety Team:

New Fortnite Guide for Parents

As part of our #WakeUpWednesday campaign, National Online Safety has teamed up with MusicAlternative to launch a Fortnite online safety song for schools to share with its whole school community!

Our song encourages parents and carers to "stay switched on" to online dangers when their children are playing Fortnite. We hope you love this video just as much as we do!

Please help us spread the message far and wide by retweeting our Fortnite song for parents & carers here:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1049971808852697089>

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j150BqlnJnY>

Download link: <https://we.tl/t-wa4OjQ2jPu>

For more information regarding our NOS Certified School Community package, developed in line with the new 2018 DfE Statutory Guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', please complete the form here: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/online-safety-certified-schools-accreditation/>

Many thanks for your continued support and for helping us to achieve a safer online world for children!

The National Online Safety Team

ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety Week is **19th—23rd November**.

We will start the week with an assembly with Miss Jones, reminding the children of how to stay safe. We will also be encouraging the children to remind parents and grandparents to drive and park safely and considerately.

We will then welcome our local PSCO into school on Tuesday 20th who will be chatting to the children.

There will be lots of other activities during the week.

We have a Road Safety Officer from Birmingham City Council coming into school on 29th November to hold workshops with all the children. Each Class from Year 1—6 will be invited to an interactive workshop in the hall designed for their age group. Topics covered might include:

- Safe places to cross
- Seatbelts
- Be Safe Be Seen
- Cycle Helmets

More information about Road Safety Week can be found here:

<http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/driveless/>

ICT Parent Workshops

The Learning Trust for Excellence, of which Moor Hall School is part of, is planning some e-safety workshops for parents (not suitable for children to attend).

There will be 3 workshops over the year aimed at different key stages, focussing on specific aspects of e-safety.

The planned dates are as follows:

For parents of Year 2-4
Wednesday 6th March 2019 6pm
@ Little Sutton

For parents of Year 5-6
Wednesday 22nd May 2019 6pm
@Coppice