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Our school councillors are:

- Y1 Nancy and Rory
- Y2 Poppy and Freddie
- Y3 Harry and Myley
- Y4 Benny and Isobel
- 5H Alex and Sophia
- 5P Henry and Fatima
- 6 Cameron and Venetia

Our first project this year is to think about snacks at break time: what is healthy?

Mr Winter has asked Mr Pitaway to put the sugar checker app onto the i pads so we can really see if our cereal bars and covered rice cakes are healthy.

## ICT Tip

Software updates and security updates (also known as patches) may seem time consuming and appear to be unnecessary but they're released to help keep you and your data safe. They fix bugs and security holes which may allow hackers to gain access to your systems. It is good practice to keep systems up to date. Not only will you benefit from the security updates you may find new and useful tools bundled with the updates.

## 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>



## Mr Steggall's Message

We are already four weeks into the new school year and all the children have settled well into their new classes. A very warm welcome goes to our new families whose children have joined Ladybirds and Butterflies.

As you will see, there has been lots of work going on over the summer holidays. Our EYFS provision has been significantly improved and whilst there is still some work to be done, it is looking very impressive. The work to the new office and reception area will be completed over the October half term holiday.

The work on the main classroom block continues and is on track for completion in the Spring next year. Many thanks to the Balfour Beatty team who continue to work closely with school to ensure that work is carried out without disruption to the school day.

Please can I remind all parents there should be **NO NUTS** in school? Please check labels on items in packed lunches and for snacks. If the labels state "may contain nuts / traces of nuts" then they are not suitable as we have several children with life threatening allergies in school.

Please can I remind parents, for the **safety of our children** and consideration to our neighbours, to walk to school where possible or park away from school and walk a little way. We have had recent cases of the following which is unacceptable:

- Parking on both sides of the road (this would limit access to emergency vehicles).
- Parking on the pavement without room for a pushchair or wheelchair to pass.
- Leaving engines running whilst sat in the car. This is unnecessary air pollution around our children and community.
- Parking, even partially, over neighbours driveways.

Thank you.

## Key Dates

### October

- 9th  
Flu immunisations
- 10th  
International walk to school week
- 12th  
PA Film Night
- 17th  
Y3 Viking Day
- 18th  
Individual photos
- 19th  
PA Bingo Night
- 23rd Harvest Festival
- 23rd and 25th  
Parents Eve
- 26th  
Last Day of Term

### November

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

### Much later..

- 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

## School and Class Events



The whole school once again enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl day. There were lots of activities in class and the children chose which Roald Dahl story they would like to listen to.



Class 3 have enjoyed a trip to Cannock Chase to learn how children in the WW2 lived. They were able to see and hold artefacts from that time. There are lots more photos on the Class 3 page of our website.

## WILDLIFE GARDEN

Mrs Glare recently held a meeting to decide how to use the £500 generously donated by the Parents Association and the £50 donation from the RSPB, intended for developing and improving the school wildlife garden.

Lots of children and parents who have been closely involved in the garden sent in ideas and all suggestions were discussed at the meeting. The decision was to invest in the following areas:

- Log rolls to finish the path edging
- Spring bulbs
- One bird bath and new feeders
- Membrane to improve the rockery
- Wildflower seeds
- Hedgehog food
- Wildlife camera

It was also decided that the garden should have a herb wheel and a hide that will be made up over the winter. An outside tap has also been requested. Balfour Beatty will be supplying a pond.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us with their generous donations of time and resources.

## 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.

## Sports Round Up

The first **cross country** race has taken place at Bishop Walsh school and the inter-house cross country events have also taken place.

The winners of the inter-house events are:

- Y3—Armstrong
- Y4—Armstrong
- Y5 girls—Armstrong and Bolt joint winners
- Y5 boys—Armstrong
- Y6—Bolt

Year 4 **football** team have taken part in the Wilson Stuart active society tournament.

Please can we remind parents that school uniform applies to PE kit too.

- Black shorts (no football kit) or skort and red Moor Hall T-Shirt.
- Plain black jogging bottoms and plain black jumpers (no hoodies).
- KS1 - black pumps.
- KS2 - black pumps or trainers (your child must be able to tie their own laces).

No jewellery (this is for the safety of your child and others) - studs must be covered until after 6 week when they must be taken out by the child. Religious jewellery must be either taken off or covered by tape or sweat band provided.

## REMINDERS

### DINNER MONEY

If you haven't yet sent in payment for school dinners for this half term could you please send this in to the school office, via your child's book bag, as soon as possible.

### SCOOTERS AND BIKES

During building work we have no facilities for scooters and bikes to be left at school. If your child does scoot or bike, please take their scooter or bike home with you. In no circumstances should they be used on the playground whilst waiting to come into school.

### DISCUSSIONS WITH TEACHERS

Please note that teachers are busy welcoming the children into class first thing in the morning. If you need to speak with your child's teacher please can you make an appointment to see them after school.

### DUCKLINGS PLAY EQUIPMENT

Please can we remind parents that the play equipment outside Ducklings is for children attending Ducklings only. It is intended for children aged 2-5. Please ensure our school children and their siblings do not use this equipment.

## Other Information

### 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 school 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF THE PA, ZOE



## HEALTH & WELLBEING

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) is delivered by all local authorities in England and involves measuring the height and weight of Reception and Year 6 children in school. The programme provides vital information to help understand national and local trends in child weight and plan for and invest in key services to tackle obesity.

If you have any concerns we have links to websites recommended by the NCMP.

Using data from 2014—2017 the percentage of overweight or obese children in reception at Moor Hall is 19.5% compared to 24% in Birmingham and 22% Nationally. The percentage in Year 6 is 24% compared to 40% in Birmingham and 34% Nationally.

In any population of children of all ages, it would be expected that 10% would be overweight and a further 5% obese. However, current levels across England are far higher.



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## HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we will again be supporting St Basil's Charity at our Harvest Festival Assembly on **Tuesday 23rd October**.

St Basil's work with young people aged 16—25 who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless across the West Midlands region. Please have a look at their website to see the amazing work they do.

<https://stbasils.org.uk/>

Please could you send in donations of tinned or packet food (no fresh food) and/or toiletries on the morning of Tuesday 23rd October. All donations will be gratefully received and passed on to the charity.

## Other Notices

Please note that the school answerphone is on outside of school hours. You are welcome to leave a message on the answerphone about a change in collection arrangements for your child and this message will be passed to the class teacher.

## Job Vacancies

We currently have job vacancies for a lunchtime supervisor and lunchtime senior playworker. If you are interested in applying, please call into school or email [enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk) for more information. The closing date for receiving applications is 19th October, 2018.