

Head Teacher's Message:

Welcome to our first full length edition newsletter of the new academic year. Our Ladybirds are settling well into 'big school' and the other children are settling in and getting to know their new teachers.

As I have mentioned in my previous newsletter, there will be important information and dates in this and future newsletters which you will need to know about, that may not necessarily be published as separate letters. This saves the school a lot of precious time and resources.

If you need to amend the primary email address we hold for you, which we use for sending this newsletter, please can you let the school office know either in person, by phone or email to enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk

As a reminder, we pride ourselves here at Moor Hall School on our **Mission Statement:** Moor Hall School is a caring school that aims to create a stimulating learning environment in which every individual has the opportunity to be the best they can be.

We develop the '**Moor Hall Child**' who is confident, achieving, healthy and responsible.

We instil our **Golden Rules** and reward children who demonstrate these rules consistently.

Do Be Kind and Helpful
Do Be Polite
Do Be Honest
Do Look After Property
Do Be Gentle
Do Work Hard

I have a couple of important issues which I need to bring to your attention:

Parking

I do feel disappointed that I have to mention parking again so early in the new term. Can I please remind you that all parents and grandparents need to be very **mindful of the safety of our children** and be **considerate to our neighbours**. I have already, this term, sent a photograph of a car parked over a neighbour's driveway to our **local community police**.

I must emphasise that the following is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** at any time of day, including early drop offs at nursery/Moorhens or later pick ups:

- parking partly or wholly over a resident's driveway EVEN IF you are remaining in the car
- Parking on the pavement
- Parking on both sides of the road, therefore blocking traffic, or potentially access for emergency vehicles
- Parking on double yellow lines

Please respect our one way system. This helps enormously in keeping traffic moving and avoiding situations where cars need to mount the pavement to pass each other. Remember, you are asked to only pass with the school on your **LEFT HAND SIDE**.

Dogs

Please be aware that if you bring your dog up to the school gates, then it must be supervised and if there is any incident you will remain responsible for your dog's actions.

Just as a reminder, dogs are not allowed on to the school grounds, other than assistance dogs.

Please read lots of our 'good news' stories in the reminder of our newsletter.

Kindest regards,

Andrew Steggall



Moorhens Before and After School Club

Our Moorhens Before and After School Club is managed by Mrs Joanne Andrews. Details of the club, including times of sessions can be found on their webpage on the school website:

[Moorhens](#)

The dates on the which booking forms are sent out (in school book bags) can be found on the [school blog](#)

For any day to day Moorhens queries please speak to any member of the Moorhens team.

For any other conversations please contact Joanne Andrews via the Moorhens email address:

moorhens@moorhall.bham.sch.uk marked for the attention of Mrs Andrews.

September

27th—Meet and Greet the teacher

29th—2:30pm—4:00pm MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Saturday 30th—Four Oaks Community Fair at Arthur Terry

October

10th—Parents Evening Appointments

12th—Parents Evening Appointments

18th—Bags to School

19th—Individual School Photographs

19th—PA Disco

20th—Last day of half term

30th—School Reopens

November

2nd—2:00—3:00 Open Day for prospective parents

8th—9:30 –10:30 Open Morning for prospective parents

10th— PA Night Out at The Royal

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

16th—Children in Need fundraising in school

17th—PA Film Night 5pm—7pm

24th—Non Uniform Day for PA tombola

December

1st—5pm—8pm Christmas Fayre

14th—2pm KS1 Christmas Performance

15th—9am KS1 Christmas Performance

18th—2pm KS2 Christmas Performance

19th—9am KS 2 Christmas Performance

19th—KS1 Christmas Party

20th—Christmas Lunch

21st—KS2 Christmas Party

22nd—Non Uniform Day—Christmas Jumpers

22nd—Last day of term



Job vacancies:

Moorhens & Lunchtime Supervisors

If you are interested in applying for the vacancies we currently have at our school, please take a look at the job adverts on the Birmingham City Council site

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/3/>

[job_vacancies/category/138](#)

[pop into school, email or telephone the school](#)

0121 675 3966 / enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk

[for more information and/or an application pack.](#)

Your Child's NHS Number

A letter will be sent out from school shortly requesting that you advise us of your child's NHS number. This is important information requested by emergency services in the event of an accident. Whilst we hope never to need it, it makes a difference to how quickly an incident could be dealt with.

Please respond to this letter promptly, or let the school office know this information.

Hair Styles

Please can I remind you of the school's requirement regarding hair styles which are appropriate for school, which can be found in our [School Prospectus](#) and is copied below. Can I particularly point out the reference to 'extreme hairstyles'. We do not intend to list what is and isn't acceptable but I would emphasise that some of the children's favourite football player hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Thank you for your support.

Hairstyles children with hair longer than shoulder length shoulder length should have it tied back with a soft "scrunchie" type of band. Metal or plastic hair ornaments are unsuitable for wearing at school. We ask that parents do not send their child with coloured or dyed hair or any extreme hairstyles such as shaved patterns or lines etc,

ICT Safeguarding Tip

YouTube Kids gives your family an easy way to watch their favorite shows, or explore anything that captures their imagination. It's free, simple to use, and full of family-friendly videos and features to keep children protected. Available on Android or iOS. <https://kids.youtube.com>"

Before School....

We ask all children to congregate quietly on their respective playground from 8:40am onwards. At this time we ask children not to go into the gazebo area in KS1 or to play on the equipment in KS2. This is a short, quiet, settling time before school.

Roald Dahl Day

We had a wonderful day dressed up as Roald Dahl characters. Did you see Grandpa Joe (aka Mr Steggall) under his covers on the bench as you came into school? The children have been working on Roald Dahl themed activities throughout the school.



Music

Letters have now gone out to parents for those children who learn a musical instrument. It is very important that children commit for the year, as school have to pay the annual fees up front, to the music service.

The school choir has started to rehearse with Mr Watts. This is open to Years 4—6 and they meet in Class 5 on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Defibrillator

You will probably have noticed that we now have a defibrillator sited on the school gates. This is great news for our community.

We are grateful to Cllr Mackey, the Sutton Town Council and Community Heartbeat. We will hopefully be hosting some training sessions run by Community Heartbeat in the near future.



Moor Hall Sports Round Up

A team of children represented school at the **Cross Country Tournament** on Tuesday 19th September. All of the children completed the 1 mile course and their scores have been added together—we are awaiting the results! Miss Jones and Mr Steggall were very proud of them all.



The Year 6 **Cricket Team** had the wonderful experience of playing cricket at Edgbaston Cricket Ground on Tuesday 19th September. They were 1 of 16 teams who made the finals from 135 teams who started in the competition. They had a fantastic day, played well and showed great team spirit.



Our School **Football Team** have a fabulous new kit. Don't they look great? A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Sears and Hitspot for supplying and sponsoring the kit.

Please take a look at some more lovely photos of the boys on our website.

These can be found on the [Sporting Activities](#) page.



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

Charity

Friday 29th September is our [Macmillan](#) Coffee Afternoon from 2:30pm in the hall. Please come and support this charity and enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake.

Please can you leave any cakes (homemade or 'otherwise') on the school hall stage on Friday morning.



The Moor Hall Street Dancers will be taking to the stage on **Saturday 30th September** at the Four Oaks Community Fayre. This is a fun day held at Arthur Terry School from 10am to 1pm. The dancers will be performing at 10:45am. Have Fun girls! We are looking forward to watching you.

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

18th October—Bags to School—please save any wardrobe clear outs so you can donate pre-loved clothes on this date.

19th October—School Disco—this is always a fun filled night for all children to help bring the first half term to a close. Further details will follow.

Rock out at The Royal—the BIG parents night out this year will be a night of food, fun and dancing being held on Friday 10th November.

17th November—Film Night—this was a hugely successful night where the children enjoyed sharing a film and a snack with their friends. Watch out for more information.