



Moira Primary School Newsletter 27.08.2024

Welcome Back

Dear parents/carers,

I am pleased to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Moira Primary School. Having started here in 2014 as the Year One teacher, English lead, and senior leadership team member, I feel truly honoured to continue my journey at Moira in this new role.

I would like to introduce Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Johnson as assistant heads who will be working alongside myself as the school's senior leadership team. Additionally, Mrs Minness, Miss Christian and Miss Allen have joined our staff. We have a hugely committed team, wonderful children and families and I am excited about the future of our school.

Assistant Headteachers Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Johnson



Welcome to Mrs Minness, Miss Christian and Miss Allen



As a mother of two, I understand the immense responsibility we have in delivering the highest standard of education. I firmly believe in creating engaging, creative learning experiences that nurture our children's enthusiasm and help them grow and develop positively in a variety of ways.

From experience, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I'm excited to build on the relationship between you and the school. You are invited into school on Tuesday 24th September after school drop off for an informal coffee morning which will also support McMillian, as an opportunity to meet other parents and chat with myself, Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Johnson. Further sessions will be planned at different times in the hope that as many families as possible will have the opportunity to attend.

I'll be at the school gate most days so please do say hello.
Thank you for your continued support.

Vicky Santy
Headteacher



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Reading books & Home Learning



You will receive updated information regarding what your child is learning over the next few weeks today. Further information regarding home learning will be sent on Friday 30th August.

Reading books will also be sent home by Friday 30th August.

Year 2 Drop Off

Please can Year 2 parents drop their children off at the back gate in the mornings. The children can then walk to their classroom independently. Thank you!

Benefit Related Free School Meals (Pupil Premium Funding)

If you are on Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance or claim Universal Credit you may qualify to receive 'Benefit Related Free School Meals' (Pupil Premium Funding). This funding can be used to support your child with their learning in school and help you towards the cost of school trips, clubs etc.

To see if you are eligible, click on the following link: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> or contact the School Office to check on your behalf. If you are eligible, please forward a copy of your certificate to: office@moira.leics.sch.uk. Thank you.

Apply for a school place

It is fast approaching the time when Year 6 parents need to apply for their secondary school places. To assist you in this, the feeder schools will have open evenings over the coming weeks (details on their websites). The deadline for Secondary School applications is **31st October 2024**.

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2025**.

For both applications, the simplest way is online at

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place>

Attendance

On 19th August the government introduced significant changes to pupil attendance.

Key things to note are:

- The fine for authorised holiday will increase from £60 to £80 per parent per week, per child (£160 if not paid within 21 days).
- Prosecution if unauthorised holiday is taken for a third consecutive year.
- Prosecution/Notice to Improve for 10 unauthorised absences over a 10 week period (this can include 6 episodes of unauthorised lates).



Wrap Around Care

Just a reminder that if you are using our Wrap Around Care childcare, it is important you let us know if you will be paying by childcare vouchers as the booking system is slightly different. Thank you.

The cost for each session remains at £6.00 and bookings should be made online the day before the club is required.

The times for each session are:

Breakfast club: 7.30 – 8.45

Afterschool Club 3.15 – 4.30

Late Stay – 4.30 – 5.30*

* Late stay does not run on a Friday

School Milk

Milk is not ordered by the school but via "Coolmilk". For children under 5, milk is provided for them and funding is available for children entitled to pupil premium funding. If you would like your child to have milk, the quickest and easiest way to register is online at

www.coolmilk.com.



Medicine in School

If your child requires prescribed medicine in school, please come to the front office after dropping off your child and complete a form.

Please do not send medicine in bookbags or give to the class teacher. Thank you.

School run afterschool clubs will start w/c 2nd September. A letter will be sent out later this week with full details of what clubs we will offer.



Parking

Please be courteous when parking your car and respectful of our local residents.

Please **DO NOT** park on Blackfordby Lane, in the school car park, on corners or blocking residents drives. Please use Jazz's car park and walk down to school.



Diary Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

AUGUST		
Wednesday 28 th	Years 1-6	Drop in afterschool
Thursday 29 th	EYFS	Start full time at school
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 4 th	Year 4	Swimming starts!
Monday 9 th	EYFS	Stay and play/Early reading meeting
Monday 9 th -11 th	Year 5&6	Boggle Hole Residential Trip
Wednesday 11 th	Year 4	Swimming
Wednesday 18 th	Year 4	Swimming
Tuesday 24 th	All	McMillian Coffee morning
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4	Swimming
Saturday 28 th	New Starters	Open Day
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 4	Swimming
	All	Parents online IT safety session (4-4.45)
Thursday 3 rd	Year 1	Reading Drop In
Monday 7 th	New Starters	Opening evening
Tuesday 8 th	All	School photographs
Wednesday 9 th	Year 4	Swimming
	EYFS/Y1/Y2	Harvest Celebration
Thursday 10 th	Year 6	Reading Drop In
Wednesday 16 th	Year 4	Swimming (last session)
Friday 18 th	All	Show Racism the Red Card Day
Half term: 21st October – 25th October		
Monday 28 th	All	Back to School
NOVEMBER		
Monday 4 th	All	Inset day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 6 th	Year 5/6	Swimming lessons for non-swimmers
	EYFS	Stay and Play Session
Thursday 7 th	Year 3	Reading Drop In
Monday 11 th	All	Flu immunisations
	Year 5/6	Remembrance Assesmbly
Wednesday 13 th	Year 5/6	Swimming lessons for non-swimmers
	All	Book Fair in School (until 20 th)
Thursday 14 th	Year 4	Reading Drop In
Friday 15 th	Year 5/6	Parliament Trip (details TBC)
Tuesday 19 th	All	Meet and greet (head/assistant heads)
Wednesday 20 th	Year 5/6	Swimming lessons for non-swimmers
Thursday 21 st	Year 2	Reading Drop In
Wednesday 27 th	Year 5/6	Swimming lessons for non-swimmers
Thursday 28 th	Year 5	Reading Drop In
DECEMBER		
Friday 6 th	EYFS & KS1	Century Theatre Panto Trip
Tuesday 10 th	EYFS & Year 1	Christmas Performances
Wednesday 11 th	Years 4,5,6	Christmas Performances
Thursday 12 th	Years 2 & 3	Christmas Performances
Tuesday 17 th	KS2	Loughborough Town Hall Panto Trip
Thursday 19 th	All	Break-up for Christmas
Friday 20 th	All	Inset Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
JANUARY		
Monday 6 th	All	Back to School

Parent Evenings

Parent evenings will be held on:

Monday 14th
October and
Wednesday 16th
October

MOIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024-2025 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Bank Holiday Monday 26.08.24

Pupils return to school Tuesday 27.08.24

Break up for half term Friday 18.10.24

Half term Monday 21.10.24 to Friday 25.10.24

Pupils return to school Monday 28.10.24

INSET Monday 04.11.24

Break up for Christmas Thursday 19.12.24

INSET Friday 20.12.24

SPRING TERM 2025

Pupils return to school Monday 06.01.25

Break up for half term Friday 14.02.25

Half term Monday 17.02.25 to Friday 21.02.25

Pupils return to school Monday 24.02.25

Break up for Easter Friday 11.04.25

SUMMER TERM 2025

Pupils return to school Monday 28.04.25

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 05.05.25

Break up for half term Friday 23.05.25

Half term Monday 26.05.25 to Friday 30.05.25

Pupils return to school Monday 02.06.25

Break up for the Summer Thursday 10.07.25

INSET Friday 11.07.25

Don't forget



If you have changed your email address, telephone number or moved house over the summer, don't forget to let us know so our school records remain up-to-date!

Please visit Dojo & Tapestry for pictures of recent events and well-being. Visit us at www.moira.leics.sch.uk