

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Awa (Y1), Natal, Victory (Y2), Lastonie and Kaydon (Y5), who have all received Headteacher Awards this week.

House Points: This week's winner is Moorcroft.

Godiva		Herbert		Moorcroft		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
21	59	19	48	24	59	22	66

COVID-19: We look forward to welcoming Year 6 back next Thursday after their self-isolation finishes and thank them and their teachers for doing their best to carry on as normal using virtual learning. To date, we have still not had any positive cases amongst any of our children. If any parents or carers have not yet told us about internet availability and whether children have access to a device can you please let their teacher know asap. Also, can you please make sure that we have an up to date telephone number if your number has changed since September.

Anti-Bullying Week: It was wonderful to see our children (and staff) wearing odd socks to promote diversity across the community and wider world on Monday. All this week, classes have been taking part in activities to raise awareness of the importance of anti-bullying, whether this be physical, verbal or emotional. In UKS2, the children have also nominated anti-bullying ambassadors, who will have the important role of promoting positive relationships, as well as anti-bullying, across Moat House. The children selected are: Ashanti and Hariam (5SP), Mateusz and Michaela (5SH), Junior and Vasni (6CB), Makai and Lacey P (6JK).

Parents' Evenings: This term, we will be holding parents' evening appointments via telephone as follows:

WC: 23rd November - RSR, Year 3 and Year 5

WC: 30th November - RSP, Year 1 and Year 2

WC: 7th December - Nursery, Year 4 and Year 6

You will be notified via email about how you can select a convenient time for your appointment and you will be informed of the specific time that you have been allocated in this way as well. It is important that we speak to you about your child's progress and attainment and if the time slot provided is not convenient, your child's class teacher will be able to arrange a mutually convenient time.

School Meals: We have noticed a severe drop in the number of orders being placed online for school meals. If the order is not placed, we will give your child the main option of the day dependant on their dietary requirements. Once the option is selected, it cannot be changed as the food is made to order. That means if you have not informed us of your child's choices for the week, they may not have a meal of their liking that day and we are unable to give them an alternative. We are seeing vast amounts of food not being eaten and thrown away. Please help us to ensure your child is given a filling meal that they will enjoy each day by submitting your school meal choices on time every week. Thank you.

Christmas support in the Community: We are aware that many local people are suffering as a result of the current pandemic and it has been suggested that as a school we could support people in the local community by providing a seasonal contribution to our local food bank - the City Mission. The School Council have discussed it with the children in their class and everyone is keen to help and support. Please could we ask that you send in a non-

perishable seasonal treat eg: Christmas pudding, chocolate selection box or similar and pass this on to your child's class teacher, or Miss Collins.

Christmas Cards: We have been asked by some children and parents about our usual tradition of sending Christmas cards to friends and adults within school but unfortunately we have been advised that this is not allowed this year.

Pause for Thought: Strength is the product of struggle. You must do what others don't, to achieve what others' won't. - Henry Rollins. Will you persevere even when you are struggling?

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Friday 11 th December	-	Christmas jumper day
Friday 18 th December	-	Christmas break
Monday 4 th January	-	children return to school
Friday 12 th February	-	half term break
Monday 22 nd February	-	children return to school
Thursday 1 st April	-	Easter break
Monday 19 th April	-	children return to school
Monday 3 rd May	-	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 27 th May	-	half term break
Monday 7 th June	-	children return to school
Friday 16 th July	-	Last day of term
Monday 19 th - Wednesday 21 st July	-	Teacher training days (children are not to attend school)

Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher



Attendance for last week:

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Current school attendance: 94.7%

Last week's attendance was 95.5%

The class with the best attendance last week was 5SH with 100%

