

# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Del'Fariah (Year 1), Scott (Year 3), Jayden and Lamin (Year 4) who have all received Headteacher Awards this week.

**Welcome Back:** It's been lovely to have all the children back this week as school with just a few children in it, as we had during the Summer Term, just isn't right! Thank you to everyone for helping things to run as smoothly as they have. We opted to allow children to be dropped off at class rather than have parents queuing at the gates to try to spread people out at drop off and collection times. It will help social distancing if you arrive no more than 5 minutes before the children start or finish school. Essentially, please **don't enter the site before 8.45am** in the morning and EYFS and KS1 parents please don't arrive to collect your children before 3.05pm and KS2 parents before 3.15pm. By this time most of the KS1 parents will have left the site. Can you please then leave the site immediately when you've either dropped off or collected your child/ren. Your help with this is essential if we are to implement social distancing as recommended by the government.

**New Systems and Procedures:** From September 2020, we are operating on a cashless and paperless basis. Please see details on how this will work below:

**Communicating with Parents:** All school letters and information will be sent to you electronically, so please ensure that you check your email inbox regularly. The school website remains the best place for school news and key information: [www.moathouse.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.moathouse.coventry.sch.uk)

**SIMS Pay:** We are now only accepting payments to school via SIMS Pay. SIMS Pay is a safe, secure and easy way to pay online for school items such as school meals, trips, uniform .etc. All families have been sent an activation letter; if you have not received yours, please email us [office@moathouse.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:office@moathouse.coventry.sch.uk)

**SIMS Parent:** Parents are responsible for ensuring that the school holds accurate information about themselves and their children. You should have received an email that will give you access to the SIMS Parent app which provides a secure facility for parents to complete online data checking sheets for their child and then review and request changes to other key information that the school holds (contact details/medical information/consent etc). Please contact the office if you have not received the invitation email.

**School Meals Ordering:** School meals must now be ordered electronically in advance.

- We will send out a link to the ordering page on a Monday morning, this will be for meals for the following week.
- Meal choices must be submitted by Tuesday evening at the latest, as we place the order for ingredients on Wednesday morning. *Please note, after Tuesday, choices cannot be changed.*
- If we do not receive your order by Tuesday, your child will receive the main menu option each day (if they are vegetarian, they will be given the vegetarian option).

From September, the cost of a school meal is £2.15 per day or £10.75 per week.

We understand that there are quite a few adjustments to get used to, but we have implemented these changes to minimise the spread of infection and assist with social distancing. If you have any questions or need any assistance, the school office are always happy to help and are available via phone or email.

**Reading Books:** Reading books will be sent home with children regularly and when these are returned to school, they will be placed in a "Quarantine Box" for 48 hours before they are returned to the communal storage area in school. Until further notice, reading diaries will not be sent home, however please be assured that teachers and teaching assistants will be fully aware of each child's reading stage and ability and new reading books will be sent home when it is appropriate.

**Traffic Management:** We regularly review traffic management on the school site in order to ensure the safety of pupils, parents, staff and vehicles. Parents/carers can help us to achieve this by adhering to the following guidance;

- Do not exceed the site speed limit - 5 mph
- Only park in designated bays - no parking in laybys, on pavements or in disabled spaces.
- Not dropping children off on traffic routes as this exposes them to other traffic hazards
- Not accessing barricaded areas that have been reserved for coaches or commercial vehicles

Thank you for your help in making Moat House a safer school

**Pause for Thought:** "After rain there's a rainbow, after a storm there's calm, after the night there's a morning and after an ending, there's a new beginning." As we welcome children back to our new normal, let us think and act positively about the days, weeks and months ahead, where we will continue our journey to ensure that our children gain the skills, knowledge and understanding to fulfil their potential.

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

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	-	half term break
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	-	children return to school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas break
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	-	children return to school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	-	half term break
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	-	children return to school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	-	Easter break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	-	children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	-	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	-	half term break
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	-	children return to school

Yours sincerely,  
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Headteacher

