



Moor First School

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A very warm welcome back to everyone and may 2023 be a good year for all of us!

2022 finished on a high after fantastic Christmas performances- We're sure you'll agree that congratulations are in order to all! We would also like to mention how wonderful the children performed and sang at the Carol service at Christchurch, with our Reception children providing the "ahh" factor in their Nativity tableau. It was lovely to see everyone in church.

Thank you, from all the staff, to all who sent cards and gifts; it was very much appreciated. We have saved a few treats for this coming term!

Year 4 - Laches Wood: All year 4 children have been invited to attend the Laches Wood Three-day residential visit from Wednesday 15th March to Friday 17th March 2023. Thank you to all of you who have paid the deposit, the final balance must be paid for by the 17th February. A parent/carers meeting for Laches Wood will take place on **Monday 13th February at 3.30pm (Adults only, crèche will be provided for those children not in clubs)**



Leavers' Hoodies: Reminder that year 4 leavers hoodies must be ordered and paid for via the Smart school uniform website by the 27th January 2023, orders will not be taken after this date.



Children's Mental Health Week: Starts w/c 6th February. The theme this year is 'Let's Connect'. We will be taking part in various class activities throughout the week, a letter will be sent out with more information.



Forest School Sessions: Over the next two terms, your child will have the opportunity to experience forest school sessions. These sessions will be delivered by Mrs Wood and will be supported by another member of staff from your child's class. There will be one parent session per class, where you can join in the activities with your child. You will be notified of the date closer to the time. Your child will need to bring in wellingtons; waterproof coat; waterproof trousers or trousers/joggers you don't mind getting dirty and wet.

Emerald	Monday 13th March	Monday 20th March	Monday 27th March	
Garnet	Monday 23rd January	Monday 30th January	Monday 06th February Parent Session	Monday 13th February
Sapphire	Monday 12th June	Monday 19th June	Monday 26th June	Monday 10th July
Amethyst	Monday 17th April	Monday 24th April	Monday 15th May	Monday 22nd May

Snow Warning - May we remind you of our snow procedures.

-A text message will be sent from school before 8.00am so please ensure that we have your up to date mobile phone number, notification will be put on the local radio i.e Signal Radio and Radio Stoke.

-The County Council Emergency School Closure website is www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures. This will show individual school closures. This web page can also be accessed via a mobile phone.



Holidays in Term Time - May we please remind parents that taking holidays in term time does have an impact on your child's learning. Can we please ask you to read our Attendance Policy on our website so you are fully aware of the implications of taking your child on holiday in term time.

Strike Action: We will keep you updated as to whether teaching unions have confirmed strike dates and whether this will impact our school.

Strep A: Please can we look out for the signs of Strep A. If your child is confirmed of having Strep A, they have to have 24 hours of anti-biotics before returning to school.

Common symptoms of strep A include:

- [flu-like symptoms](#), such as a high temperature, swollen glands or an aching body
- [sore throat](#) (strep throat or [tonsillitis](#))
- a rash that feels rough, like sandpaper ([scarlet fever](#))
- scabs and sores ([impetigo](#))
- pain and swelling ([cellulitis](#))
- severe muscle aches
- nausea and vomiting

Strep A infections are more common in children, but adults can also sometimes get them.

Most strep A infections are not serious and can be treated with antibiotics.

But rarely, the infection can cause serious problems. This is called invasive group A strep (iGAS).

Dates for your diary:

February	
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC Numbers Day
Thursday 9 th February	Year 1 Change 4 Life Festival
Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 6 th February	Schools National Football Week
Monday 13 th February	Faith in Focus week
Monday 13 th February	3.30pm - Laches Wood Parent's Meeting
Friday 17 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 27 th February	School closed - INSET Day
Tuesday 28 th February	School opens
March	
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 15 th March	Year 4's at Laches Wood - Day 1
Thursday 16 th March	Year 3 Netball Festival
Thursday 16 th March	Year 4's at Laches Wood - Day 2
Friday 17 th March	Year 4's last day at Laches Wood
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mayes and Mrs Atherton

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