



Moor First School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to share with you what has happened in school so far this spring term and inform you of some future exciting events. Thank you to all our families for supporting our school this term.

Safer Internet Day was on the 7th February this year. The children took part in a range of activities aimed at promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology and how to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Inspire Dance - Our year 2, 3 & 4 pupils are doing a great job in rehearsals. We can't wait to see them perform their dance routine!



Faith in Focus Week - We have been taking part in Biddulph/Biddulph Moors 'Faith in Focus' this week. The children have learnt about different faiths as part of their learning in the Religious Education Curriculum which also supports the government promotion of British Values (Tolerance and Mutual Respect). Each class have researched a different faith:

Emerald - Christianity
Garnet - Buddhism
Sapphire - Islam
Amethyst - Hindu



On Friday 10th February for part of 'Faith in Focus' week, our year 4's visited Gita Bhaven Hindu Temple in Manchester and then enjoyed trying a variety of Indian foods at a restaurant in Chorlton. The children had a great time at the temple; they were very inquisitive and asked many questions!!! Afterwards they enjoyed the Indian buffet at the restaurant and some went up for 2nd / 3rd helpings! The children were very well behaved and represented the school wonderfully!

Change 4 Life Festival - Our year 1 pupils attended a Change 4 Life festival at Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre on the 9th February. The children all had a great time learning about a healthy lifestyle and mixing with other first schools from Biddulph. Well done for all the Year 8 pupils from Woodhouse Academy for running the session.



World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. The children will be allowed to dress up as their favourite book character. Letter to follow with more information.

Bags 2 School - We are having a collection on the 14th March 2023. We will send the bags on Friday 17th February; you can also put extra clothes in a black plastic bag. The bags can only be brought in to school on the morning of the 14th March.



Red Nose Day will be on Friday 17th March when children can come in non-uniform for a donation to Comic Relief. All classes will be taking part in a Mr Men & Little Miss art task. Unfortunately the children will not be allowed to bring Red Noses in to school as they are unsuitable for under 7's as a choking hazard.



National Football Week – The children had a great time taking part in our lunchtime challenges, 10 pupils won a certificate and prize for the most ‘wall kicks’ and ‘keepie uppies’.

Thank you for uploading your photographs of your children playing football with family members.

One child won a football and a 30 minute football game with 5 friends out of lesson time.

Great to see the children in football kits for PE!



Forest Schools - Garnet class have really enjoyed their 4 week block of Forest Schools. Thank you to all who attended the parent/ carer session. The next year group to take part in Forest Schools will be Emerald class on the 13th/ 20th & 27th March. Your child will need to bring in wellingtons; a waterproof coat; waterproof trousers or trousers/joggers you don't mind getting dirty and wet; and a hat and gloves.

Nursery Admissions - Admissions to our Nursery class needs to be made via the school. If you would like your child to start in our nursery class in September 2023 please let the office know if you are interested in a place, as application packs will be sent out shortly.



Holidays in Term Time - May we please remind parent/ carers 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.

Craft Donations - Could we please request a donation of £5 for the Spring Term. The money helps to cover amongst other items, the additional cost of baking ingredients and the more expensive craft and design technology materials for the older children. The donation is a much better way of covering the costs than to individually price up every item of baking or craft and then charging you. Thank you kindly

School Gates - Just a reminder to parent/ carers to use the main pedestrian gates for coming in and out of school even if your child is later coming in. Cars can be coming and going throughout the day and it is not safe to walk around that way. Can we please ask parent/ carers to not park on the yellow zig zag lines, even when collecting from after school clubs.

School Dinner Price Increase - Just a reminder that when we return after February half term that the price for a school dinner will be £2.83 (£1.41 for a half portion for nursery children).

Maypole Dancing - Maypole club will start after half term on Friday 3rd March, open to children in years 1- 4. Please return the permission letter by the 1st March. You will need to be available on the 17th June to perform at the Biddulph Moor Well Dressing.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Atherton & Mrs S Mayes
Co-Headteachers

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February	
Friday 17 th February	Non uniform day in exchange for £1 for school fund School closes for half term
Monday 27 th February	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 28 th February	School Opens
March	
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 13 th March	Garnet Class Trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Tuesday 14 th March	Bags 2 School Collection
Wednesday 15 th March	Year 4 Laches Wood Residential
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 rd March	Garnet Parents Evening
Monday 27 th March	Parents Evening for whole school
Wednesday 29 th March	Inspire Dance Show
Thursday 30 th March	Emerald/ Sapphire/ Amethyst Parents Evening
Friday 31 st March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Easter
Monday 17 th April	School Opens

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