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### A message from Mrs Atherton: Your Headteacher

I would like to thank all of our school community for supporting me as I take on fulltime headship at Moor First. I love working at Moor First and I am inspired to take our school on a journey in collaboration with yourselves. We are a relatively small, semi-rural school at the heart of the Biddulph Moor community, where we all believe that learning should be fun, purposeful, engaging and challenging. We pride ourselves on our family feel, our open door ethos and we continue to ensure that your children's well-being is paramount. Over the next few weeks, I will be sharing the meaning behind our school Motto and 6 school values so that all of us can uphold them and embed a positive culture where learning is at the heart of everything we do. We will now endeavour to send weekly newsletters so that TOGETHER we can be the best team we can be as we unlock POTENTIAL and LEARN for life.

#### Class Assemblies

**Emerald: 28<sup>th</sup> June – 09:00am**

**Garnet: 5<sup>th</sup> July – 09:00am**

**Sapphire (including Y3's from Amethyst): 12<sup>th</sup> July – 09:00am**

**Amethyst Leavers (Y4's only): 19<sup>th</sup> July – 09:00am**

Each of the above dates will include an introduction from Mrs Atherton who will be sharing information regarding our school ethos/values and the next steps on our school journey. There will be opportunity to ask any questions. We welcome all parents/carers to attend the assemblies, if you are unable to your child will still take part.



#### Award events

Each week we will focus on one of our 6 values: **#Honesty**, **#Respect**, **#Confidence**, **#Responsibility**, **#Independence** and **#Ambition**. Our class teachers will look out for the child/ren who show school work/behaviours linked to the particular value. They will then pick one child per class to have the Star of the week award. If we have permission we will share this on social media and the following week's newsletter, including a picture of the children who were awarded. We will also hold a celebration event at the end of each half term where we welcome parents/carers/grandparents of winners to join us in school for a hot drink/biscuit with your child/ren, family and Headteacher.



#### Diary Dates May 2024

Academy photography: **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
KS1 optional SATS: W/c **Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – **Y2** (The above is done informally to monitor progress)  
Emerald Class Trip: **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Celebration event for the star of the week winners: **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – 09:00**  
Rose & Crown fundraising event for the school: **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### Diary Dates June 2024

INSET day: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Sapphire class trip: **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Phonics assessment week: **W/c 10<sup>th</sup>**  
MTC times table test week: **W/c 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Summer fayre: **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 15:30-18:00**  
Well dressing, maypole: **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 bump up day to middle school: **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Reports home: **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### Diary Dates July 2024

(Some dates are shown in the class assembly section)  
Leaver's café: **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** – 14:00-15:00 (more information will be sent separately)  
Celebration event for Star of the Week winners: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – 09:00**  
Bump up for all classes to prepare for September: **W/c 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### What We Have Learnt

**Emerald:** The children have gained knowledge of healthy and un-healthy foods. They have then been shown certain foods and have been able to categorise them accordingly.

**Garnet:** The children have been learning about the Equator. They have shown understanding of how the climate differs between the UK and Africa.

**Sapphire:** Sapphire class have learnt about Earthquakes this week. They have explored how/why they occur along with the impact they can cause.

**Amethyst:** The Y3/Y4's have revisited the equator from previous learning and can now locate a range of countries in relation to the Equator's tropic of Cancer and tropic of Capricorn by using lines of latitude in atlases.

**#ambition #confidence #independence**



#### Star of the Week

The children who are picked for demonstrating the value of the week will then go on our Golden Table on the Friday of that week. The value of the week for w/c 15.04.2024 was **#respect**. Our winners are:

**Alice** – Emerald class  
**Nancy** – Garnet class  
**Harry** – Sapphire class  
**Felicity** – Amethyst class



Round of applause to you all!!

Keep up the good work ☺ Parents/carers welcome to the celebration event – 24<sup>th</sup> May.

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### PTFA Updates

Our wonderful PTFA are hard at work planning fundraising ideas for Moor First School. The next event being a music event held at the Rose & Crown pub, 'Rocking Rose'. More information will be sent out regarding this. They also raised an amazing £388 from the Biddulph Moor Village Hall Easter event. Please give our PTFA a like or share on Facebook! Let's help them, help us!

### Staff Shout out's!

We would like to thank our caretaker, Mr Reynolds, he is continually working hard to develop the school. He has a long list of tasks, we very much appreciate his help. We want to also welcome out new Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs A Jackson. Mrs Jackson is already looking forward to mapping out lunchtime activities with the children to promote/improve health and wellbeing.



### Polite Reminders

**Parking:** Please park respectfully and legally around the school. We appreciate during busy times it can be challenging however we need to think about the safety of our children, parents/carers and the community.

**Snacks:** We are a nut free school and request that all follow this. Also please ensure that your child is bringing in healthy snacks.

**Bee Active:** When booking after school club/wrap around care, please book this by 12:00pm latest on the day required.



### Our Environment Local Community Matter

Here at Moor First School we are conscious about the environment and are always trying to reuse as much as we can! Mr Reynolds sources the majority of his materials this way. We always 'think local' when organising Educational Visits. As such we have Emerald's up and coming trip to Biddulph Grange Country Park and we are looking at potential dates for a visit to Spinks Farm.

#### Twitter

Please follow our Twitter page to keep up to with our school news!  
@MoorFirst



#### Our Website

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