



Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the welcome meetings this week there have been a number of questions raised and some confusion over a variety of items that were discussed. My apologies for this, I hope the following information alleviates any concerns and explains some of the changes made in greater detail.

Firstly the changes to lunchtime - There has been no change in Reception however we have moved KS1 and Lower KS2's lunchtime to 12.15pm-1.00pm and Upper KS2 to 12.30pm-1.15pm. With our Kaleidoscope Resource Base children having lunch at an appropriate time for them. The reason for this decision is not to reduce the children's enjoyment of lunchtime, far from it as I fully appreciate the importance of the children getting out of the classroom for exercise and an opportunity to play with friends. I have made the decision, after consultation with a number of staff, as I felt the length of lunchtime was leading to a loss of learning time within the classroom and also I feel strongly that whilst children benefit greatly from outdoor play, lengthy unstructured play is not always of benefit to all children. I am very much an advocate of outdoor play and outdoor learning and encourage both teachers and teaching assistants to take the children outside for structured play wherever possible. This can be at anytime of the day and could be linked to a unit they are learning about or the development of the children's mental health and well being. Our school has some excellent outdoor facilities that I want to see being used so I can promise you the more the school utilises the outdoor spaces the better! There is still some work to do with the organisation of lunchtime sittings in the hall as it is taking some children a long time to eat their lunch but this is being monitored to see how we can manage this better.

Another query was class assemblies and Christmas nativities. There will be a nativity in Reception and KS1 will be performing a Christmas production as explained on Monday evening. What hasn't been confirmed yet is what the production will look like as Mrs Shortt and her team are still in the process of identifying a suitable play. KS2 will be involved in their usual Christmas musical performances. There will also be opportunities throughout the year for classes to perform to parents in whole school themed weeks, such as 'storytelling showcase', 'poetry performance' etc. These are similar to class assemblies but an opportunity to see many classes perform at once, creating a greater sense of family and community. I am also hoping to provide yourselves with the opportunity to attend an awards assembly on a half termly basis but this is still in the planning stage at the moment.

Finally, the use of the Heart Garden at the end of school has also been a question brought to my attention. As I explained last week it is for no other reason than the safeguarding of staff and children. It is essential you stay on the playgrounds for the collection of children and don't cut through the back of the school to move from one playground to another. Although I appreciate this is a lovely space to meet and talk, the back of the school is vulnerable to trespassers at the end of the school day particularly. It is my responsibility to ensure everyone is safe and the school site is secured therefore we are asking politely if you could adhere to my request and avoid the use of the Heart Garden.

As a parent and experienced headteacher, I take this opportunity to assure you that any changes that are made are in the best interests of the children and I will be mindful of keeping you more informed in the future through my weekly newsletter. Have an enjoyable weekend.



Monday is individual photograph day so please remember to look smart for your photographs and don't forget to say CHEESE!



Can I ask that you do not email teachers direct with any questions or concerns you may have. I appreciate you may have something you want to share with the teacher, however it is important that the correct procedures are followed. I am

asking you to please ring the school office if you wish to speak to the class teacher and they will get back to you at the earliest opportunity. If email is the only option then please email admin@moorfield.stockport.sch.uk and the office staff will ensure the message is passed to the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Uniform Recycling

We continue to request school uniform. If you have any of the following items of school uniform, that are no longer required and are still in very good, clean and wearable condition, please consider donating them to MHSa. We would particularly like.

- School Logo items (Sweatshirts, cardigans, polos etc.)
- Red Cardigans
- Red Sweatshirts/Jumpers
- Trousers
- Shorts
- Skirts/Pinafores
- Summer Dresses

Please leave your freshly laundered items with the school office, where MHSa will collect and sort them ready to be sold at a future date.

This is ongoing and as such welcome uniform at any time of the year, the hope being to offer it for sale at as many MHSa and school events as possible, to raise funds for our school.

Thank you



Picture News

at Home

30th September 2019
What's going on this week?



Some people have stopped donating to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) charity after an article in an online newspaper stated how the charity spends £3.3m a year (a small amount of their total money) on projects in other parts of the world including in Africa and Bangladesh yet they have cut around 100 jobs in the United Kingdom, where it is based. The news has made others angry, those who believe that the charity helps people both locally and in other parts of the world. Their overseas projects include teaching children how to swim in Bangladesh.

Things to talk about at home...

- How many different ways can you think of to help those in need? E.g. donations to charity, or volunteering.
- How do you think people choose what charity to donate to?