

6th September 2019



Moorfield News



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the children back after the summer break and introduce myself to you as the new Head Teacher at Moorfield Primary School.

Firstly let me begin by saying how fantastic it is to have been chosen to lead this school forward in the next part of its journey. I am new to Stockport after leading a school in Tameside for the previous 6 years and I am thoroughly looking forward to getting to know the local authority and local community.

Children are at the heart of all I do. I want to ensure that, with the support of the school governors and staff, your children are provided with rich, exciting learning experiences which inspire them to achieve their full potential and enable them to succeed in all they choose to do in the future. As a whole school community we need to work together.

As a parent myself I am fully aware of the importance of the family on children and how it is crucial to their learning. I am always looking for ways to actively involve families and parents more in their children's education. Your thoughts and views on how we, the school, can work together in a meaningful way are always welcome.

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson, Headteacher

You will receive Moorfield News on a weekly basis to your email and it will also be on the school website. Hopefully this will be helpful in informing you of what is going on in school. We also have a school twitter account so please follow us for any up to date information and photos of the learning taking place. You'll find us @MPSHazelGrove





There will be a slight change to the times for opening and closing the school gates at the start and end of the school day for the safety of all the children at Moorfield.

The gates to both the junior and infant playground will be opened at 8.45am and the expectation will be that parents and carers of Year 3-6

children drop their child off at the junior gate. However Reception-Year 2 parents will still be able to enter the infant playground and wait until the class teacher opens the doors to welcome them in to school.

The law in the UK states that every child and young person must be educated to a high standard. Children will not achieve their best if they do not attend school regularly.

By law all schools have to follow very strict regulations about attendance. Every absence has to be recorded and reported to the government. By law, we are told when an absence can be allowed—authorised, or when it is not allowed—unauthorised.

100%	Excellent
97-99%	Good
93-96%	Cause for Concern
90-92%	Poor
<90%	Unacceptable (Persistent Absence)

- 1 day off a fortnight = 90% attendance
- 2 days off a fortnight = 80% attendance
- 3 days off a fortnight = 70% attendance
- 4 days off a fortnight = 60% attendance

At the end of the day we are allowing all parents and carers to enter both the junior and infant playgrounds to collect their children. These gates will open at 3.00pm in the infants and 3.15pm in the juniors. We will monitor how successful this is over the coming days and weeks. Please ensure you stand well back from where the children come out of the building so the teacher can release all the children safely.

There is no change to the opening and closing times of the gates to Kaleidoscope.

Welcome to our first instalment of Picture News. This is a weekly resource we are going to be using to encourage the children to talk about global events. Feel free to discuss some of these questions with your children over the weekend.



9th September 2019
What's going on this week?



Fires have been burning the world's largest tropical forest, the Amazon Rainforest, for around 4-weeks. The French President, Emmanuel Macron, has called the fires an "international crisis" and along with 6 other countries, offered money to help put the fires out. The Brazilian President, Bolsonaro, refused this money. It has been reported that there have been 74,000 fires in the Amazon this year so far, a lot more than last year. It's a worrying increase because the Amazon very rarely burns on its own as it is usually too wet to ignite, so most of the fires are caused by people. The Amazon Rainforest is important to the air we breathe and for turning the gas carbon dioxide into oxygen. The jungle is home to many different species of wildlife and plants, many of which are rare or endangered.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think important places like the Amazon Rainforest, should be protected by all countries together, rather than individual countries?
- Do you think that Brazil should accept help from other countries to try to stop the fires there?