



Welcome to the new school year everybody! The school has been busy over the summer! We have new internal doors, which are so much quieter than our old doors, new carpets in three classrooms, new sinks in the Years 3-6 toilets and a new interactive board in each classroom. There has also been quite a bit of decorating – and there is more decorating to come! We also have a new website (but still the same website name (www.moorhill.staffs.sch.uk)). A huge thank you to all of the site staff, office staff, cleaners, teachers and support staff who have been involved with making the changes happen!

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

This year we will be working very closely with Redhill and Mrs Banks will be Executive Headteacher of both schools for one year. Mrs Banks will continue to be based at Redhill and be the Redhill Headteacher and Mrs Sindrey will continue to be Headteacher of Moorhill. We hope the stronger partnership will help Mrs Banks commission services and opportunities for our staff and children in a more effective and cost-efficient manner in these challenging times. Being able to purchase things for the two schools, for example a trip or visitor will make the costs less and more feasible.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU MEETINGS

Please book in to come into school, with your child, meet the class teacher and find out about your child’s learning this year. Booking information is coming out on Wednesday afternoon. The dates for meetings will be:
 Tuesday 12th September: Years 3-6
 Wednesday 13th September: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
 Meetings run from 2pm (or 2.30pm in some classes) to 6.30pm. If you are not able to make these dates, or if there are no booking spaces left, please contact you child’s teacher.

TIMES FOR THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2: Gates open at 8.40am and children can go to class at 8.45am. Registration is at 8.50am and this is the time that all children need to be in their classroom, ready for learning. Children finish school at 3.20pm.
 YEAR 3: The gate opens at 8.30am. Children in at this time will go to the hall, by walking across the first playground, walking up the steps and turning right to enter the building by the Year 3 door, before making their way to the hall. Children can go to their classrooms from 8.45am and must be in their classrooms ready for learning by 8.55am. They finish their school day at 3.25pm.
 YEARS 4, 5 AND 6: The gates open at 8.30am and children access the hall in the same way as Year 3. Children can go to their classrooms from 8.45am and must be in their classrooms, ready for learning, by 8.55am. They finish their school day at 3.30pm.



CLASSES 2023-2024	
Reception Oak	Miss Stanford, Miss Abberley, Mrs Bates
Reception Holly	Mrs Fellows, Miss Percival, Mrs Blundell, Mrs Rotchell
Year 1 Pine	Miss Eustace, Mr Roberts
Year 1 Birch	Mr Morrissey (Mrs Liley for the first two weeks), Miss Miles
Year 2 Elm	Miss Snape, Mrs Pearson
Year 2 Ash	Miss Kaur, Mrs Allen
Year 3 Hawthorn	Mr Bayliss, Miss Davis
Year 3 Willow	Miss Waterfield, Mrs McDonald
Year 4/5 Sycamore	Mrs Snowden, Mr Hughes
Year 4/5 Beech	Miss McHenry, Mrs Ali,
Year 4/5 Larch	Miss Martland, Mrs Sharrock, Mrs Bate, Mrs Ridgway
Year 6 Rowan	Mrs Hassall, Mrs Brady
Year 6 Alder	Miss Robertson, Mrs Wortley, Mrs Lees
We have sports coaches working with Years 4, 5 and 6 on one afternoon each and we also have Mrs Astbury working across different classes.	

MESSAGE FROM MISS EDWARDS

It is with great sorrow that I have to say goodbye to Moorhill Primary School after starting my teaching career here 21 years ago. Due to a decline in my own health over the last few years, I am unable to give my best to the pupils of Moorhill and therefore need to concentrate on my own health and family currently. I will take with me lots of fond memories and I would like to thank current and past pupils, parents, family members, staff, governors, and the wider school community for all the support that has been given during my time at the school. With best wishes, Miss Edwards.



2023-24 TERM DATES	
INSET DAY	Mon 4 th Sept 2023
INSET DAY	Tues 5 th Sept
Children back at school	Wed 6 th Sept
INSET DAY	Fri 6 th Oct
October half term	Mon 30 th Oct-Fri 3 rd Nov
Children back to school	Mon 6 th Nov
Christmas Holiday	Mon 25 th Dec-Fri 5 th Jan
Children back to school	Mon 8 th Jan
February half term	Mon 12 th Feb-Fri 16 th Feb
Children back to school	Mon 19 th Feb
Easter Holiday	Mon 25 th Mar-Fri 5 th Apr
Children back to school	Mon 8 th Apr
INSET DAY	Mon 15 th Apr
May Day	Mon 6 th May
May half term	Mon 27 th -Fri 31 st May
Children back to school	Mon 8 th Apr
Last day for children	Fri 19 th July
INSET DAY	Mon 22 nd July
INSET DAY	Mon 2 nd Sept 2024
Children back to school	Tues 3 rd Sept



ATTENDANCE

A plea from us all at Moorhill to help to get children off to the very best start and to achieve the very best from their learning – having good attendance massively helps your child to make good progress and attain well, as does being in school on time.

More time in school = more learning = greater progress

Did you know that 95% attendance = 9 days of missed school = 40 lessons missed!

85% attendance = 29 days of missed school = 120 lessons missed!

Please note that the school will not be authorising family holidays taken in term time.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING

Parking sensibly and safely is so important. To keep our children safe, we thank you for not pulling up on pavements, parking on bends or on other areas that make visibility difficult.

Please ensure that we have all of the correct contact details for you in case of emergency – including your latest telephone number, any change of address and names of who can collect your children. For contact details, please give two contacts.

For your Year 6 children and some Year 5 children, you will be able to collect permission forms for a gate pass (walking home without a parent/carer) if you wish them to and if you are confident that they will be comfortable and safe in walking home.

Our Safeguarding Leads in school are:

Mrs Sindrey (Head teacher)

Mrs Andrews (Inclusion Manager)

Mrs Snowden (Deputy Head teacher)

Mrs Liley (SENCO)

Key Dates

12th Sept: Getting to know you meetings Y3-6

13th Sept – Getting to know you meetings YR-Y2

Mrs Liley, our SENCO, and Mrs Andrews, our Inclusion Officer (attendance; mental health) will also be available to speak to.

Wednesday 4th October: Walk to school day

Friday 6th October: INSET day

Tuesday 10th October: World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 11th October: Parents invited into the classroom to share books (child's learning) from 3pm

Monday 13th November – Anti Bullying Week begins – Odd socks day

Friday 17th November: Children In Need

Monday 20th November – Careers Week begins

Thursday 14th December: Y3 and Y6 concerts

Friday 15th December: Y4 and Y5 concerts

Tuesday 19th December: Y2 concerts

Wednesday 20th December: Reception and Y1 concerts

Thursday 21st December: Christmas fayre and Christmas dinner

Friday 22nd December: Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term

COMMUNICATION

Please use our website for information. Regular newsletters are posted there and a text is sent with a link each time a newsletter is posted.

We use DOJO for much of our communication, and will continue to do so. Staff are encouraged to only use DOJO during their working hours and not to respond in the evening, weekend or holidays. Please would you respect this, unless in the case of an emergency when you can contact Mrs Sindrey?

For attendance calls, please speak to or leave a message at the office.



WEEK ONE

WEEK TWO

WEEK THREE

MONDAY

Mac & Cheese (V) **or**
Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Rainbow Veg
 Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

TUESDAY

Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)
or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower
 Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
 Chickpea & Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Broccoli, Sliced Carrot
 Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)

THURSDAY

Tuna & Pea Pesto Pasta (Wg)
or Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Green Beans, Swede
 Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
 Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt & Chips (V)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
 Flapjack (Ve)

4/9/23, 25/9/23, 16/10/23, 6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24

Vegetable Lasagne (V) **or**
 Lentil & Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Rainbow Veg
 Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

Chicken Paella (Wg)
or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Sweetcorn, Green Beans
 Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
 Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Cauliflower, Carrot Batons
 Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)

Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg)
or Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Cabbage, Garden Peas
 Banana Custard (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
 Vegeball Marinara Sub with Chips (V)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
 Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

11/9/23, 2/10/23, 23/10/23, 13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24

Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) **or**
 Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Rainbow Veg
 Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wg)
or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Sweetcorn, Green Beans
 Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
 Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Cabbage, Sliced Carrot
 Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)

Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)
or Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Swede, Shredded Carrots
 Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
 Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve)
 Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
 Iced Shortbread (Ve)

18/9/23, 9/10/23, 30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain



Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition, you will need to register with Edwards and Ward.

Their special diets registration form can be found on their website along with a full list of FAQs .

Please go to: edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/ in order to guarantee that a special menu can be prepared for your child.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals regardless of your financial circumstances.

Parents claiming benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who attend a Staffordshire School. For every child who is registered as eligible for benefit related free school meals, the school will receive extra funding, this is called pupil premium. You will also be entitled to receive any supermarket vouchers which are issued during school holidays together with free holiday activities for your children via the HAF programme.

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you may be eligible to claim:

Income Support

Income based Job Seekers Allowance

Child Tax Credit but DO NOT receive Working Tax Credit and that your annual household income is less than £16,190 (PLEASE NOTE IF YOU ARE RECEIVING WORKING TAX CREDIT, OR IF YOU HAVE A PARTNER AND THEY ARE RECEIVING WORKING TAX CREDIT, REGARDLESS OF INCOME, YOU WILL NOT QUALIFY).

Income related employment and support allowance

The guarantee element of state pension credit

Universal Credit with family net earnings of £7,400 or less

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you think you might qualify, please complete an online application form on the Staffordshire County Council website

[<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>] or call into either school office for a claim form. If you complete the claim form from school, we will be happy to make the claim on your behalf.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call into school and we will try to answer any questions you may have.