



MOORTHORPE NEWS - OCT 2024

Well September flew by! I'm pleased to say it has been a positive start to the term. On the whole, pupils appear settled and happy to be back at school. Our Friday 'Golden Assemblies' and 'Hot chocolate with the head' have shown that pupils are working hard, following our school rules: ready, respectful, safe. The heating work is almost finished so hopefully it won't be long until the workmen are off site.

Parents in school

We are keen to work closely with parents/ carers in school. We have already had individual parent/ carer meetings where pupils have struggled with the return to school or there have been issues with behaviour.

Parents evening is coming up for all pupils on Wed 23rd Oct 3-7pm. Slots will be booked through Parentmail in due course. Please do your best to attend and contact your child's class teacher if you need an alternative slot - we will do our best to help.

We know you love the opportunity to come in and join your child(ren) in the classroom. Keep a close eye on class dojo pages for our INSPIRE sessions, which will be starting in November.

Attendance

Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically. Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with. It is important children are on time and come through their own door rather than arrive late and go through the office. The autumn term is a crucial time to establish good routines so if we can help you in anyway to ensure your child is in school, please let us know. Mrs Hardy and Mrs Grace will support you and your child if they have any worries.

Reminder: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

School Meals

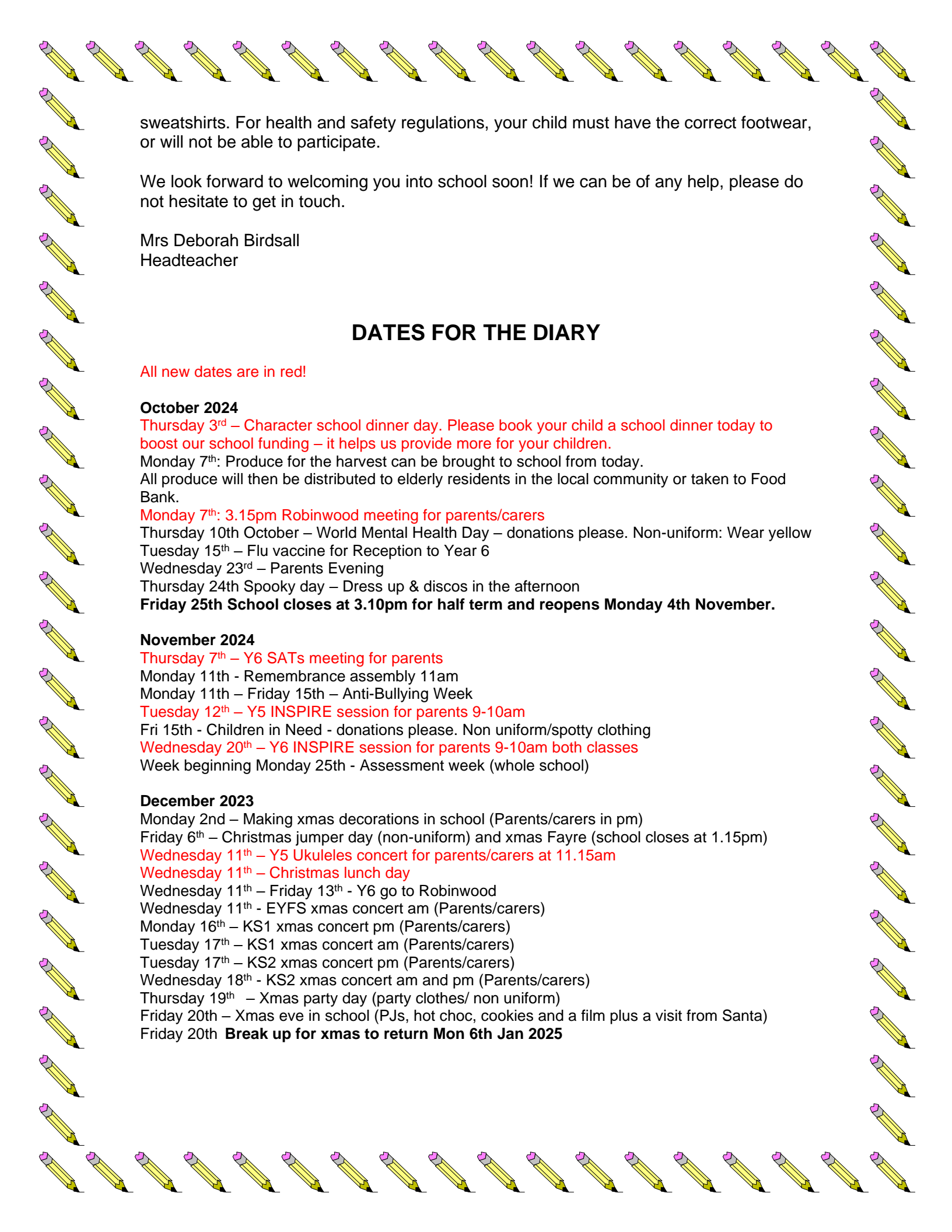
Please encourage your children to try school meals. Universal free meals – Free school meals are for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 provided by the Government. We are having a 'Character Favourites Day' on Thursday 3rd October. Please see Dojo for the menu.

Jewellery

Firstly, please note pupils should only wear studs, not hoops. We are not able to remove children's stud earrings. Ideally, they should not wear earrings on PE days. If they do wear them, they must be able to remove them for themselves. We can no longer put tape over them. If they have just had them pierced, they may have tape over them for the first 6 weeks. This must be done at home.

PE Kit

Reminder: please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on their PE days, including appropriate footwear (no football kits or t-shirts with slogans or different coloured clothing). Their games session with Mr Stringfellow will be outside, even as it gets colder, so please ensure they have track suits/ jogging bottoms and



sweatshirts. For health and safety regulations, your child must have the correct footwear, or will not be able to participate.

We look forward to welcoming you into school soon! If we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Deborah Birdsall
Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

All new dates are in red!

October 2024

Thursday 3rd – Character school dinner day. Please book your child a school dinner today to boost our school funding – it helps us provide more for your children.

Monday 7th: Produce for the harvest can be brought to school from today.

All produce will then be distributed to elderly residents in the local community or taken to Food Bank.

Monday 7th: 3.15pm Robinwood meeting for parents/carers

Thursday 10th October – World Mental Health Day – donations please. Non-uniform: Wear yellow

Tuesday 15th – Flu vaccine for Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 23rd – Parents Evening

Thursday 24th Spooky day – Dress up & discos in the afternoon

Friday 25th School closes at 3.10pm for half term and reopens Monday 4th November.

November 2024

Thursday 7th – Y6 SATs meeting for parents

Monday 11th - Remembrance assembly 11am

Monday 11th – Friday 15th – Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th – Y5 INSPIRE session for parents 9-10am

Fri 15th - Children in Need - donations please. Non uniform/spotty clothing

Wednesday 20th – Y6 INSPIRE session for parents 9-10am both classes

Week beginning Monday 25th - Assessment week (whole school)

December 2023

Monday 2nd – Making xmas decorations in school (Parents/carers in pm)

Friday 6th – Christmas jumper day (non-uniform) and xmas Fayre (school closes at 1.15pm)

Wednesday 11th – Y5 Ukuleles concert for parents/carers at 11.15am

Wednesday 11th – Christmas lunch day

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th - Y6 go to Robinwood

Wednesday 11th - EYFS xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Monday 16th – KS1 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 17th – KS1 xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 17th – KS2 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 18th - KS2 xmas concert am and pm (Parents/carers)

Thursday 19th – Xmas party day (party clothes/ non uniform)

Friday 20th – Xmas eve in school (PJs, hot choc, cookies and a film plus a visit from Santa)

Friday 20th **Break up for xmas to return Mon 6th Jan 2025**