



MOORTHORPE NEWS - SEPT 2024

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. We can't wait to welcome our new pupils to Moorthorpe Primary School with Inclusion Resource and also our existing children back after the summer break. A lot of work has been going on with our newly decorated dining hall plus our new radiators and heating system at the lower end of school. School isn't looking as perfect as we wish with everything on walls and tidy but we will get there!

As in previous years, to begin with we are focusing on wellbeing, happiness and the enjoyment of school. These are the foundations of academic success. We want all our pupils to feel safe, settled and ready to learn. We are using a wonderful book called 'What will I be?' by Jayla Joseph and Mrs Currie has devised some fantastic activities for the whole school to enjoy. It will link to aspirations and wishes for our futures.

School Priorities 24-25

This year we will be focusing on strength across the curriculum (improving precision in the explanation and demonstration of knowledge in mathematics and other identified subjects), improving writing and further developing our relational behaviour approach.

At Moorthorpe Primary, we have high expectations of all pupils in terms of their attendance, punctuality, behaviour, dress and attitudes to learning. I know you will support me in saying that in order for any child to achieve their full academic potential, they need to be in school, on time, smartly dressed in the correct school uniform and displaying the correct behaviour and attitude.

We are lucky to have such wonderful parents/carers as yourselves who are keen to support school and your child's development. Your role in ensuring that your children have high levels of attendance and punctuality, that they are fully prepared for the school day, you support the school's behaviour and homework policies as well attending parents' evenings, school events and discussing your child's learning on a regular basis makes a huge difference to how well your child achieves.

Uniform

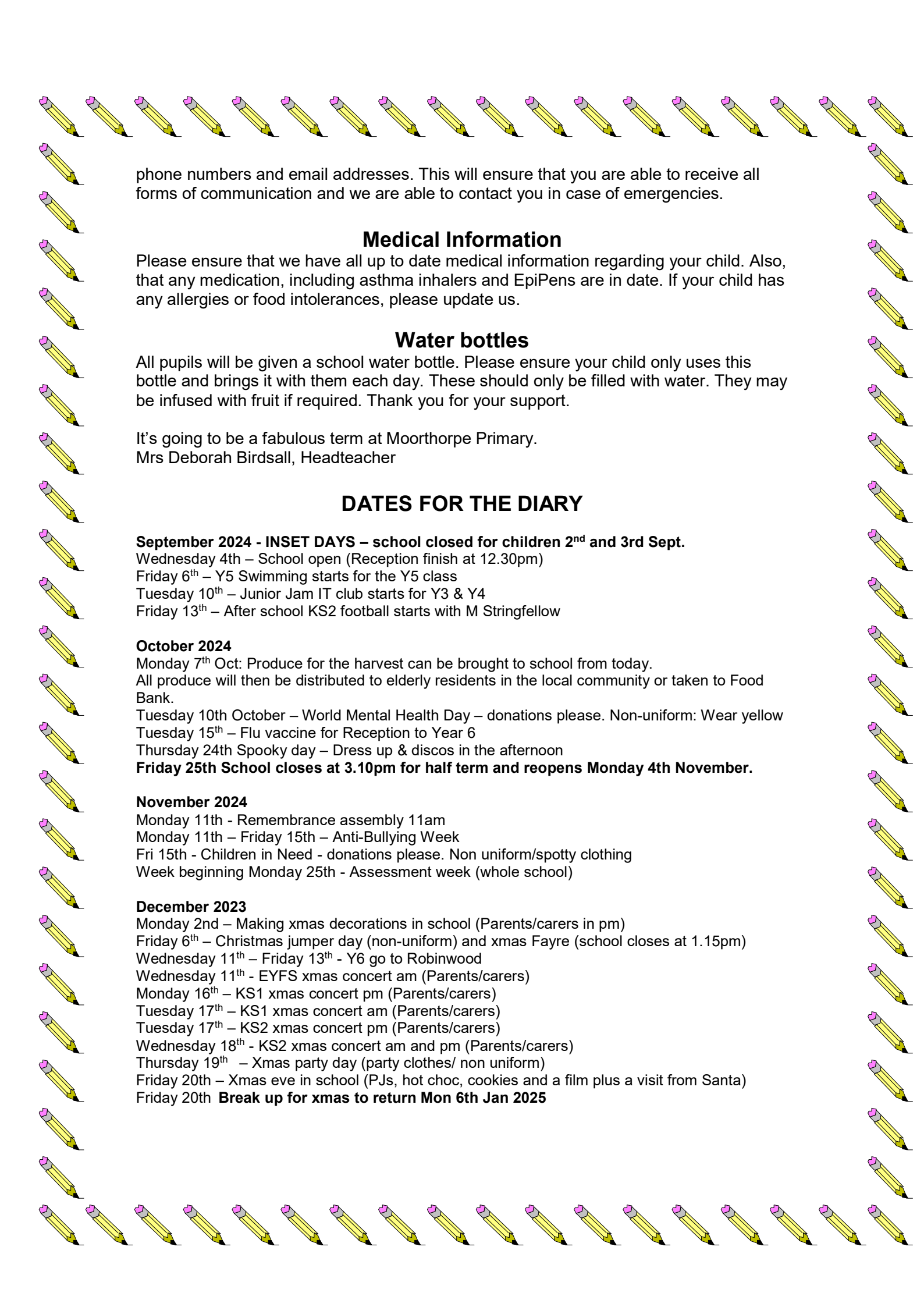
All pupils from Y1 to Y6 should be wearing ties (unless wearing summer dresses or due to SEN needs). They are online: google 'green and gold school ties'. I have also been told you can also buy them in Pontefract uniform shop and on South Elmsall's Saturday market. We still have plenty of donated uniform in good condition (not ties) so if you need anything please do ask at the office.

PE Kit

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.

Contact details

It is essential that school has at least two sets of up-to-date contact details including



phone numbers and email addresses. This will ensure that you are able to receive all forms of communication and we are able to contact you in case of emergencies.

Medical Information

Please ensure that we have all up to date medical information regarding your child. Also, that any medication, including asthma inhalers and EpiPens are in date. If your child has any allergies or food intolerances, please update us.

Water bottles

All pupils will be given a school water bottle. Please ensure your child only uses this bottle and brings it with them each day. These should only be filled with water. They may be infused with fruit if required. Thank you for your support.

It's going to be a fabulous term at Moorthorpe Primary.
Mrs Deborah Birdsall, Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 2024 - INSET DAYS – school closed for children 2nd and 3rd Sept.

Wednesday 4th – School open (Reception finish at 12.30pm)
Friday 6th – Y5 Swimming starts for the Y5 class
Tuesday 10th – Junior Jam IT club starts for Y3 & Y4
Friday 13th – After school KS2 football starts with M Stringfellow

October 2024

Monday 7th Oct: 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.
Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day – donations please. Non-uniform: Wear yellow
Tuesday 15th – Flu vaccine for Reception to Year 6
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

Monday 11th - Remembrance assembly 11am
Monday 11th – Friday 15th – Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 15th - Children in Need - donations please. Non uniform/spotty clothing
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 – 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**