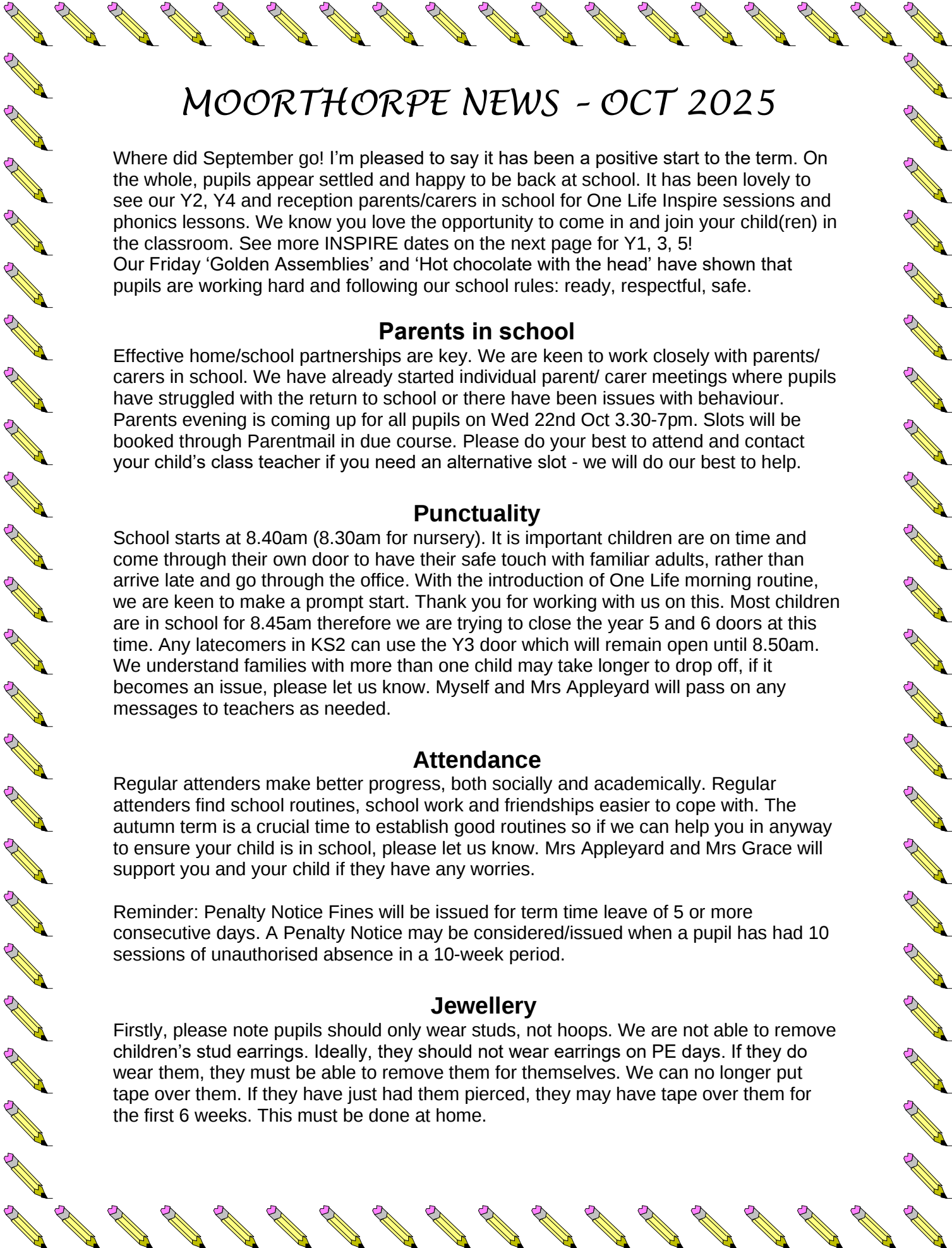




MOORTHORPE NEWS - OCT 2025

Where did September go! 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. It has been lovely to see our Y2, Y4 and reception parents/carers in school for One Life Inspire sessions and phonics lessons. We know you love the opportunity to come in and join your child(ren) in the classroom. See more INSPIRE dates on the next page for Y1, 3, 5! Our Friday 'Golden Assemblies' and 'Hot chocolate with the head' have shown that pupils are working hard and following our school rules: ready, respectful, safe.

Parents in school

Effective home/school partnerships are key. We are keen to work closely with parents/carers in school. We have already started 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 22nd Oct 3.30-7pm. 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.

Punctuality

School starts at 8.40am (8.30am for nursery). It is important children are on time and come through their own door to have their safe touch with familiar adults, rather than arrive late and go through the office. With the introduction of One Life morning routine, we are keen to make a prompt start. Thank you for working with us on this. Most children are in school for 8.45am therefore we are trying to close the year 5 and 6 doors at this time. Any latecomers in KS2 can use the Y3 door which will remain open until 8.50am. We understand families with more than one child may take longer to drop off, if it becomes an issue, please let us know. Myself and Mrs Appleyard will pass on any messages to teachers as needed.

Attendance

Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically. Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with. 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 Appleyard 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.

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.

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

October 2025

Friday 3rd – Cross Country at MCC Y2 and Y3 – full PE kit please

Monday 6th – Y5 trip to Magna

Thursday 9th – World Mental Health Day – donations please. Non-uniform: Wear yellow

Thursday 9th – 4.30-7 Minsthorpe open evening for Y6 parents

Monday 13th: 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.

Wednesday 15th – Y5 INSPIRE 8.40am parents/carers invited

Friday 17th – Y3 INSPIRE 8.40am parents/carers invited

Tuesday 21st – Y1 INSPIRE 8.40am parents/carers invited

Tuesday 21st – Flu vaccine for Reception to Year 6pm

Wednesday 22nd – Parents Evening 3.30 – 7pm.

Thursday 23rd Spooky day – Dress up & discos in the afternoon

Friday 24th School closes at 3.10pm for half term and reopens Monday 3rd November.

November 2025

Monday 10th – Friday 14th – Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 14th - Children in Need - donations please. Non uniform/spotty clothing

December 2025

Monday 1st – Making xmas decorations in school (Parents/carers in pm)

Wed 3rd – Fri 5th – Y6 go to Robinwood

Wednesday 10th - EYFS xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Thursday 11th – Christmas jumper day

Monday 15th – Y1, Y2, Y3 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 16th – Y1, Y2, Y3 xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 16th – Y4, Y5, Y6 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 17th – Y4, Y5, Y6 xmas concert am and pm (Parents/carers)

Thursday 18th – Xmas party day (party clothes/ non uniform)

Friday 19th – Xmas eve in school (PJs, hot choc, cookies and a film plus a visit from Santa)

Friday 19th **Break up for xmas to return Mon 5th Jan 2025**