Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term break and are ready to start the new term! Our topic title this term is, 'It's Time to Celebrate!' and we will be exploring the following books in more detail, 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Stickman'.

As we lead up to Christmas, we will also be putting on our wonderful Christmas Nativity 'Star Shine, Star' on Tuesday 8th December! Please check the website, Dojo and our newsletter for any other dates!

5 Ways to Well-Being

This term, our focus for '5 ways to well-being' is **'Give'.** According to the NHS, research suggests that acts of giving and kindness can improve mental wellbeing by creating positive feelings and a sense of reward, giving a feeling of purpose and self-worth and helping to connect with others. Therefore, during this term we will be encouraging the children to complete random acts of kindness. If you would like to continue this at home, please do share via Dojo so we can celebrate in class! The values we will cover during this term are; **Kindness, Generosity and Gratitude.**

PE and PE kit

PE sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please can you ensure your child has a clearly named PE kit in school. Their PE kit should include: white t-shirt, black shorts or joggers, daps/trainers, socks and a plain black jumper or sweatshirt. Some PE lessons will be outside so please bear this in mind. If your child has long hair, then they will need to have their hair tied up. If your child wears earrings, they can either be covered up with tape or removed. Please can we ask that hooped earrings are not worn for school; only studded earrings should be worn. It is also worth putting in a spare pair of underwear in case of any wetting accidents.

Water bottles

Please can you provide your child with a clearly named water bottle to use throughout the day. The children can refill their bottles from the tap in the classroom. We will also provide your child with a mid-morning snack of fresh fruit as well as a carton of milk if they are signed up for Cool Milk.

Reading and Homework

Homework will continue to be regular reading, alongside phonic books for Reception and weekly spellings for Year One. Please record all reading in your child's Reading Record with the date, title, and your initials (reading for pleasure books do not need to be recorded). Books will still be changed on Mondays and Fridays. To celebrate their efforts, children will earn a certificate for 50 reads, a bookmark for 100 reads, and a special pin badge for 150 reads!

Wellies

Please can your child have a pair of named wellies in school to keep on the welly rack outside the classroom. Your child will need wellies for our welly walks, accessing the sand tray, the mud kitchen and for use on the school field during lunchtimes as part of our OPAL play. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you need support with this as we do have a number of spare wellies in school that the children can use.

Healthy Lunches

We encourage a healthy balanced diet and so politely ask that children's lunch boxes contain a healthy lunch. This could be sandwiches, wraps or crackers, sliced carrot/ cucumber/ pepper sticks, cheese, chopped fruit and a yoghurt. Children should not be having chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or sweets in their lunch box. These will be given back at home time should they have them. Small cakes and biscuit based chocolate bars such as a KitKat are allowed. If you would like any other lunch ideas, please do not hesitate to ask!

NO NUTS!

We are a nut free school and have children and staff with nut allergies so please DO NOT send nuts in your child's lunchbox. This also includes peanut butter sandwiches and Nutella sandwiches (If your child has chocolate spread you can buy a milk chocolate spread as an alternative).

Attendance continues to be a high priority at Moredon. Please support us with this by making sure that your child is in school every day and on time.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions. You can contact us via ClassDojo or speak to us at the end of the school day.

As always thank you for your continued support,

Miss Bentley Miss Parmenter Miss Friend