

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all! We hope you have had a restful summer and are ready to start the new school year. We are looking forward to getting to know your children over the coming weeks so please do keep an eye out for our weekly ClassDojo and termly website updates to find out what we have been doing in school.

A reminder that our classroom doors open at 8:30am so that children can be in class by 8:35am. Please can you do your utmost to ensure your child is here on time as this does affect their attendance. The school day finishes at 3:30pm Monday - Thursday and children will need to be collected from their classroom doors. On Friday, school finishes at 1:30pm.

PE and PE kit

PE days will be a Wednesday for Reception and Year 1 and Friday for Year 1. 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.

Water bottles

Please can you provide your child with a clearly named plastic water bottle to use throughout the day. The children can refill their bottles from the tap in the classroom.

Homework

This year, homework will be **regular reading** with your child, phonics for Reception (as we learn new sounds) and spellings for Year 1 (the children will be given words each week to be tested on a Friday.)

Outside Learning

The children will have the opportunity to play in the sand, water and mud kitchen most days in our outside environment and we will be going on welly walks during the term. Please can your child have a pair of named wellies in school to keep on the welly rack outside the classroom at all times. We will provide your child with

waterproofs to wear if needed, but if you would like your child to have their own that can stay in school on their peg please name and send in.

Online Safety

We will be talking to your child about how they can be safe online. At Moredon, we follow our SMART rules. Here they are for your information:

S - Stay SAFE online by not sharing your personal information.

M - Do not MEET anyone who you have only become friends with online.

A - Do not ACCEPT messages and friend requests from people you do not know.

R - Not everything online is RELIABLE. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.

T - TELL an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

Healthy Lunches

We encourage a healthy balanced diet and so politely ask that children's lunch boxes contain a healthy lunch at all times. This could be a sandwich, carrot/cucumber/pepper sticks, cheese, fruit and a yoghurt. (Please ensure grapes are cut in half lengthways to avoid any choking hazards.) Children should not be having chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, milkshakes or sweets in their lunch box. 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.)

Please can you ensure you bring bookbags in daily. A bookbag is preferred over a big back pack, so they can fit in their class drawers.

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. Here's to a great first term!

Miss Friend Miss Bentley Miss Parmenter

(Reception/Year 1 Team)