

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready to start the New Year and new term! This term, our school value is 'Gratitude' and we will be thinking how we can be grateful for what we have. In Reception, our topic title this term is 'Travelling in time...' We will be reading '*The Train Ride*' by June Crebbin and '*The Naughty Bus*' by Jan and Jerry Oke.

### PE

This term, PE will still be on Fridays for both Reception classes. Please ensure long hair is tied back and any earrings have been covered with medical tape or taken out. Please send in a clearly labelled named P.E kit. This should include a white t-shirt, black shorts, daps/trainers, socks and spare underwear. It is worth putting in a pair of plain dark tracksuit bottoms and a jumper as the weather is cold and sometimes, we may be outside. Please can you also name all items of clothing as it is very difficult to return belongings to their rightful owner if they aren't named!

### 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. We will also provide your child with a mid-morning snack of fresh fruit. If you have signed up to Cool Milk, then your child will also have a carton of milk to drink in the morning.

### Reading

We expect the children to share their book regularly at home. Please ensure that you write in your child's reading record when you share a book at home together. We will also be sending home a set of tricky words for you to practise as often as possible. We will continue to change books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children will also be bringing home a book on a Friday that they have read during the week with us, this will have a star on the top. Please make time for your child to read this book with you and return this each Monday morning.

### Homework

Please keep using the phonics book to practise what we have been learning at school. Please keep it in your child's bookbag so it can be updated when new sounds have been learnt.

### Outside learning

We will be going outside most days come rain or shine as the children now have waterproof all in ones to wear. Could you please always leave your child's welly boots on the welly rack outside the classroom so they can be used in wet weather.



**School Times**

\* **Classroom doors open at 8:30am** and the register is taken at 8:35am. Please arrive on time or your child will have a late mark.

\* **Friday collection** is 1:30pm.

**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.

**Dates for your diary:**

2<sup>nd</sup> January

TD Day School is closed to pupils

3<sup>rd</sup> January

Term 3 starts

19<sup>th</sup> January

Dress down day – Dare to be different theme!

6<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day and open afternoon for parents

9<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of term 3

19<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4 starts

For any other dates please see the school website or our newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Marr

Mrs Smith

Miss Parmenter