

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half term break and are ready to start the new term! This term, our school value is 'Courage' and we will be thinking about how we can show courage. In Reception, our topic title this term is 'Spring to Life'. We will be reading the following books in more detail: *'The Runaway Pea'* by Kjartan Poskitt and *'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'* by Eric Carle.

### **PE**

This term, PE will continue to be on Fridays for RSSM and RBP. Please ensure long hair is tied back and any earrings have been covered or taken out. We will continue to ask the children to change into P.E kits in school. 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 can still be cold and, sometimes, we may be outside.

### **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 unless they are already 5.

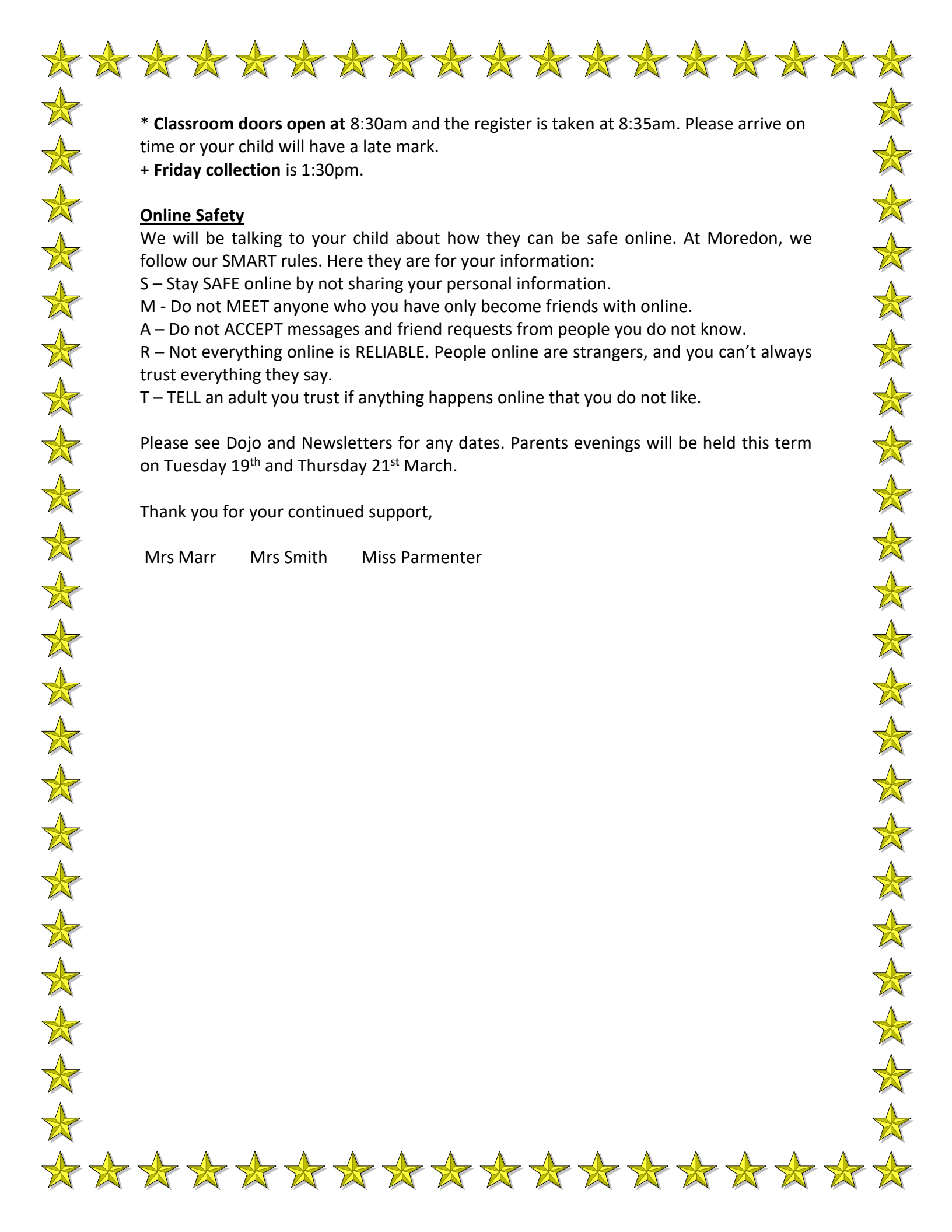
### **Reading**

As you will be aware, we are starting a new reading incentive called 'Rocket Reading'. Please encourage your child to read their books to you and share the reading for pleasure books together. Please remember to record your child reading to you in their reading record. We will continue to change books regularly. The book they bring home on a Thursday/Friday is one they have read during the week with us and has a star on it. Please make time for your child to read this book with you and return this on Monday mornings.

### **Homework**

Please keep using the phonics book to practise what we have been learning at school and also keep it in your child's bookbag. There won't be any new graphemes but please keep practising any your child doesn't know (we may write some in each week.) We will also be sending home some words for your child to segment and blend to read as well as tricky words to read. Could you also please practise forming letters correctly.

### **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.

Please see Dojo and Newsletters for any dates. Parents evenings will be held this term on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Marr      Mrs Smith      Miss Parmenter