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## May Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope to bring you up to date with news and forthcoming events. We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable Term 5.

### Y3/4 PERFORMANCES

Thank you and well done to all the children who performed so well in the Key Stage 2 performances of 'Oh What A Knight!' from the Ahlberg, Dahl and King-Smith classes at the end of last term.

### TERMLY AWARDS

On the last day of the Spring Term our special Awards Assembly took place.

Our congratulations go to the following children for the Spring Term 2019 in recognition of their hard work and achievements:

#### **Academic Award**

KS1: Charlotte M, Charlie E, Lois H, Romey S.

KS2: Nathan S, Lillybelle M, Lily C, Freya C, Ryan M & Milana R.

#### **Creative Award**

KS1: Lila A, Freya R, Megan S & Amber A.

KS2: Lilly E, Ethan W, Jonah S, Dylan S, Rhian J & Kai M.

Well done also to Alyssa-Rose M-S who gained the Mrs Morriss Award for her consistent caring, conscientious and courteous attitude throughout the term, upholding our 5C values; and Mason R who, through being a great ambassador when representing the school in many sporting events and showing a great sporting attitude, gained the Sports Award. Sports colours were also awarded to Ava M, Isabella L and Kai Mc.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL DISPLAY

We hope that you were able to visit Moulton Church during the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April to enjoy all of the beautiful flower displays created by members of the community following the theme of 'Around The World In 40 Displays'. A very big Thank You goes to the children for their contributions and to the staff members who created an impressive display in the school corner.

### STAFFING

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Hales and Mrs Crick at the end of last term. Mrs Ekins and Miss Pennington will be teaching in McKee class and Mrs Harwood and Mrs Vaughan in Ahlberg class.

I am pleased to announce that the school has successfully appointed new members of teaching staff to take up permanent positions within the school from September, Mrs Malcolm, Miss Wicks and Mr Broughton; I am sure you will welcome them when they take up their new positions in September.

Congratulations also go to Miss Curtis who has been successful in becoming The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Leader, which we have brought into effect immediately.

### PARENT HELPERS

If there are any parents/carers/grandparents who are willing to help in the classrooms on a regular basis, we would be very grateful for your assistance. Even if you can spare just half an hour to an



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hour at the beginning of a school day, this would be useful. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

## **SATS AND PHONIC ASSESSMENTS**

Please note that the KS2 SATs will be tested within the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The KS1 SATs will be administered throughout May. The Year 1 phonics assessment checks will be administered during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

We ask that you do not arrange appointments or request holiday during these times.

## **The following are the usual reminders and advice that we include in our April newsletters:**

### **Protective sun hats and sun screens – Just a reminder**

As warmer weather is hopefully expected again in the coming weeks it is important to ensure that children are protected from the harmful effects caused by the sun. Particularly vulnerable areas of the body are the face, neck and arms. It is important that children wear a sun hat on sunny days. If they do not have suitable headgear, you may wish to consider purchasing one of the three styles of hat available from the office at £2 each. The use of sunscreens is an effective way of preventing sunburn and is recommended for use, especially if a child has fair skin. Children have to know how to apply these sunscreens if/when used during the school day. Similar to our policy on medicines, teachers are unable to administer the application.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We often receive positive comments by visitors to the school or members of the public during school visits on how well your children are presented and represent the school. We feel our school uniform provides an important way of instilling a sense of pride, commitment and community in the children. This supports them in developing positive attitudes to their learning and school life in general.

With this in mind and as the warmer weather has now arrived I would like to remind you of our Summer uniform.

### **Summer Uniform**

- For girls: Red gingham/candy stripe dress  
White polo shirt/grey skirt/pinafore dress
- For boys: Dark grey trousers or shorts  
White shirt and school tie OR white polo shirt
- P.E. Clothing: Plain white T-shirts, no buttons (or with school logo)  
Red shorts (cycle shorts are not permitted)  
Plimsolls or trainers  
A tracksuit is required for outdoor PE (for colder days)

We ask that no variation to these are introduced and as always please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.

During Terms 5 and 6, please remember that children should always attend school in suitable footwear. Beach/jelly shoes, sling backs and high-wedged heels are not acceptable for school wear.



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Please would you check to see whether your child's plimsolls still fit as when the plimsolls have been in P.E. bags within school for a long time, this can easily be overlooked. However trainers should not be worn as part of the general school uniform.

It is very important that every child has their PE Kit in school throughout the week. In addition to the timetabled PE/Games lessons, teachers may capitalise on other occasions for children to participate in exercise activities.

## **PARKING**

Parking during the peak drop off and pick up times of the school day continues to be a concern. I would like to remind you of the parking restrictions that are in effect close to the entrance of the school and that the school safety zone includes the bus layby. These restrictions are in place for the safety of the children. It is important that the school bus can use the layby so that children can get on and off the bus away from the road. This includes secondary school children who are often dropped off at the end of the school day when children who attend here are being collected from clubs. I understand that it becomes very congested during peak times of the day. However, as our new banners signify, please keep the safety zone clear. Please also continue to be considerate to our neighbours in relation to driving and parking around school, including in Westmoreland Road. Thank you.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the school staff carpark must not be used by parents; this is a county wide policy. In addition, and for your own safety, please use the pedestrian access, which goes around the car park via the separate gate, when visiting the school office. We have a bike shed for storing cycles and scooters; access to this is through a gated entrance to the pre-school.

I have also been contacted by the Moulton Community Association with regard to parking during school events at the community centre. I have been advised that when there are events at school which clash with events taking place at the community centre there will be a steward directing non users of the community centre away from their facilities.

## **USED UNIFORM**

This term, together with the Friends of the School, we are intending to continue to provide a Used Uniform service. Good condition previously used uniform will be on sale every first Thursday of the month.

It will be held in the library from 2.50p.m. to 3.30p.m. We should be grateful to receive any uniform that you are prepared to donate to the school for this purpose. Please send any items to the office or hand them to a member of the Friends of the School Committee. We hope that this will continue to be a successful venture to raise funds for the Friends of the School.

## **PLAY EQUIPMENT BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

We are very fortunate to have the range of equipment available for the children to use in the school playground that we have. However the three towers, climbing wall and trim trail etc. are for the children to use at designated times. We ensure a member of staff has checked the equipment and that the children are supervised while they are using it. These precautions help to provide a safe experience for the children while using the equipment. I ask that parents support the school and follow the signs that are clearly visible, by not allowing children to play on the equipment when



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children are being brought to school or collected at the end of the school day. This includes both school and pre-school aged children. In the interest of the safety of the children and preventing accidents, I thank you for your support with this matter.

## **Raising Concerns**

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child or other school matters at any time during the year. Do not hesitate to contact us. Often things heard on the playground get misinterpreted or only provide part of the information so please check with a member of school staff. We are committed to working with you to try and ensure concerns and minor irritations are resolved, and the facts are clarified as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely  
D. Pilsworth

**A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE WEBSITE**

## **Governor News**

We have continued to work with the school on its main priorities. This has included meetings with school staff who have provided feedback upon the developments taking place in school in their leadership areas in particular maths and SEND. Governors have also been involved in examining the progress and quality of work in maths books, identifying the areas in maths teaching that are being developed. Health and safety checks have taken place alongside setting the budget. We would like to thank all of you who completed the questionnaire at the Spring Parents' Evening. The results can be viewed live on ParentView and your feedback informs our thinking when considering areas for potential improvement.



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