

18th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

We are now in week four of the new term and whilst a lot has already happened, we are now very much into the routines that are so essential for good pupil progress.

Clubs

Please do not forget that there are after school clubs every night until 4.15. For further information please contact the office or see your child's class teacher.

Disco

The Autumn School Disco is Thursday, 5th October 2017.

Infants – 3.15-4.15 priced £2 which includes a goody bag. Infants should attend school in their disco outfit. Please note that tickets are limited to 80. Tickets are available from the School Office.

Juniors – 4.30-5.30. £1 on the door and there will also be a tuck shop. Please inform the office in advance if your child is to travel to and from the disco independently – **Year 5 & 6 ONLY**.

Grab Bags

Many children are choosing a Grab Bag for their lunch. They include a sandwich, piece of fruit, yoghurt and a biscuit or cake etc. If you do not wish your child to be able to have a cold meal, especially as we move into the colder months, please inform the office, so we can ensure that they have a hot meal.

Harvest Festival

This will take place in October and children are asked to bring a donation of tinned or packet food which will be donated to the Padley Group who help rough sleepers, homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people of Derby.

Homework

Homework will be set for all children on Wednesday and this will be collected on Monday. It is expected that all children complete all their homework each week. To support families, a free homework club is available on Wednesday from 3.15-4.15. Not completing homework with your child, or ensuring that they attend homework club, potentially disadvantages your child and puts them behind in their learning. I am sure that all parents will understand that the consolidation of learning at home is in their child's best interest and as such I thank you in advance for your support. Please note that children who have not completed homework, will be given the opportunity to catch up at break times.

Lost homework books will require replacing at a cost of 50p for the orange exercise books, £2 for the school diary and up to £4.99 for the Maths and English work books.

Infants

There have been a few staffing changes in Infants, these are designed to ensure that all children make the best possible progress. If you wish to discuss these changes, please see Mrs Maitland in the first instance.

Class	Teacher	Learning Support Assistants
Robins	Mrs Relf - Mon-Wed Mrs McCordick – Thur-Fri	Miss Robinson Mr Sammons (am) Mrs Hill (pm)
Toucans	Miss Pearson	Mrs Trueman
Rosellas	Mrs Maitland	Mrs Jennens
Macaws	Mrs Kemp	Mrs Burnside

McMillan Coffee Morning and Our Race for Life

We will again be hosting a McMillan Coffee Morning on **Friday, 29th September** from **9am-10am**. We invite all families to come along and enjoy a cuppa and a cake for £1.

As always we are collecting contributions for the day, if you could send in a cake or a packet of biscuits, these would be most appreciated. They can be given to class teachers or left at the school office.

Toast will not be served on this day, instead all children (including infants) will be able to buy a cake at break priced 10p.

Finally, subject to the weather we will all be participating in a Fun Run, sponsor monies will all be going to Cancer Research. A sponsor form is attached. All Sponsor monies must be returned to the school office by **Friday, 13th October 2017**.

PTFA

Following many years dedicated service, Mrs Jennens and Miss Robinson have made the decision to step down from leading the PTFA due to other commitments. The PTFA will be re-branding and becoming the *Friends of Moorhead Academy*. There will still be regular events to support and all parents are welcome to assist. There will be a termly meeting which will be communicated via the Headteacher Letter.

School Staff

As a staff team, we work very hard to ensure that all children receive the very best education and support whilst they are in our care. We endeavour to communicate with parents effectively and sensitively as required in a timely and professional manner. We also acknowledge that no one is perfect and sometimes not everything will be exactly as a parent would like. In these instances we will work with parents to remedy the situation. Sadly in the last 2 weeks, there have been a couple of incidents where parents have screamed at staff and been very abusive. This will not be tolerated. If parents have any concerns that cannot be addressed by the class team, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Targets

We have now completed all baseline assessments and are busy setting targets for this year for each child. As soon as this is completed, all families will receive confirmation of the targets that have been set for their child this year.

Uniform

It is expected that all children are in full school uniform and that this includes PE kit. Letters have been sent home already detailing any incorrect uniform and regular checks will continue. At this stage, given that some small changes have been made to the uniform, as detailed in the letters, parents are asked to replace the items that are wrong with the correct items, when their children grow out of them.

Walking Home

Only Years 5 & 6 children are permitted to walk home alone. They are not permitted to act as the responsible adult for other younger siblings. Written permission must be provided to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Fiona M Smith
Headteacher