Morley Primary School Newsletter 1

September 2024

WELCOME BACK:

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday filled with memorable family moments – I also hope that your child is excited to start the new school year.

SCHOOL HEATING:

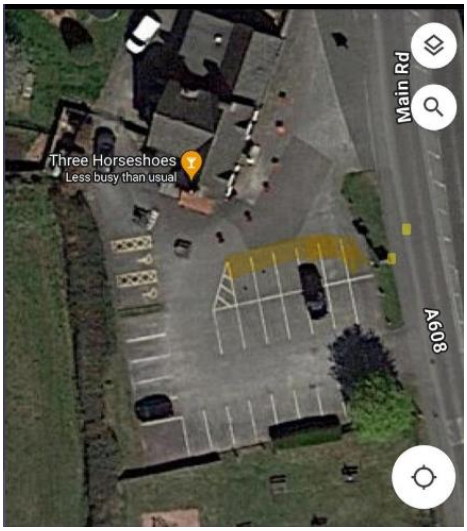
I am delighted to announce that over the summer we have had a complete new installation of heating and air conditioning units. No longer will we have cold classrooms in the winter and sweating Year 6 children in the summer! I would like to send a huge thank you to Mrs Pynegar for working throughout the entire summer holidays to ensure the school looks magnificent. You would not be able to notice where the 20-year-old heaters used to be – all plastered and painted.

RAILINGS:

To support our road safety and building evacuation procedures, new road railings have been installed by the crossing. We are now awaiting completion of the new road school markings this term.

PARKING:

Please can I remind parents of our parking agreement with the Three Horse Shoes pub. Parents of Class 1 children are to be collected at 15:20 - please leave the car park straight away to allow for Class 2/3 parents to park. If you have children in Class 1 and Class 2 or 3, please collect at 15:30. Please ensure the highlighted parking spaces are left free:



Click the link below to see our website for more car parking details:

https://www.morley.derbyshire.sch.uk/school-information-including-term-dates/

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches remain free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For children in Year 3-6, school dinners now cost £3.25 - this is the price set by Derbyshire. Please continue to use Parent Pay to make all payments.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

- Tuesdays - Craft Club Year 2-6 Starting Tuesday 17th September (please see separate post on Dojo to book your child's place)
- Tuesdays –Quiz Club for Year 3-6 - Starting Tuesday 24th September £3 per session- live on Parent Pay today.
- Wednesday - Athletics Club Year 1-6 - starting Wednesday 11th September for 6 weeks (£30) - live on Parent Pay today
- Thursday - Brick4Kids – Year 1-6 Starting Thursday 12th September - Booking Link below: https://booking.bricksnotts.com/bookings/course-info/701

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP:

Our whole school trip this year is to Peak Wildlife Park on Thursday 26th September 2024. As is now tradition with our whole school trips, children will explore the park in their house groups. More details to follow soon. The trip will be live on Parent Pay later this week with voluntary contribution of £15 per child.

PARENT MEETINGS:

Every September we have our whole class parents' meetings, these provide an opportunity for your child's class teacher to discuss the learning this year and class expectations:

Class 1 - Tuesday 17th September

Class 2 - Wednesday 18th September

Class 3 - Monday 16th September

All meetings are at 15:30 and last 20-30 minutes– provision is in place for any school siblings. There will be an individual parent evening after half term – early November.

PLAY TIME FOOD:

All children in Class 1 will continue to receive free daily fruit. All children can bring fruit or vegetables only to eat at playtime – this does not include cereal bars. Friday will continue to be chocolate Friday. Please can I remind all parents that we are a nut free school. This includes products such as Nutella, Bakewell cakes and Kinder products.

ATTENDANCE:

The government's new attendance regulations have come into place with a new structure for penalty notices for term time leave:

First Offence - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years) -The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years) - The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

If school suspects a child is on holiday when the school is informed that they are ill, we expected to challenge this by requesting proof of illness.

Our whole school attendance last year was exceptional at 97.6% - we aim to beat this target this year. I will repost the entire guidelines once again on Dojo.

ACE ACADEMY:

On 1st September, ACE ACADEMY was officially launched and we have joined as one of the first schools including Bradley and Brailsford. I will be sending out a welcome letter from Nicola Foulds, the CEO and Trust Leader, later this week.

Many thanks,

Mr Taylor