

Moat Hall Newsletter - November

Head Teacher's Message....

Welcome to our December newsletter.

It was lovely to welcome so many families, friends and members of the local community to our Christmas Fayre. Our school was buzzing with Christmas excitement and cheer. The choir were a delight and started the event splendidly. It was truly cheering to see so many smiling faces having so much fun. I especially loved 'Splat the Sprout'. To be honest, that's the best thing anyone can do with a sprout. I'm just glad it wasn't a real sprout – what a mess!

I have to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Goodall and Mrs Atkins who worked tirelessly organising, wrapping, making and buying gifts and prizes for the stalls. They are truly a force to be reckoned with. I also want to thank the staff who gave up their Friday evenings to support the event. They really are a great team. I also want to thank all our families for attending and supporting the school with this event.

We had the first Rockitt Concert today where all the children from year 1 to year 6 performed a piece of music on the keyboards. Mr Parr has recorded it and will post it on Dojo for those parents who couldn't attend. Mrs Ridley, our music teacher, did a fabulous job and the children performed well. For those parents that attended, I know they were impressed with their musical aptitude.

The children are busy preparing for their nativities and Christmas Carol Concerts. We have so many events scheduled for this month so don't forget to check the dates at the bottom of this newsletter. It's going to be a very busy month!

Mrs Jane King

ATTENDANCE!



It is important that children attend school EVERY DAY! However, we understand that children do get sick! Please ensure that your child is on time every day, gates are open at 8:30am until 8:50am. If you child is unwell please use the Absence Class Dojo to inform Mrs Hutton of your child's absence. You will need to contact <u>every</u> morning that they are absent.

RLM	94.2%	RVS	89.39%
1 Chester	96.86%	1 Tutbury	96.33%
2 Dudley	97.55%	2 Rose	94.47%
3 Cambridge	97.11%	3 Oxford	97.62%
4 Pendragon	94.74%	4 Skipton	98.44%
5 Holyrood	96.49%		
6 Aberystwyth	94.63%	6 Cardiff	90.9%
		Whole School	95.57%

For the month of November children who were late have missed a total of <u>47.28 hours</u> of lesson time. We also had a total number of <u>101 unauthorised</u> absences, where we have not been informed as to why the child is absent. Please remember that if your child has more than 20 unauthorised absences you may receive a fine.

Food bank donations

We received a lovely letter from Cannock District Foodbank thanking our children, parents, carers and staff for the amazing efforts in collecting 212.35 kilos of food!!

This donation has really helped some families who are struggling at this present time.

Well done everyone!!

thank you

Reception 2024 Applications

Applications are open for September 2024 places, the deadline is 15th January 2024.

Please apply for your child's place via Stafford School Admissions.

We had two special visitors last Friday in Nursery.

Blitzen and Donna joined the children for a morning where they found out lots of stuff about Reindeer's including their important role on Christmas eve!

Thank you to Amerton Farm and all our lovely families who have helped to provide this event for our little ones.



Charity donation

We had a visit from some special elves who delivered an amazing donation for some of our students from A Childs Heart. Phone calls will be made this week for those chosen to receive this kind donation.

We'd also like to mention Ayva Yr6C who chose to do a Christmas stall and raised £89 for St Giles Hospice! Well done Ayva



Christmas Fayre

Yet again Mrs Goodall has gone above and beyond in organising our schools Christmas fayre. The event was another success!! Thank you to everyone who helped support this anticipated event from all of the kind donations and to those giving up their free time to help raise much needed funds for our school

We haven't as yet got the main total of money raised and this will be given out in our next newsletter.

DECEMBER

lst Christmas Fayre

5th Rockitt concert Yrs 1,2 & 3 9:30am

Yrs 4,5 &6 10:30am

7th & 8th Breakfast with Santa

11th EYFS Come & Create – 9:15am

12th Mini's & Nursery Mince pie & drink – lpm

13th Christmas Jumper Day

14th Carol Concert – Yrs 3&4– St Marks Church – 1:30pm

Attendance swim party – details to be confirmed on Friday 8th Dec

Dates for your diary

15th Rocksteady concert – 9:30am

Reception – Walk to the Post Office – 9:00am

Carol Concert - Yrs 5&6 - St Marks Church - 1:30pm

18th Nursery & Reception Nativity – 9:30am

House point winners DVD & Popcorn in the hall

19th KS1 Nativity – 1:30pm

20th Christmas Party day!

21st Stars of the term! 9:00am

End of term – lpm finish

22nd Staff Inset day

JAN

8th Return to school

15th Applications for Reception 2024 close