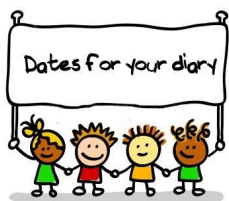


Moulsham Infant School

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November newsletter— 6th November 2023

Only 50 sleeps till Christmas!!!

Important Dates

Nov 6th – Year 2
1940's Day.

Nov 7th & 9th EYFS
Open Afternoons.

Nov 10th – Willow
Class Assembly &
Open Morning.

Nov 10th – Willow
class parent lunch

Nov 13th – Enterprise
Week.

Nov 17th – Children
in Need.

Nov 17th – Hazel
class parent lunch

Nov 24th – Christmas
Fayre.

Nov 30th SMILE non-
uniform day

Dec 1st – EYFS Christ-
mas Production to
parents

Dec 4th – SMILE Non
-Uniform Day.

Dec 6th, 7th & 8th –
KS1 Christmas Pro-
duction to parents.

Dec 7th Christmas
jumper day

Dec 7th Next second
hand uniform sale.

Dec 8th SMILE non-
uniform day

Dec 13th Christmas
dinner

We hope you all had a relaxing half term break—it already seems a long time ago now we are back into the school routine. Children have been telling us about their Halloween and Bonfire night activities and it sounds like lots of fun was had.

Thank you to all those who sent textiles in to be recycled—this has given us £122.50 which can now be spent on resources for school.

We are beginning to start thinking about Christmas as there are only 4 weeks until the EYFS production and then the following week it will be the turn of the KS1 children to perform. Christmas is always a really busy time in school but the productions are a very important tradition that we hold very dear to our hearts and I am already getting excited to see the children perform—the stage is going up as I write this so that is a sure sign that productions are round the corner.

This year we have a new event—the Christmas Fayre. This will take place on Friday 24th November from 2.30-5.00pm. FC, himself is already preparing gifts for the Grotto and the children are busy planning how they can raise money for the Sensory area. More details will be in a letter about the Christmas Fayre from SMILE.

Watch out for letters and information re Christmas productions and events, that will be circulated this week.



SCHOOL DINNER

This week it is week 3 of the menu. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch if they have not ordered a hot meal. Please inform the office if there are any changes to your child's choices.



Please remember to name all your children's clothes – then we can return them.

Well done to Lincoln (Chestnut) whose t-shirt design was picked from the entries to be made into a t-shirt for Mrs LA to wear when she went paragliding.



This includes
food products



with nuts in
them, such as
Nutella and
cereal bars.

Important Dates
cont..

Dec 14th—SMILE
Christmas Market

Dec 15th—Father
Christmas visit and
parties

Dec 19th—
Christmas Church
Service (KS1)

Dec 19th—end of
term

Dec 20th—NPD

Parent's lunch

On Friday 3rd November we welcomed 17 parents to have lunch with their children—Holly class. This is a new venture that we have started this term and after Friday's session it is one that we will definitely continue with.

On Fri 10th Willow class will welcome their parents and then on the 17th Hazel class will welcome their parents. Year 1 have dates in the Spring Term and EYFS in the Summer term.



It was fun that Mummy came and had lunch with me—she liked the fish and chips.

It was fun to sit and have lunch with Daddy in school. He thought the food was yummy.



A message from a parent who attended -

'Thank you for a wonderful lunch with the children last week. The food was delicious and it was such a treat to see the school in action. I was blown away by what a slick operation you have and how independent and polite all the children are—a result of everyone's hard work. Thank you for the opportunity and all your ongoing hard work'

Parent from Holly class

A huge thank you to both the kitchen and the lunchtime staff who ensured that this event was a great success.

The fish and chips certainly looked delicious—and very posh with a wedge of lemon!!!

Mrs Landa-Arrese did it!!!

At half term Mrs LA did the paraglide flight as intended. All went well and there were no injuries!!! It was amazing and she highly recommends it!!

If you would like to make a donation to the go fund me page to raise funds for the school sensory pod and resources we would be very grateful— <https://gofund.me/00a1c368>



Attendance—October



This winners of the best class attendance are as follows:-

EYFS - Oak class with 99.13%

Year 1 - Magnolia class with 98.07%

Year 2 – Hazel class with 95.59%

[Well done to these 3 classes.](#)

Total attendance for school for October was 95.17% - slightly down from last month (96.3%).

Children late to school

Since September we are noticing that the number of children late to school in the mornings has increased dramatically.

Please remember that the school day starts now at 8.45 am (door/gate opens at 8.35am). Children will be missing the start of their learning if they are not in school at this time.

Frequent lateness adds up to a considerable amount of lost learning.

5 mins late every day = 3.4 days in a year

10mins late every day = 6.9 days in a year

15 mins late every day = 10.3 days in a year

20 mins late every day = 13.8 days in a year

30 mins late every day = 20.7 days in a year

Admissions for EYFS September 2024

Applications for reception places for September 2024 must be made to Planning and Admissions by **15th January 2024**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Late applications made after the closing date are considered after those made on time, which reduces a parent's chance of being offered a place at their preferred school.



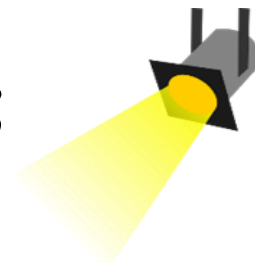
Year 2 transfer to MJS

To apply for a place for your child (Year 3) at MJS for September 2024 you must apply by 15th January 2024. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Late applications made after the closing date are considered after those made on time, which reduces a parent's chance of being offered a place at their preferred school.





Spotlight on year groups



EYFS

We were delighted to invite Grandparents into our classrooms at the beginning of October. The children were very excited and enjoyed showing their visitors around. Following on from learning about 'The Little Red Hen' story, we baked bread and ate it for snack. We also celebrated Black History Month by learning about famous musicians.

We have settled back into school routines following the half term holiday and are working well together in our class teams. We were so sensible in all the rain and had to come into school a different way to miss all the puddles!!

Mrs Keogh

Year 1

We are very excited to be back at school after a well-deserved half-term. The children completed their last half-term with an Art Gallery where they displayed their amazing self-portraits. This included wooden picture frames cut and decorated by the children. Thank you to all that came to the gallery and donated money for all of the children's hard work. This half term we are looking forward to many exciting things. We have planned some fun Christmas games that will be made during enterprise week to be played at the school Christmas Fayre on November 24th. The children have started to learn the songs for our Christmas Production and will be coming home on Friday with their costume letter. We are continuing to build on our enquiry question 'Who am I?' and we will be looking at where we live and drawing maps of our local area and school.

Mrs Fagg

Year 2

We are working hard in Year 2. We have come back to school ready to learn and are 'being the best we can be'. Willow Class have enjoyed their cube jar reward and had a lovely afternoon decorating biscuits. Well done, Willow, which class will be next? This half term we are going to be very busy practising our Christmas songs! We can't wait to find out which characters we will be and start rehearsals. We will also be learning about 'warning stories' in English. We will make up our own (where the main character doesn't listen and then gets themselves into a bit of bother....)! and we will then edit and improve our work. We will also be learning about fact families and number bonds in maths. We are continuing to be good role models for the rest of the school by following The Moulsham Code.

What a great start to the term!

Mrs Hanson