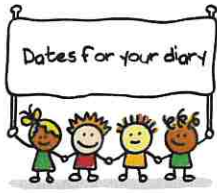


Moulsham Infant School

Motivate, Inspire, Succeed

May newsletter— 23rd May 2024



Important Dates

May 24th—Break up for half term.

May 27th—31st Half Term.

June 3rd—Children return to school.

June 3rd—YR trip to Boydells Farm.

June 4th—Y2 Mini Olympics.

June 11th & 13th—YR Dads in School.

June 12th—Whole School Photograph.

June 14th—SMILE non-uniform Day

June 19th—Class photographs.

June 20th—SMILE non-uniform Day.

June 21st—Non-Pupil Day.

June 27th—Y1 visit to Walton-on-the-Naze.

June 28th—SMILE non-uniform Day.

WK beginning 1st July—Health & Fitness week.

July 4th—Sports Day.

July 5th—Reserve Sports Day.

July 6th—SMILE Family Day.

Wishing all our families a good half term break.



SCHOOL DINNER

When we return after the half term break it will be week 1 of the **new** menu. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch if they have not ordered a hot meal. Please inform the office if there



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

Again we have had a few busy weeks in school. The warmer weather has enabled more learning to take place outside which the children really enjoy.

Since the start of the Summer term we have been trialling a slightly shorter lunch time, 12.00-1.00 rather than till 1.15. This will continue till the end of the Summer term when a decision will be made whether to make this change permanently.

The Year 1 classes have now all shared their assemblies with their visitors and the introduction of the chance to look at the children's work in the reading café has been very popular.

All parents have now had the opportunity to come and have lunch with their child. This has proven to be very popular and we have received very positive feedback. We will continue to offer this next year.

Last Thursday the Year 2 children had their trip to Layer Marney Tower. Unfortunately the weather wasn't particularly good but the children all seemed to enjoy the experience. Thank you to all the staff for organising the event.

Enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 3rd June.



Have fun over half term—remember to keep safe.

*Joe Hade
Ames*

Non Pupil Days 2024-25

Tuesday, 2nd September.

Monday, 6th January.

Friday, 14th February.

Tuesday, 22nd April.

Friday, 20th June.

NB—these dates are the same for MJS.

Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that we are a non-smoking site—this includes the path around the High School astro-pitch. We have had reports from parents that individuals have been seen smoking.

THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



This includes food products with nuts in them, such as Nutella and cereal bars.

Please ensure there are no nut products brought into school.

Important Dates cont..

July 9th—Open
Evening July

10th—Parent's
Evening (

July 12th—Year 2
Leavers Assembly.

WK beginning 15th
July—Book Fair.

July 19th—Y2
Sleepover.

July 23rd—Break
up for Summer
Holidays

Head lice

We have again had reported cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat appropriately.

It is also advisable to have your child's hair tied up, if long, as this can reduce the transfer of lice from head to head.

Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Social Media groups

Whilst these groups are a useful way for parents to share reminders, any concerns regarding your child's education must be discussed directly with the school (via the school office or directly with your child's teacher /Headteacher) as per our complaints policy. Thank you for your co-operation.



Attendance — May



This winners of the
best class attendance are as follows:

EYFS - Oak class 97.84%

Year 1 - Chestnut class 98.19%

Year 2 – Hazel class 95.80%

Well done to these 3 classes.

Mobile phones

Please adhere to our policy in school that when visiting school for open mornings / afternoon and event days mobile phones must not be used whilst in the school building.

The only exception to this is that during a class assembly / school production we allow you to take photos / videos. As always stated at these events we ask you not to post anything that has other children in them. Thank you.

Well, it's time for Mrs. Beauty to say goodbye!

I must move on to the next steps in my career and my last date with the school is 22 May 2024. While looking forward to the next steps in my career, I have loved working with each of you. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with this school and am especially grateful to have been matched with you.

I have learnt so much this last 7 months and that's all because of your amazing support. Without this support, I would not have achieved what I have now.

So, thank you very much for the opportunity.

Best wishes to everyone.

GOODBYE EVERYONE!

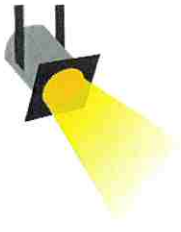
Miss Beauty

Parent Parking

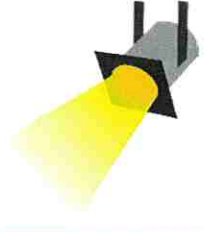
We have received a number of complaints regarding the way some parents are parking on the school site and the dangerous way some are entering and leaving the site.

Please can we ask that you only park in the designated bays and do not block the entrances to the site and the parents car park by parking in these entrances.

We do not want a child to be injured due to inappropriate driving/parking. Thank you.



Spotlight on year groups



EYFS

This term we have been learning about many different animals. We started the term with a visit from the ducklings. They were very cute and fluffy and we loved holding them. Later on, when we were reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', we observed a caterpillar becoming a chrysalis. At the moment, we are still waiting for them to turn into butterflies! During this term, we also loved having our parents come into to school to eat lunch with us. It was also great fun seeing so many parents visit our classrooms during Open Afternoon. We are very excited about visiting Boydell's Farm on the first day back after half term. We will get to see lots of animals, as well as having the opportunity to hold more chicks and even bottle feed lambs!

We hope you have a lovely half term!

Mrs Keogh

Year 1 Summer has arrived along with our new enquiry question 'What changes?' In English we have been learning how to write a fairy story, a diary entry and a fact file based around the 3 Little Pigs story. This story helped us to also think about materials and their properties and uses. In Science we have investigated many different materials such as wood, metal and plastic. We came up with a bank of words to use to describe these materials such as flexible, strong, rough and smooth. We used our new knowledge to help us to design and build our own houses, choosing materials we thought would be able to stop a wolf blowing them down. In History we have looked at houses and vehicles and how they have changed over the years. It has been so interesting looking at old photographs of houses and comparing them to the houses we live in today! This term we have also all shared our class assemblies with our parents and visitors. It has been wonderful sharing all of our learning from this term with our families and we have enjoyed thinking about how we have changed since EYFS. In the reading café we were so excited to share our work and look through all of our books with our visitors, we also enjoyed our biscuit and juice! Next term we will be checking our phonic knowledge with the phonics screening check. We have worked very hard in school and at home to learn all of the phonic sounds! We are really looking forward to our school trip to the beach and continuing with our enquiry question investigating what else changes!

Mrs Fagg

Year 2 This term the children have enjoyed learning about fairy tales. The children have planned and written their own fabulous warning stories inspired by the fairy tale: Little Red Riding Hood. They worked together to plan how they could trap the wolf and did lots of drama and role play around the story. To finish off our fairy tale theme we visited Layer Marney Tower and had a fantastic time despite the weather. We climbed the spiral staircase to the top of the 500 year old tower, we sat on top of a trap door and listened to fairy tale stories (luckily nobody fell in!). When the weather held off we had the opportunity to spot pigs, chickens and sheep around the farm area.

In Maths the children have been learning about fractions, how to tell the time and capacity as well as re-visiting basic calculation methods for addition and subtraction. The children have been inspired by the work of Sybelle Schenker and have worked on their cutting skills to create their own cut-paper art work. The children have been preparing for health and Fitness week in PE by learning athletic events such as the relay races, long jump and hurdles. In Computing, the children have been using the Ipads to take photographs accurately and edit them.

Mrs Stapleton