



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/carers,

This term has been rushing by. The children have completed some fantastic work and have shown superb BEST values. We continue to be immensely proud of their ability to settle so calmly into a school day and try their BEST in all areas of the curriculum.

Please note on the date sheet it is parents evening this term. It is our expectation that all parents come to see their children's work and talk to the class teacher about their progress and how to help them with their reading and other aspects of learning. There will be a **parent questionnaire** for you to fill in at parents evening. It was a great success last year having so many positive responses and some good suggestions for improving our school. We welcome all your ideas so please fill in your questionnaire on the night.

We are still focused on reading. Can we remind you to send in a picture of your child reading for our hall display. You can either bring in a printed copy or email it to; [admin@moat.academy](mailto:admin@moat.academy).

Can I remind you about our 'Borrow a Bedtime Story' shelf in the front office (see the picture below). You can choose any book, sign the back of the sheet with the same picture on as the front cover and take it home to read with your child. You can borrow it for as long as you need. Return it and borrow another one. The older children are also welcome to borrow these books to read themselves and enjoy.

Reading is the key to all learning.

### PTA – Everyone welcome.

We would love to invite new members to join our active PTA. Some of our current members have new commitments with courses or new jobs and we have lots of exciting events ahead which need a strong team. Please come to the next meeting on Friday at 12.30pm.





### Tomato Puree Tubes!!

Some of our children are working with a community project at the Library over the next few months. It is an art project and they need 1200 empty tomato puree tubes. Please send them into school.

### Tuesday is skipping day.

We would like to introduce skipping as an activity on Tuesdays.

If your child has a skipping rope at home they are allowed to bring it into school for skipping on Tuesdays.



### Car Park, gates and fencing.

After half term the main school gates will be closed and entrance to the school will be only available through the pedestrian gate.

A new fence will prevent children walking across the car park which will keep them safe.

Please use the car park on Matson Lane if you wish to drive and drop your children at school.

Thank you.



On Thursday 9th January a group of 6 children represented Moat at a Ten Pin Bowling competition.

Mrs Crompton said they were a delight to take and demonstrated all our BEST values as they Believed in themselves, Engaged with the bowling, Succeeded in scoring and Tried really hard. As a team they came in at 3rd place and all were presented with an amazing bronze medal. Casey Goddard did amazingly well and came first with the highest individual award and also most number of strikes! Well done Casey!!



## **ATTENDANCE**

Our whole school target is to have all our children in school 100%. **Top three classes each week are highlighted.**

Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

If you take your child out of school for an appointment, we will need to see a medical appointment card or letter. You must make check-ups after school hours. Remember the doctor and dentist are open after 3.20pm.

Holidays in term time are strictly UNAUTHORISED. Missing time from school can leave a child with gaps in their learning which are then very difficult for them to catch up.

	Week 1	Week 2
Miss Wallace	87.5%	89.5%
Mrs James	96.7%	97.7%
Mrs Tyers	97.5%	98.5%
Mr Nash	96.5%	92.5%
Mr O'Connell	91.7%	95.7%
Mrs Spendlove/Mrs Milward	91.8%	94.8%

If your child has less than 90% attendance this is monitored as **Persistent Absence**. This will greatly affect their ability to make progress with their learning.



## **HOUSES.**

WELL DONE TO ASH WHO HAVE WON EVERY WEEK SINCE RETURNING THIS TERM. COME ON EVERYONE SEE IF YOU CAN KNOCK THEM OFF THAT TOP SPOT THIS WEEK!

Term 3	Maple - Blue	Oak - Yellow	Ash - Red	Teak - Green
Week 1	171	183	229	175
Week 2	216	256	270	248
Week 3	236	277	299	294
Week 4	199	199	276	221

## **Clubs**

Please collect your child promptly from any after school clubs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Times Tables Rock Stars club 8.15am – start of school day for all Y3, 4 and 5 – Mr O'Connell				
Netball Matches only when arranged – Miss Wallace.  Wildlife Quiz Club – by invitation 3.20-4pm Mrs Yearsley  Yoga – Lunchtimes Y3/4 Mr Nash.	Football matches only when arranged – Mr Dyer.	Dance – Y4/5/6 Mrs Reid and RISE dance company.  Top trumps – Mrs James (Lunch time)  Hockey – Mrs Blythe (Lunch time)	Bookclub – Miss Walker 3.20 – 4.30pm	Chess club Lunchtimes Mrs Milward.

## Spring term - 2

### ***KEY DATES AND EVENTS***

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs Tyers' class assembly. Parents welcome.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of term BEST assembly. Parents/carers welcome. 9am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term holiday.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 residential to Condover Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Dress up day)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports relief non-uniform (£1 donation)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers shop – PTA event.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Hunt – PTA event
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of term BEST assembly. Parents/carers welcome. 9am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos and Y6 Leavers photos.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET day (See below)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Back to school.

Over the last few months, staff within our schools have been working hard to review and update the curriculum in line with the new Ofsted framework. This has been done in staff meetings and twilight sessions. As a Trust we are very keen that the updated curriculum is finalised and being delivered across all year groups, in all schools as soon as possible.

To provide teachers with adequate time to finalise the curriculum the Trust board has agreed to all of our schools having an additional INSET day this academic year. All schools should have five INSET days in a year but academies can have up to ten. We have never taken more than five, but feel that at this point in time, it is important that we do. The additional INSET day will be on Friday 22nd May. We hope that this will cause minimum disruption to parents as this is just before the half term holiday and bank holiday weekend.