



## Moredon Primary & Nursery School

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29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach another half term holiday I thought I would send a few updates. This term seems to have been very long with two lots of snow as well as all of the many activities we have going on in school. This term we have had external visitors into our school to assess our teaching. I am pleased to report that they were very impressed with all that they saw. They were particularly impressed with the standard of work that the children produce and the outstanding behaviour that the children showed.

### Staffing Update

Miss Wrona (RSSM) will be leaving us at the end of April to begin a new adventure at another school in Swindon. We thank her for all of her hard work during her time at Moredon. I am sure you join me in wishing her all of the very best for the future.

Last week we appointed Mrs Bentley who will replace Mrs Werrell in Year 1. She should be joining the team very soon.

### Attendance Update

The White Horse Federation Education Welfare Team is growing. We would like to welcome Laura Collins to our team, she joined the team in January as the Swindon hub Education Welfare Office and holds many years' experience in working with and supporting children and families to overcome barriers with multi-agencies including education.

Laura has outlined our expectations in terms of our schools attendance as listed below:

- Children should be in school every day and arrive on time.
- Please ensure that you communicate reasons for absence to school as soon as possible.
- School attendance that drops below 95% is considered a cause for concern (95% equates to 10 missed days across a whole school year),
- To help, please try to make medical appointments outside of the school day, take holidays out of school term time and communicate any reasons for absence clearly with the school
- Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child to fulfil their potential

In 2016/2017 over 1500 fines were issued to parents across Swindon relating to poor school attendance- we want to work with you to prevent this happening to our parents.

As an Education Welfare Officer (EWO), she is here to support you and your family to ensure all children receive their right to education. She may contact you and arrange a meeting to provide support and advice with any difficulties that may be being faced. She will work with you, your family and the school on an agreed plan of action with the primary aim to improve your child's attendance. This may involve further support in school or from other agencies such as Health or Social Care.



Laura is contactable via email or through the school admin office and is available to support with any queries or concerns relating to attendance matters.

Laura Collins – Education Welfare Officer for The White Horse Federation  
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### **Trim Trail**

A gentle reminder for you all that the trim trail and school field should not be used by your children either before or after school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Please make a note of the diary dates the coming weeks:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – End of term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Start of term

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Early Years Cultural Day (letter already sent home to RSSM and REP)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Class Photos

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 6TLC Class Assembly 2.30pm

Wishing you all a lovely Easter holiday!

Mrs Leach