



Moredon Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and fun packed Summer holiday! It has been lovely seeing the children come back into school focussed and ready for learning in their new classes.

As you are already aware I work Monday to Thursday. Miss Pratt, our Assistant Principal will now be covering me on a Friday. Should you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to see either of us.

Our Value this term is solidarity. We are starting the school year by reminding the children of the importance of sticking together and supporting one another. Please remind your children of the importance of this value at home as well as school.

You should receive the topic web for your child's class by the end of next week. Do feel free to speak to the teacher if you have any questions about the new topic.

Dates for the Diary

As always we have a very busy year ahead. The dates for this term are at the end of this newsletter. The calendar for the year is available on the school website and there are paper copies available in the carousel in the main entrance. As always some dates are subject to change however we will always give you as much notice as possible.

Staffing

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff. Mrs Prendergast joins as our new Year 6 teacher but also as a member of the Senior Leadership team and Year 5/6 lead. Miss Boyes is our new Year 3 teacher, Miss Carter our new Year 4 teacher and Miss Stevens joins as the other half of our job share in Year 1. We are very pleased to have such fantastic teachers joining our team and I am sure you will make them feel very welcome at Moredon.

We also welcome Mrs Reed and Miss Gould to our Teaching Assistant team, we are very pleased to have them as part of our Key Stage 2 team.

Miss Harris is now up and running as SENCo so should you have any questions or concerns about your child and their development or learning then please do come and speak to her. Miss Harris completed an extensive handover before the summer and is really looking forward to making the role her own.

Finally, a reminder that Miss Pratt, Miss Seviour and Mrs Prendergast form the senior management team for the school and so if I am not available they will be more than happy to help you.



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Attendance

As with last year, attendance remains at high priority for us. Please ensure your child is in school regularly and that you call us on **01793 600344** or text on **07860 005036** as soon as possible if your child will not be in school.

Lates were a big issue last year, if your child is late for the school this counts as an absence for the morning session so it is essential that all children are on time for school every day.

Uniform

We pride ourselves on how smart our pupils look in their uniform. However, I noticed in the last week of term that some of the high standards had slipped a little. So as a reminder the expected uniform for pupils is as follows:

Reception, Key Stage 1:

Red polo shirt
Black trousers, shorts or skirts
Red and white summer dresses
Black school jumper
Black shoes

Key Stage 2:

White shirt
Red and black tie (available from the school office)
Black trousers, shorts or skirts
Red and white summer dresses
Black school jumper
Black shoes

Please remember that no jewellery should be worn except for stud earrings. We will be asking your child to remove their ear-rings for PE or to have them taped over so please ensure this is something they are able to do. We would also ask that hairbands and bows are sensible in size and decoration.

All children should also have a full PE kit with them each day. Please ensure that everything is named.

Roald Dahl Dress up Day

Don't forget that **Thursday 13th September** is Roald Dahl dress up day. Please send your children along in clothes related to a Roald Dahl story – there will be prizes for the best dressed in each year group!

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Thursday 13th September – Roald Dahl dress up day (letter already sent with details)

Monday 17th September – Clubs start

18th – 25th September – School Book Fair

Wednesday 26th September - Moredon Mini Marathon (details to follow)

Friday 28th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 2nd October – Individual school photos

Tuesday 9th October – Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th October – Parents Evening

Friday 19th October – End of term

Monday 5th November – Back to school

As always thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any worries or concerns – or even just to say hello!

Mrs Leach