



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Megan-Leigh and Amy-Leigh (Year 5) and Nikola (Year 3) who have all received Headteacher Awards this week.

Golden Tickets: The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets this week and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
1	Faith and Maison	4	Lexie and Lacie A
2	Esmee and Kelsey-Mai	5	Corey and Calli
3	Ella and Bahati	6	Filip and Lacey

Welcome Back: It was great to see the children back in school on Tuesday. They were all very smartly dressed and looked wonderful! The Year 6 children looked very grown up in their new black sweatshirts and are ready to take on the mantle of being role models for the rest of the school.

This year we will be continuing to use Building Learning Power (BLP) to help the children to develop their learning skills. We will be focusing across the school on children's reading and comprehension as it is such a vital skill and opens up so many learning opportunities for them. To help support this in school we will continue to hear the children read as often as possible. It would be great if they could read more with an adult at home too.

We will also be continuing to work on raising standards in writing across the school and children will be given lots of opportunities to practise writing in a range of styles; there will be a big focus on spelling too. In maths we will continue to teach the children a range of strategies to solve problems and it is vitally important that they know their times tables to help with this.

I am looking forward to another exciting year at Moat House and look forward to meeting you at Parents' Evening, class assemblies or on the playground at the start or end of the school day.

Year 5 Summer trip to Dol y Moch: Mrs Rubidge and I took a group of Year 5 pupils to the Summer Camp at Dol y Moch from 26th - 29th July and we all had a great time. The children had the opportunity to go kayaking, mountain biking and rock scrambling at the beach at Borth y Gest. They also spent an evening on the beach at Black Rock Sands, one of the largest beaches in Wales. As well as the outdoor and adventure activities the children also became experienced sandwich and bed makers. I was really proud of our boys who won the competition to have the tidiest dorm. They achieved a perfect score of 15 (scoring 5 every day.) Well done to everyone. It was a lovely start to the summer holidays.

Staff: I would like to welcome Miss Purewal (Year 3) and Mrs Payne (Year 1) to Moat House. We look forward to them working with our children.

Early Bird Week: Starting on Monday 10th September, our Early Bird Week will be beginning. This is a chance for your child's class to earn some tasty treats. All they have to do is come into school before 9:00 am to earn a sticker. The class with the best overall percentage of children earning stickers will win the tasty treats. This is open for Reception to Year 6. Good luck!



Please ask your children to explain why there is a gorilla on this week's newsletter...

Class Assemblies: Please make a note of your child's class assembly detailed below:

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 14 th September	5SR	Friday 9 th November	ISP
Friday 21 st September	3SH	Friday 16 th November	6CB
Friday 28 th September	4HT	Friday 23 rd November	3SP
Friday 5 th October	2JL	Friday 30 th November	4NL
Friday 12 th October	1EW	Friday 7 th December	5SG
Friday 2 nd November	2KG	Friday 14 th December	6JK

School Bank: On Tuesday, the Moat House School Bank will be open again for anyone who wishes to make a deposit or a withdrawal. Many of our children have now opened accounts and are saving hard for things like spending money for their holidays or Christmas presents. If your child would like to begin saving using the School Bank, please complete an application form and bring your first deposit along to the bank, which is open every Tuesday morning at 8:40 am. Forms are available from the school office.

Pause for Thought: "Life changes very quickly, in a very positive way, if you let it." - Lindsey Vonn.
Each new year is a new start. What are you looking forward to this year?

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Monday 10 th September	-	Early Bird Week
Tuesday 18 th September	-	Year 5 trip to Ironbridge
Monday 24 th September	-	Harvest Assembly
Wednesday 3 rd October	-	Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
Thursday 18 th October	-	Half term break
Friday 19 th October	-	Teacher day (children should not come to school)
Monday 29 th October	-	Children return to school
Monday 5 th November	-	Early Bird Week
Tues 27 th & Weds 28 th November	-	RHE Parents' Evenings
Tues 4 th & Weds 5 th December	-	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st December	-	Christmas break
Monday 7 th January	-	Children return to school
Friday 15 th February	-	Half term break
Monday 25 th February	-	Children return to school
Friday 12 th April	-	Easter break
Monday 29 th April	-	Children return to school
Thursday 23 rd May	-	Half term break
Friday 24 th May	-	Teacher day (children should not come to school)
Monday 3 rd June	-	Children return to school
Friday 19 th July	-	Summer break

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week: 5th September - Ironbridge trip letter (Year 5)