



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Aleksandra Solovjova, Olivia Nevin, Makai Smith, Tia-Li Wills, Arlie-Rose Edwards, Vasni Muanza, and Alexandra Gambo who 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
R	Paloma & Maria	4	Amida & Alanta
1	Alesha & Bianca	5	Kayden & Idris
2	Victoria & Ruby	6	Alisha & Eliis
3	Sajda & Kiera		

**House Points:** Last week's winners were: **Mowlam**

Godiva		Moorcroft		Herbert		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
16	35	15	34	11	26	23	42

**Year 6 SATs:** Congratulations to Year 6 on completing their SAT tests this week. Everyone rose to the challenge and tried very hard. All of the staff are incredibly proud of their efforts and we hope they have a restful weekend as they thoroughly deserve it! Year 6 have lots to look forward to in the forthcoming weeks but there is still a lot of hard work to do before the end of the year. We know that they will continue to stay focussed through to the end of their time at Moat House.

**Bees:** After working closely with Cardinal Wiseman last summer term I have obtained a small colony of bees who are living in a hive in the wildlife area (which has an 18 foot fence around it). I am hopeful that we will get some Moat House honey from them later in the term which the children will all get a taste of. We have purchased some extra sets of protective clothing and may let some of the older children watch a hive inspection later in the term. We will ask for parental consent before anyone does this.

**Family Fit Session:** Another Family Fit Fun session took place on Wednesday in the glorious sunshine. Once again this proved to be very well attended with both parents and children enjoying healthy competition between themselves and other families. These sessions will continue every Wednesday after school from 3:20pm until 4:20pm. All Moat House children are welcome from Reception to Year 6.

**Fidget Spinners:** Unfortunately, we have had a lot of incidents this week involving spinners being used inappropriately at lunchtimes, playtimes and in class. They have caused several arguments and problems. Because of this children will not be allowed to have them in school from Monday 15th May. If they do bring one in 'by accident', an adult will look after it and return it to a collecting adult at home time.

**Term time holidays:** I have had several requests recently for children to take time off during term time. Unless there is a change in the law, I am unable to authorise any term time holidays. The government changed the law a few years ago and took away Headteachers' ability to authorise term time holidays.

**St Chad's News:** Can you inspire? We are looking for a part time, self-employed Scout project supporter. Are you a friendly person who can help welcome new adults and young people into Scouting? If so, then we need you to be our Project Supporter. Based at St Chad's, Hillmorton Road, we plan to open new Scout sections that will welcome young people and adults from all of the diverse communities in the area, regardless of background, faith or beliefs. Interested? Contact Natalie Boarer on 07507 856 252 or at [natalie.boarer@scouts.org.uk](mailto:natalie.boarer@scouts.org.uk)

**Sunsafe** Last year we became a certificated Sunsafes School and we will be renewing this again this year. We are committed to keeping children safe in the sun to help prevent them from getting skin cancer in later years. More details will follow shortly. (As I look out of the window, Summer still seems to be a long way away but hopefully the sunshine will return soon)

**Dropping off children** Can you please wait with your children until school opens at 8.50am. Children in Years 5 and 6 can be left from 8.45am.

**Pause for Thought:** "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right." -Henry Ford  
What can you achieve?



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

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| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May                               | - | Year 5 Imagineer Productions                  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                               | - | Year 5 Jodrell Bank                           |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                            | - | Year 5 to Charter House                       |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May                             | - | Year 1 visit to Twycross Zoo                  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May                             | - | Half term break                               |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May                               | - | Teacher Training Day                          |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June    | - | Hordain Football Tournament (France)          |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                               | - | Children return to school                     |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July | - | Year 5 residential Swadlincote (near Conkers) |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July                             | - | Year 6 Leavers' Performance                   |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July                             | - | Last day of Summer Term                       |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                         | - | Children return to school                     |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October                         | - | Half term break                               |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                           | - | Teacher Training day                          |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October                           | - | Children return to school                     |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December                        | - | Christmas break                               |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January                            | - | Children return to school                     |

*Yours sincerely,  
Alasdair Black  
Headteacher*

**Letters that were sent home this week:** 10<sup>th</sup> May - Imagineerium trip letter (5CB)



**Attendance for last week:**

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 96.1 %

The class with the best attendance last week was: 5SG with 100%

Attendance money won:  
£5.00 - 5SG, £1.00 - 6SH, 6JK, 3ZT,  
2JG, 2ET, 1LF.

