

# Weekly Newsletter



Thursday 19th October 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Tobi Adewale, Ruvarashe Kandengwa, Amrit Singh and Alisha Hunte, 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' for the first week after half term are:

| Year Group | Children            | Year Group | Children            |
|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| R          | Laura B and Faith   | 4          | Amy-Leigh and Kaine |
| 1          | Filip and Ava-Marie | 5          | Demi and Lexi       |
| 2          | Mateusz and Keira   | 6          | Logan and James     |
| 3          | Olivia and Ali      |            |                     |

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

Overall Half-term winners: **Mowlam**

| Mowlam |             | Herbert |             | Moorcroft |             | Godiva |             |
|--------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Weekly | Half-termly | Weekly  | Half-termly | Weekly    | Half-termly | Weekly | Half-termly |
| 17     | 79          | 16      | 76          | 13        | 67          | 15     | 69          |

**Attendance:** First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody regarding attendance. Currently the school sit on a total of 97% attendance for the whole school, the highest in over 3 years. Last week there were ten classes, who earned money through our attendance challenge, which is a fantastic achievement. Please keep up the excellent attendance habits for the new half term.

**Football Match:** It was Moat House's first league game of the season, away at St. Laurence's and hopes were high following some very promising training sessions. Moat House started well in their new formation with Oliver bossing the midfield. Nathaniel then gave Moat House the lead with a smart finish giving the keeper no chance at all: 1-0. The Moat House goalkeeper then produced a few neat saves to keep them in the lead. Half time: 1-0. The second half started as the first ended with Moat House dictating the play. There was a corner for Moat House that was cleared well by the St. Laurence defence only to the new Moat House captain, Tyreece. With one touch to control, he then unleashed a venomous shot from all of fifteen yards that nestled into the top corner giving the goalkeeper no chance. Everyone who witnessed this couldn't believe their eyes: 2-0. With minutes to go, St. Laurence's converted a penalty to make it 2-1 but Moat House's defence stood firm to hold out for a thoroughly deserved victory! Man of the match - Nikita for some amazing tackling and sharp passing.

**Parents' Morning in Reception:** We were delighted to welcome many of our parents into Reception this morning for a fun filled session, which hopefully also raised awareness about how we teach children in the Foundation stage, especially with their phonics and early reading skills. Following this, they celebrated Divali by designing diva lamps, making Indian sweets and sampling Indian cuisine. Everyone agreed that it was a fabulous and informative morning.

**Road Safety:** Can you please remind your children about how to cross the road safely, particularly over half term. One of our older pupils was knocked down earlier this week on their way home from school. Fortunately they weren't seriously injured, however, you will all recall the tragic accident that occurred last October in Bell Green when a pupil from St Laurence's school was knocked down and killed. If you don't feel that your child is old enough to cross safely by themselves, please help them across or make sure they are supervised by an adult.

**Finally:** We would like to say a huge well done to all of our children for settling into their new classes so quickly. They have taken on the challenge of more difficult work and higher expectations in their new year groups and they should be congratulated for the good progress that they have already made. Well done children and a big thank you to parents and carers for all your support. We hope you all have a happy and healthy half term break.

**Pause for Thought:** "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." - Albert Einstein.  
It's never too late. What can you change?

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

|   |   |                             |
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| 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   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November | - | Anti-Bullying Week          |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                                  | - | School photographs          |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | - | Parents' Evening            |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December                                  | - | Parents' Evening            |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                                 | - | Christmas break             |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December                                  | - | Teacher training day        |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January                                      | - | Children return to school   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May               | - | Year 6 SATs                 |
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May             | - | Hordain Football Tournament |

*Yours sincerely,  
Alasdair Black  
Headteacher*

**Letters that were sent home this week:** 18<sup>th</sup> October - Teaching arrangements (4LF)



**Attendance for last week:**

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 97.9%

The class with the best attendance last week was 5ST with 98.7%

Attendance money won:

£1 - RSR, RKG, 1LM, 2JG, 3SH, 3JK, 4HT, 4LF, 5SG, 5ST, 6CB & 6NL

