



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2014

Dear Parents / Carers,

Class Assembly: 5NL produced a fantastic assembly today, which informed us all about what they have been learning as part of their topic on World War 2. They have learnt about Anderson Shelters, evacuation, morse code and the different jobs that men and women did during the war. Well done 5NL!

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to all of the children who took part in our Nursery and Reception Performance or Key Stage 1 Performance, who made me proud to be at Moat House, and all of the adults who organised and rehearsed with them. They all received Headteacher Awards this week, along with Layla Szapowalow.

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

Year Group	Children
R	Olivia and Nicola
1	Joshua and Elijah
2	Lacey and Alanda
3	Allisha and Candace
4	Leah and Naira
5	Moza and Sienna
6	Thomas and Abbie

Winter Fayre: We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children, parents and staff who supported our Winter Fayre, last Friday. There were a number of very popular stalls including the tombola, raffle and the face painting. We managed to raise an amazing £575.24, which will go towards subsidising school visits for all of our children. We would also like to say an especially big thank you to Miss Gowlett and her helpers, who organised the event so successfully.

Christmas Performances: On Wednesday, our children in Foundation stage produced two fantastic performances, which included songs, actions and acting. The children did extremely well to learn their lines and songs as well as perform in front of big audiences. This is the first time that our youngest children have performed without older children at Moat House and they should be congratulated for this fantastic achievement!

On Thursday, parents were treated to another amazing performance by our talented Key Stage 1 children. The children performed "Christmas with the Aliens" and again learnt lines, songs and actions. They showed true professionalism because a few children had to stand in for their friends, who were absent from school on the day of the performance - nobody could tell that these children had been asked to stand in at the last minute!

School Timings: We are aware that some parents have been concerned that their children 'just' miss the doors being closed at the beginning of the school day and we are always keen to take parents' views on board. For this reason, from next week staff will be opening the entrance doors at 8:50 am and will close them at 9:00 am. A bell will be rung at both of these times to alert staff, parents and pupils and to ensure that all doors are opened and closed at the same time. We hope that this addresses parental concerns and helps to reduce the number of late arrivals in the mornings.

We would like to clarify the timings that children should be picked up from their classes. In Reception to Year 6, the end of the school day is 3:20 pm. In Nursery, the morning session finishes at 11:45 am and the afternoon session finishes at 3:30 pm. We would really appreciate your punctuality as class teachers often have after school clubs or meetings that they are required to attend.

Time Penalties: Some of our parents have received a text message alerting them to the fact that their child has served ten time penalties at playtime. Children receive time penalties after being given warnings in class about unacceptable behaviour, for example being off task or distracting other children. This results in them having to miss between five and fifteen minutes of their playtime. You will receive a text message if your child reaches ten time penalties in a term. If they have to serve a further ten time penalties (twenty in total), they will be required to attend an after school detention, which you will be informed about. Time penalties start from scratch each term so any child with time penalties this term will go back to zero in January. If your child is involved in a serious behaviour incident, you will be contacted at the time to discuss this in more detail.

Christmas Gift Notice: You will probably be buying the likes of bikes, mobile phones, tablets, MP3 players, computers, games consoles for your children. The police would like to take this opportunity to suggest that you register all new, and current items on www.immobilise.com Should anything be lost or stolen, and the police recover the item, then we will be able to trace the owner. Immobilise is not just for Christmas!

New Year's Honours Awards: Lisa Harasym, Coventry Council Community Development Officer, and Andrew Fisher, Vicar of St Chad's Wood End, would like to invite local residents to a New Year celebration of what is great in these parts of Coventry. We would like you to nominate people in your community who have made a difference. There are three categories as follows: groups, individuals (adults) and individuals (youths). If you wish to nominate someone who you know has made a difference, you can collect nomination forms from the school office, which can then be posted into a ballot box (also held in school). The New Year's Honours Awards will be presented by local dignitaries including the Lord Mayor at St Chad's church on Saturday 17th January 2015.

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

- 16th December - Governors' Awards (5pm)
- 17th December - Whole school visit to St. Chads Church
- 19th December - KS2 Carol Concert
- 19th December - Christmas Break
- 5th January - Children return to school
- 5th January - Health Week
- 15th January - Young Voices
- 19th January - Recycling Week
- 19th January - Year 3 Roman Day

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week:

- 8th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (Key Stage 1)
- 11th December - Visit to St. Chad's Church (Whole school)

Attendance



Our school target for attendance is 96%.

Last week's attendance was: 94.4 %

The class with the best attendance last week was: 3PH