



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2014

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly I'd like to thank all of you for making me so welcome during my first term at Moat House. It's been a really busy time and the school has made huge progress in many areas.

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Connor Grant, Byron Brown, Reece Kellacher, Jalil Munyandekwe, McCauley Hill, Ciaran Rowley, Light El Bineta and Allisha Upton who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

**Golden Tickets:** The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets today and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' in the first week after Christmas are:

Year Group	Children
R	Lacey and Pa-musa
1	Kamilla and Leigha
2	Hanlon and Lord Ritchie
3	Ceirán and Jessica
4	Molly-May and Andre
5	Lacey and Jason
6	Dylan and Byron

**Governors' Awards:** On Tuesday a special ceremony was held to recognise children at Moat House, who have worked hard or shown good behaviour or attitude. The following children were awarded with a certificate and a voucher, in front of a very proud audience of parents, governors and staff, for their hard work and achievements.

Nursery: Samrah and Alfie  
Reception: Lacie P and Junior  
Year 1: Kiera and Bart  
Year 2: Madison and Tyreece  
Year 3: Jessica and Adam  
Year 4: Demi-Lou and Muhammed  
Year 5: Kiera and Jamal  
Year 6: Ilsan and Luke

**Moat House School's Got Talent:** On Tuesday, a number of our very talented children were brave enough to perform in front of the whole school. We were treated to a range of amazing talent, which included gymnastics, magic tricks, singing and dancing. We would like to say a huge well done to the children who performed and we look forward to enjoying more Moat House talent in 2015.

**Visit to St. Chad's:** On Wednesday, the whole school visited our local church, St. Chads, where the children were given the experience of seeing how a church looks at this time of year. Rev Andrew Fisher and his trusty sidekick (Christmas Duck) made us all very welcome and shared the traditions that churches follow in December. The children were also treated to an impromptu nativity performance by some surprised staff members as well as squash and biscuits before returning to school.

**KS2 Carol Service:** Today, we have been treated to a thoroughly festive end of term with a fantastic Carol concert, led by our Key Stage 2 children. The children sang beautifully in front of a large audience and did extremely well to learn so many songs in a short amount of time. Thanks also to Rev Andrew Fisher for saying a few words at the end.

**Russian Interpreter Request:** We have a number of children who are learning how to speak English and although we have support in some languages, we would welcome anyone who could offer to support to our Russian speaking children. Please either phone or call into the school office if you are able to help or if you know anyone who could help.

**Health Week:** You will have received a letter earlier this week informing you about our Health Week, which we are holding in the first week after the Christmas break. There are lots of activities planned for your children to promote healthy lifestyles including, a dental workshop and classroom medics, who will help children to develop an understanding of why it is important to keep fit and healthy. We are also holding a coffee morning for parents and carers on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9 am, where you will be able to gain advice about fitness and healthy eating for the whole family.

Finally.....we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Enjoy the festive holiday with your children and please remember, children need to return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - there is no teacher training day.**

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

- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Break
- 5<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school
- 5<sup>th</sup> January - Health Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> January - Coffee morning (9 am)
- 15<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices
- 19<sup>th</sup> January - Recycling Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> January - Year 3 Roman Day

*Yours sincerely,  
Alasdair Black  
Headteacher*

**Letters that were sent home this week:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> December - Attendance and punctuality (whole school)
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Health Week (whole school)

**Attendance**



Our school target for attendance is 96%.

Last week's attendance was: 92.2%

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