



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and new year with your children, family and friends. We have had a great start to the new term with lots of enthusiastic children who are ready to learn, as well as a very successful Health Week.

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Roksana Bavanowska, Brean Salih, Laynie Riley, Nevaeh Elson, Nayrat Hussein and Samuel Rudnicki, 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' next week are:

Year Group	Children
R	Jaiden-Rai and Oscar
1	Olivia and Adrianna
2	Julia and Patryk
3	Lilly and Connor G
4	Sophia and William
5	Kamil and Nicole
6	Byron and Jalil

**School Timings:** Can I remind you that the school day starts at 8.55am. The doors open at 8.50am and are shut at 9.00am. After this time, access is via the front doors only. We then finish at 3.20pm. Can you please ensure that you collect your children promptly at the end of the school day. Towards the end of last year a number of children were not picked up until after 3.30pm (some were over half an hour late being collected). Our staff often have meetings or courses to attend which means they are unable to provide after school childcare for children who are collected late. We are currently monitoring the situation. There are, on occasion, unavoidable situations which arise which prevent parents or carers from being here at 3.20pm. If you know you are likely to be late, please contact us to let us know. However, if children are regularly collected after this time we may be forced to charge for their afterschool childcare.

**Health Week:** Our very first Health Week has proved to be very successful and has been a very appropriate beginning to the new year at Moat House. All of our children have been involved and enjoyed the various activities. We have had a fun filled yet informative week, which has included visitors from the West Midlands Fire Service, Dental Nurse, School Nurse, Classroom Medics, Coventry Blaze and many others. The children also entered into a whole school competition and the winners have been presented with prizes. What a fantastic first week back!

Here is what some of our children thought... in Foundation Stage, the children were excited about hearing their hearts beat, recording their muscle strength and testing their lung capacity. In Key Stage 1, the children enjoyed the competition to design their own healthy meal, using all of the five food groups. In Lower Key Stage 2, the dental nurse taught the children about healthy teeth and keeping germs away. In Upper Key Stage 2, the children enjoyed the assembly about Coventry Blaze and learnt how the ice hockey players keep themselves fit and healthy and ready for important matches.

**Winter Clothing:** Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that children should be wearing appropriate clothes and shoes for the cold and wet wintry weather. Children should be wearing trousers or skirts (with tights) and shoes that keep feet warm and dry. Warm and waterproof coats should also be worn with hats, gloves and scarves as children will only be inside during play and lunchtimes if it is raining. Please remember to label all items of clothing with children's names.

**Recycling Week:** In the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January, the School Council children will take part in a workshop to learn about what can be recycled and how. They will then help promote this to their classes. The Coventry Recycling Champions will also lead a session about using recycled materials to make things. You will receive a letter with more details about recycling week nearer the time.

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

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Recycling Week
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Year 3 Roman Day
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Half term
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Teacher Day
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair Arrives
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Book Week
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of Book Fair
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Break
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

*Yours sincerely,  
Alasdair Black  
Headteacher*

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

- 7<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices (Choir Club)

**Attendance (for the last week of Autumn term)**



Our school target for attendance is 96%.

Last week's attendance was: 87.2%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 5HT