



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th November 2014

Dear Parents / Carers,

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Connor O'Farrell, Ya-Awa Makala, Elizabeth Miguel, Gillian Hodgkins and Kieran Valtine, 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	Shannon and Meadow
1	Katherine and Keya
2	Salima and Amanda
3	Kaidyn and Jessica
4	Mitchell and Connor
5	Darren and Samuel
6	Najeeb and Precious

Uniform: Thanks once again for ensuring that your children are correctly turned out in school uniform. As the temperatures drop and we enter the winter months, it is really important that they also have a warm coat and waterproof shoes to keep them dry and warm at playtimes and lunchtimes. Can you please make sure that these are labelled with the children's name so that they don't get lost. The children have been told that they are not allowed to play on the grass again until the weather improves. They will use the playgrounds instead.

Behaviour Policy: Our new Behaviour Policy was approved at the last Governors' Meeting and is available upon request. It is also on the school website. We have introduced many new rewards and incentives, such as Golden Tickets at lunchtime and Headteacher's Awards to run alongside existing rewards. We have also introduced Time Penalties where children can lose some or all of their playtime if they don't behave well in class.

Morning arrangements: To improve security and safeguarding, anyone who arrives after the doors are shut at 9.00am is required to enter through the front entrance. This ensures that we know exactly who is at school so that we can monitor any late arrivals and make sure they get their mark in the registers. It also means that children can't come in to the building after the registers have been done without our knowledge.

Read Write Inc: We are delighted to inform you that Moat House has been selected to receive the Ruth Miskin Training accreditation badge. We have been assigned this badge as a result of our commitment to raising standards in reading and writing for all of our children, through the use of the Read Write Inc programme. You will see the badge displayed on future letters and on our website.



Children in Need: On Friday 14th November, we are looking forward to supporting the Children in Need fundraising appeal and would like to ask children to bring £1 into school in exchange for dressing up as a Superhero.

Peer Massage: Some of our classes began the peer massage programme this week and many children (and staff!!) have spoken very positively about their first session. The children took part in learning gentle movements and relaxation techniques. Other classes will begin their sessions in the next couple of weeks.

Special Needs Service: We would like to draw your attention to a support service which could be of use to parents. The Special Education Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) will be sending out monthly e-bulletins to school. There is a link on our website which will be updated on a monthly basis. For your information, this service was formally known as the Parent Partnership Service.



After School Clubs: Our children at Moat House are extremely lucky as there are many after school clubs available for them to attend. All of our clubs are provided free of charge so they are often run by staff, who give up their own free time to provide these opportunities for your children. It has been noticed that some parents have been extremely late in collecting their children on a number of occasions. Unfortunately, if this continues to happen your child may lose his/her right to attend the club.

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

- 10th November - Maths Workshop
- 14th November - Children in Need
- 17th November - Assessment Week
- 17th November - Anti-bullying week
- 26th November - Parents' Evening
- 26th November - Parent Consultation Day for Nursery (*YN closed to children*)
- 4th December - Pantomime at the Belgrade Theatre
- 10th December - FS/KS1 Christmas performances
- 11th December - FS/KS1 Christmas performances
- 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

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week:

- 5th November - Maths Workshop (Whole School)

Attendance

	Our school target for attendance is 96%.
	Last week's attendance was: 93.4%
	The classes with the best attendance last week were: 3PH and 4SG.