



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome Back: It was great to see the children back in school on Tuesday. They were all very smartly dressed and looked wonderful! The Year 6 children looked very grown up in their new black sweatshirts and are ready to take on the mantle of being role models for the rest of the school.

This term we will be continuing to use Building Learning Power (BLP) to help the children to develop their learning skills. We will be focusing across the school on children's reading and comprehension as it is such a vital skill and opens up so many learning opportunities for them. To help support this in school we will be aiming to hear the children read as often as possible. It would be great if they could read more with an adult at home too.

To help raise the profile of reading we have had the music room, which had become dated, converted into a library. This will enable the books to be stored and accessed in a single room rather than spread around the building, as they were previously. The library has been designed and built specifically for us and provides us with an excellent resource, which we will use to promote reading across the school. It will open next Tuesday on Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. To help commemorate the event, children will be allowed to come to school dressed up as a character from a Roald Dahl book. I'm expecting to meet a few Charlie Buckets, oompa loompas, Matildas and BFGs around the school - possibly a few twits and witches too!

We will be continuing to focus on raising standards in writing across the school and children will be given lots of opportunities to practise writing in a range of styles and also in maths, focusing on times tables, mental arithmetic and problem solving.

I am looking forward to another exciting year at Moat House and look forward to meeting you at Parents' Evening (later this half term), class assemblies or on the playground at the start or end of the school day.

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Nayrat Saeed, Samuel Rudnicki, Nicola Okurowska, Arqam Khatib and Oliwier Libera, 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	Year Group	Children
1	Makayla and Ella-Rose	4	Alanta and Felicia
2	Prithika and Arqam	5	Lilly and Eidlis
3	Zuzanna and Dareen	6	Vanessa and Gillian

School Bank: On Tuesday, the Moat House School Bank will be open again for anyone who wishes to make a deposit or a withdrawal. Many of our children have now opened accounts and are saving hard for things like spending money for their holidays or Christmas presents. If your child would like to begin saving using the School Bank, please complete an application form and bring your first deposit along to the bank, which is open every Tuesday morning at 8:40 am. Forms are available from the school office.

Class Assemblies: Please make a note of your child's class assembly detailed below:

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 16 th September	5SG	Friday 11 th November	5CB
Friday 23 rd September	6SH	Friday 18 th November	3ST
Thursday 29 th September	3ZT	Friday 25 th November	4HT
Friday 7 th October	2ET	Friday 2 nd December	2JG
Friday 14 th October	4BC	Friday 9 th December	6JK
Friday 21 st October	1LF	Friday 13 th January	1EW

Safety on School Site: Can I please ask that you and your children get off and push bikes and scooters between the gates at the car park and the rubber mound next to the playground. There have been a couple of near misses recently where young children (and their parents) have almost been knocked over. May I please also remind you that dogs are not allowed on school site. Please help to keep everyone safe at Moat House.

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

- Tuesday 13th September - School library opens/Roald Dahl book character day
- Monday 3rd October - Harvest Festival
- Friday 21st October - Half term break
- Monday 31st October - Teacher Training day (*children should not attend school*)
- Tuesday 1st November - Children return to school
- Wednesday 3rd November - School photographs
- Friday 16th December - Christmas holiday
- Tuesday 3rd January - Teacher Training day (*children should not attend school*)
- Wednesday 4th January - Children return to school

Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher

Letters that were sent home this week:

- 6th September - PE Kit letter (Year 5)
- 7th September - Swimming kit letter (Year 4)
- 8th September - Library opening/Roald Dahl character day