Weekly Newsletter

MORT HOUSE SCHOOL

Friday 5th February 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

2CB Assembly: 2CB produced a fantastic assembly this morning all about Castles. They managed to include information about the diets of the people who lived in them (most pupils didn't like the food when they tasted it), information about how they were built and their defensive structures and a One Direction song with slightly altered lyrics all about Castles and Murder Holes!

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Kieran Valtine, Molly May Rowley, Aquila Homela, Beverly Hodgkins, Jessica Scanlon, Maxine Adjei, Redir Mohammed, Caitlyn Lonsdale, and Olesja Zoglo, 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
R	Scott and David	4	Kaidyn and Kian
1	Reegan and Rubie	5	Ellie and Ciera
2	Kayleigh and Morgan	6	Sienna and Jonathan
3	Amanda and Filip		

Safeguarding Children at Moat House Primary - a Statement to Parents: In the interest of safeguarding children, there may be occasions when the school has to consult other agencies without parental knowledge. The school's first concern is the child's welfare and the school has a duty to act to protect the child at all times. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social services and/or the police. We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, but we can only assure you that we follow the procedures laid down by the Coventry Safeguarding Board, a copy of which is available in school, as is a copy of our own policy.

Prevent: The Counter Terrorism and Security Act places a duty on schools "to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism" (the Prevent duty). The duty came into effect from July 2015. Staff at Moat House have all been trained to recognise the signs or indicators that might suggest a young person is being drawn into terrorism and they are all aware of what they should do if they are alerted to any of these. For further information, please see the document attached to today's newsletter.

Y6 Wow Day: On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic Wow day! A Mayan warrior came to Moat House and taught the children lots of things about the Mayans. They found out about the creation story and learnt how to count to ten in Mayan. The children also tried Mayan chocolate which consists of 85% cocoa - they were surprised to find that most of them did not like it. The children enjoyed the opportunity to look at various artefacts and even learnt some strange information, including the fact that Mayans would put precious jewels in their teeth to show how wealthy they were! The children also enjoyed some drama activities and ended the day with a fun quiz.

Y1 Trip to the Black Country Museum: On Thursday, Year 1 enjoyed a trip to the Black Country Museum to find out how people lived a long time ago. They started the day by sharing breakfast together and then set off on the coach. They got to look at lots of toys that children from 100 years ago might have played with. They found out that they would be lucky if they had just one toy to play with, so they felt very fortunate with the toys that they have at home. They also got to look at some houses and a school from 100 years ago; they were especially interested in looking at the toilets from then, although nobody wanted to use one!

Football Match: On Tuesday, some Year 5 and 6 boys took part in a four a side football tournament at Ryton Sports Connexion. The boys (Tyla, Jonathan, Leandro, Jibril and Jamal) played enthusiastically and courageously and managed to score goals in every single match. They all enjoyed themselves and were fantastic representatives for Moat House.

Pedestrian Crossing: Please be aware that the pedestrian crossing within the Moat House Campus is not manned on a regular basis. We would ask that you are extra vigilant in supervising your children across the crossing as it becomes very busy at the beginning and end of the school day.

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

Monday 8th February - Chinese themed lunch for Chinese New Year

Tuesday 9th February - Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 10th February - Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle

Friday 12th February - Half term break

Monday 22nd February - Children return to school

Wednesday 2nd March - Parents' Evening Thursday 3rd March - Parents' Evening

Friday 11th March - 17th March - Book Fair

Saturday 12th - Wednesday 16th March - Year 6 Visit to Dol-y-Moch Monday 7th March - Friday 11th March - Moat House Times Table Contest

Thursday 24th March - Easter break

Monday 11^{th} April - Children return to school Monday 9^{th} May - SATs week for Year 6

Saturday 14th - Monday 16th May - Hordain football tournament (France)

Thursday 26th May - Half term break

Friday 27th May - Teacher Training day *(children should not attend school)*

Monday 6th June - Children return to school

Weds 29th June- Friday 1st July - Year 5 Visit to Derbyshire (revised dates)

Tuesday 19th July - Summer break

Wednesday 20th July - Teacher Training day (children should not attend school)

Yours sincerely, Alasdair Black Headteacher

Letters that were sent home this week:

1st February - Ukulele letter (Year 4)

1st February - National Forest letter (Year 5)

3rd February - France Football trip letter (Football Club)

Attendance (for last week):

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



Last week's attendance was 95.3%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 5NL with 100%

Attendance money won: £5.00 - 3ZT, £2.50 - 1JS