



Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

**The John Moore
Primary School**

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Harvest Assembly

We hoped that you all enjoyed our Harvest Assemblies last week. A fantastic amount of food was collected.

Many thanks for all your donations. These will be much appreciated by Tewkesbury Food Bank and will help people within our local area. It also helps us promote kindness to others at school.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

It has been a fantastic week with children from Year 1 to Year 6 travelling to the Literature Festival in Cheltenham to see a famous author talking about their books.

Years 1 and 2 went to see Sally Nichols, author of *Ways to Live Forever*, *Season of Secrets* and *Shadow Girl*.

Year 3 attended the Michael Rosen talk. He is an English children's novelist and poet, the author of 140 books.

Year 4 watched Jeremy Strong, author of *The Hundred Mile-an-Hour Dog* and many other humorous books for children.

Year 5 saw Piers Torday, author of *The Last Wild*. Year 5 focus on this book as an excellent class reading book later in the year.

Year 6 spoke highly of Katherine Rundell, author of *Rooftoppers*.

Pupil Council 2016/17

I am delighted to announce the names of our new Pupil Council members.

- Year 1 — Zak Jones and Amelia James**
- Year 2—Alex Waldron and Isabelle Turner**
- Year 3HC—Despina Prokopiou and Danny Collins**
- Year 3F— Hollie Watts and Jaiden Gokani**
- Year 4— Luke Saunders and Tilly Martin**
- Year 5— Bella Godson and Aidan Clucas**
- Year 6— Zac Turner and Lucy Evetts**

All members of the Pupil Council were democratically elected by other pupils in their class. Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Cadman will be supporting the Pupil Council this year. They will be putting together an Action Plan and we look forward to hearing their ideas. They will also be interviewing Deputy Headteacher candidates today and feeding back their thoughts on each.

Over the next few weeks:

- Tuesday October 17th
School Photographs
- Tuesday October 17th
Parents' evening
- Friday October 20th
Y6 trip to Severn Trent
Water Authority
- Friday October 20th
Last day of Term 1

**HALF TERM
REMINDER**

School finishes for half term at normal time on Friday October 20th and children return on Monday October 30th 2017

Year 1 Visit to Over Farm

"Some pumpkins were huge, some were small." Adam.

"We learnt about feeding animals the right food." Amelia

"The brown ostriches were girls and the boys were black and white." Alice.

"It was fun." Lily.

School Library Books & Home Readers

We are missing quite a large number of home readers and library books from our shelves! We know how easy it is to build up a collection at home—please could we ask that any stray school books that you come across on shelves or in cupboards are returned to school in your child's book bag or to the school office. Thank-you!

Payment for School Dinners

Please could we remind all parents that school meals must be paid for in advance, using the Parentpay system. Please ensure that your account is in credit.

The School Office will ask parents who go into debt to provide a packed lunch for their child until accounts are topped up.



Thank you.

Talents Board

We are continuing to collect photographs for our new Skills & Talents board this year. We have taken down some of the very old photos and would love lots of new ones to replace them. As our board says, 'NO ONE is good at everything, but EVERYONE is good at SOMETHING.' Please send your photos into school so that we can display them on the board. This is a lovely way to see the kinds of things that your children take part in outside of school and helps staff to know the children even better.



Lego Club Helpers urgently needed!



Parent helpers are urgently required for Lego Club on a Thursday after school. This club runs due to the generosity of Miss Hitchen and Mrs Lee who give up their time every week to support school staff. They are desperately in need of additional parent helpers (school DBS check required), to enable the clubs to continue to run effectively. The clubs have been very successful and we would really like to keep them running. If you are able to help, for one or more sessions, please call at the school office and sign up on the rota sheets available.

Thank –you.

ECO Council 2016/17

I am delighted to announce the names of our new ECO Council members.



Year 1 — Zak and Alice
Year 2 —Emily, Henry, Ed and Poppy
Year 3F—Jenson, Leanne, Josh and Ollie
Year 3HC—Jessi and Sam
Year 4— Sam and Esther
Year 5— Willow and Sophie
Year 6— Angel and Meadow

Mrs Williams and Mrs Foster will be supporting the ECO Council this year and they will be putting together an Action Plan. We are delighted with the Green Flag Award which we received last year. This was for ensuring that so many of the things we do at school are eco-friendly.

Volunteering and helping out in school

As a school we very much welcome parents / carers support with many aspects of school life. If you would like to help out in any way, please ensure that you have completed a DBS form for us to send off. These can be collected from the School Office.

Sickness absence from school

There are a few bugs and illnesses around the school at the moment. Please ensure that you keep your child off school for **48 hours** after their last bout of sickness, in-line with our school policy and Health Protection Agency advice.

This helps to ensure that germs and bugs are contained and do not get passed around the classes.

Thank you.



Please do remember that we have an 'open door' policy at school. If you have any concerns about your child's welfare or learning, please do not hesitate to come and discuss these with us. Teachers are usually available for quick queries before and after school. If you need to have a more detailed discussion with a teacher please make an appointment with the teacher or through the School Office. If there is something that you wish to discuss with me, I am available on most days and try to see parents as soon as possible. **Your child's happiness and well being at school is extremely important if they are to make good progress in their learning.**

Yours sincerely

Mr Jon Tibbles

Acting Head Teacher

OUR SCHOOL VISION

'Our vision is to provide an excellent education for all that enables each individual to achieve their very best and where everyone is valued and respected.'

Communications

As part of our on-going work to ensure that Communications between all members of the School Community are effective, the third page of newsletters is generally a page dedicated to giving you further information about particular aspects of school and local community life.

Community News



Christmas Fair—CHANGE OF DATE

The Friends of The John Moore Primary School have changed the date of the Christmas Fair this year. Please note that it will now take place on **Friday 1st December 2017 from 5.30pm until 8.00pm.**

Rags 2 Riches



Many thanks for all the contributions. We collected over a quarter of a ton of clothes! At 50p a kilo we raised a total of £131.15.

DISCO

We are looking forward to the KS1 and KS2 disco this evening. Remember...

KS1 is 6.00pm—7.25pm

KS2 is 7.30pm—9.00pm

Please wait outside the hall door so that we can safely pass your child back to you at the end of each disco.

Helpers and supporters of Friends Welcome

The Friends are always keen to welcome helpers and other Friends. If you can spare any time to help at events or at committee meetings, please speak to Ali Ashley, Chair or Carol Hannam, Secretary.

School Term Dates and Holidays - Academic Year 2017/18

Autumn 2017	
Monday September 4 th 2017 – Friday October 20 th 2017	Autumn Term (Term 1)
Monday October 23 rd —Friday October 27 th 2017	Half term holiday
Monday October 30 th – Friday December 15 th 2017	Autumn Term (Term 2)[Term ends at 2.00 pm on Dec 15 th]
Monday December 18 th – Tuesday January 2 nd 2018	Christmas holidays
Spring 2018	
Wednesday January 3 rd 2018	School closed for teacher training (INSET)
Thursday January 4 th – Friday February 9 th 2018	Spring Term (Term 3)
Monday February 12 th – Friday February 16 th 2018	Half Term holiday
Monday February 19 th – Wednesday March 28 th 2018	Spring Term (Term 4) [Term ends at 2.00pm on March 28 th]
Thursday March 29 th 2018	School closed for teacher training (INSET)
Friday March 30 th 2018	Bank Holiday—Good Friday—School closed
Monday April 2 nd – Friday April 13 th 2018	Easter holidays
Summer 2018	
Monday April 16 th – Friday May 25 th 2018	Summer Term (Term 5)
Monday May 7 th 2018	Bank holiday Monday – School Closed
Monday May 28 th – Friday June 1 st 2018	Half term holiday
Monday June 4 th – Tuesday July 24 th 2018	Summer Term (Term 6)[Term ends at 2.00 pm on July 24 th]

Dates for your diary

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Friday October 13 th 2017	6.00—7.25 Disco for Year 1 and 2 organised by Friends 7.30—9.00 Disco for Year 3—6 organised by Friends
Tuesday October 17 th 2017	School Photographs
Tuesday October 17 th 2017	3.30 – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening
Friday October 20 th 2017	Year 6 trip to Severn Trent Water Authority
Tuesday November 23 rd 2017	8.30 am 'Open Classrooms'
Monday December 4 th 2017	2.00 pm Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Tuesday December 5 th 2017	9.30 am Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Wednesday December 6 th 2017	am FS / Key Stage 1 + Y6 Trip to the Pantomime – Roses Theatre
Thursday December 7 th 2017	pm Key Stage 2 Trip to the Pantomime – Roses Theatre
Wednesday December 13 th 2017	Ising POP concert—details to follow
Thursday December 14 th 2017	11.30 – 1.00 pm Christmas Lunch

SPRING TERM 2018		SUMMER TERM 2018	
Wednesday January 3 rd 2018	INSET training day for staff	Monday May 14 th – Thursday May 17 th 2018	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday / Thursday January 17 th & 18 th 2018	Life Education Van	Friday June 15 th 2018	9.30 am Infant Sports Day 1.15 pm Junior Sports Day
Thursday January 23 rd 2018	3.30 – 4.30 pm 'Open Classrooms'	Thursday June 21 st 2018	8.30 am 'Open Classrooms'
Friday January 26 th 2018	Young Voices Concert	Monday June 25 th – Friday June 29 th 2018	Year 6 PGL Residential Torrington
Wednesday January 31 st 2018	Year 5 Stemworks workshop	Tuesday July 17 th 2018	3.30 pm—4.30 pm Optional parents' evening
Monday February 5 th —7 th 2018	3.15—4.00 pm Book fair	Tuesday July 24 th 2018	9.00 am Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents invited)
Tuesday Feb 27 th and Thursday-March 1 st 2018	3.30—6.30 pm Parents' evenings	Tuesday July 24 th 2018	Term ends at 2.00 pm
Thursday March 29 th 2018	INSET training day for staff		