

Friday Fortnightly Newsletter (on Thursday!)

Autumn Term No. 5

Friday November 17th 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

The John Moore Primary School

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Over the next few weeks:

Tuesday November 21st
Viking Day in Year 5

Thursday November 23rd
Open classrooms at 8.30am

Friday November 24th
Non uniform day- Chocolate for Tombola

Friday December 1st
5.30pm—8.00pm
Christmas Fayre

Monday December 4th
2.00pm Reception Class
Christmas Performance

Tuesday December 5th
9.30am Reception Class
Christmas Performance

Wednesday December 6th
am Year R/1/2/6 Trip to
the Pantomime

Thursday December 7th
am Y3, 4 & 5 Trip to the
Pantomime

Wednesday 13th December
at 2.15 and 6pm
iSING POP concerts

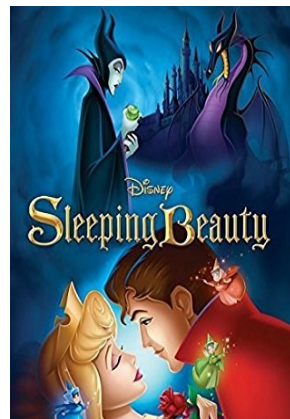


Children in Need Day

Thank you to everyone who donated loose change today. The Pupil Council did a great job of displaying these on a picture of Pudsey and in counting the money. We raised a fantastic £340.87, which is a great total. It was good fun wearing spots too!



Well done everyone and thank you for your support!



Trip to the Pantomime

Wednesday December 6th

Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 6—leave at 9.30 am and return at 12.30 pm in time for lunch.

Thursday December 7th

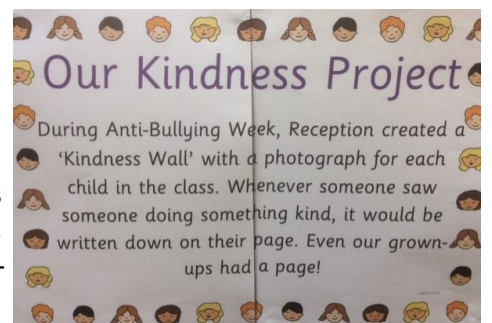
Years 3, 4 and 5—leave at 9.30am and return at 12.30pm in time for lunch.

Kindness at The John Moore Primary School



We have been able to display a kindness tree which shows many of the kind acts taking place. Reception class have a kindness wall with photographs and labels of the many kind things happening during anti-bullying week.

It has been wonderful to see how our theme of being kind to each other has taken off at school in the last few weeks. Children are helping each other at playtime, supporting each other in class and making daily efforts to show kindness toward other children and adults at school.



Mad Science Assembly and Club

“What a great assembly ,” said so many children. Fun experiments and lots to learn - with a Mad Science Club starting in January.



Concerned about e-safety?



www.thinkuknow.co.uk is an excellent website which gives valuable advice on many aspects of e-safety for children whilst they are online.

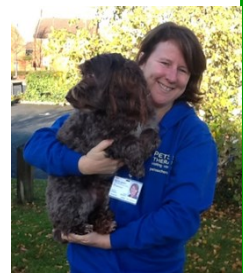
iSingPOP.

Two tickets per family available for the iSingPOP concerts on Wednesday 13th December at 2.15pm and 6.00pm at Holy Trinity Church. Please ask at the office.



Pets As Therapy Dog

As you are aware, we are delighted that Chester will be coming into our school soon. He is a Pets As Therapy dog and is a loving, gentle creature. He will listen to children read. We are so thrilled with the number of replies that we have received from you all and the positive response to this exciting opportunity. Mrs Philcox is currently compiling all the information so that Chester can start in school very soon. He obviously cannot work with everyone but we will try to ensure that he has some contact with all the children that have expressed an interest.



Give Love in a box this Christmas—Teams4U Shoe Box Appeal



A big thank-you to all who are supporting our Christmas Shoe Box appeal. We are currently collecting shoeboxes full of goodies which will be so gratefully received by children in other countries who will have nothing for Christmas. We have empty wrapped boxes in the hall if your child would like to collect one to take home. The last day to return boxes is Thursday November 23rd.

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.



**Christmas Fayre
Friday 1st December
5.30pm—8.00pm**

The John Moore Christmas fayre has been changed to a Friday evening this year but we hope just as many people come and enjoy themselves as usual.

Father Christmas tickets will be on sale on Wednesday 22nd November after school and will cost £2.50 each.

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November so that children can bring chocolate for the Tombola stall. This is something we do every year and tombola items are gratefully received by The Friends.

We will also be very grateful to receive any donations of raffle prizes for the Christmas Fayre or present for the parents' room. On the day of the Fayre children can come into the parents' room, choose a present for their parents and wrap it with a member of school staff to take home in readiness for Christmas. Many thanks.

DVD for Reception Christmas Performance

Just a reminder for Reception children's parents to return the DVD form please. Thank you.

New Home Reading Books

Parents of children in Key Stage One may have noticed that we have some new Home Readers. The school has invested in a range of new home readers and we are really pleased with our new books and the range now available to the children. We have also invested in some new Home Readers for Key Stage Two and these will be coming home shortly. In Assembly, we have talked about how important it is to look after our books so that we can share them with our school community successfully. With this in mind, please could we ask that water bottles are not placed in book bags as we have had a number of occasions where the bottle has leaked all over the contents of the book bag. Thank you for your help in this matter!



As always, if you want to contact the Committee, please speak to any Committee Member or contact Ali Ashley (chair) on 07989 445494

School Term Dates and Holidays - Academic Year 2016/17

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	
Monday November 13 th 2017	Anti—bullying week
Friday November 17 th 2017	Children in need day
Tuesday November 23 rd 2017	8.30 am ‘Open Classrooms’
Friday November 24 th 2017	Non uniform day—donations for Tombola stall
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—2.15pm and 6.00pm at Holy Trinity Church
Thursday December 14 th 2017	11.30 – 1.00 pm Christmas Lunch

SPRING TERM 2018

Wednesday January 3 rd 2018	INSET training day for staff
Wednesday / Thursday January 17 th & 18 th 2018	Life Education Van
Thursday January 23 rd 2018	3.30 – 4.30 pm ‘Open Classrooms’
Friday January 26 th 2018	Young Voices Concert
Wednesday January 31 st 2018	Year 5 Stemworks workshop
Monday February 5 th —7 th 2018	3.15—4.00 pm Book fair
Tuesday Feb 27 th and Thursday-March 1 st 2018	3.30—6.30 pm Parents’ evenings
Thursday March 29 th 2018	INSET training day for staff

SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday May 14 th – Thursday May 17 th 2018	Year 6 SATs week
Friday June 15 th 2018	9.30 am Infant Sports Day 1.15 pm Junior Sports Day
Thursday June 21 st 2018	8.30 am ‘Open Classrooms’
Monday June 25 th – Friday June 29 th 2018	Year 6 PGL Residential Torrington
Tuesday July 17 th 2018	3.30 pm—4.30 pm Optional parents’ evening
Tuesday July 24 th 2018	9.00 am Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents invited)
Tuesday July 24 th 2018	Term ends at 2.00 pm