

Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Autumn Term No. 6

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Dear Parents/Carers

The John Moore Primary School

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Excellent Community Policing at The John Moore Primary School

We have been visited by a number of police officers this week and Colin the Crocodile who entertained the children brilliantly in assembly. As well as showing the human side of policing the assembly was a good opportunity to ensure children are safe in their approach to school and to ensure drivers are not parking on the zig-zag lines. Thank you so much for your support..

Christmas Fayre – Today 5.30pm—8.00pm

The Friends of the School have been very busy organising the Christmas Fayre for later today. We would all love to see you there. There will be food, fun, Father Christmas and festive ways to spend some money for the benefit of the children.



Friends of the School

On behalf of the school I would like to say a very big thank you to the Friends of the school for all the events they have organised and supported during this term (the school disco, Christmas Fayre and refreshments at our Christmas Nativity amongst many other things). There are a large number of people who give up a huge amount of their time to volunteer and we continue to very much appreciate this as a school community.

Over the next few weeks:

Reception Nativity

Mon 4th Dec at 2pm
Tues 5th Dec at 9.30am

Pantomime Trip to Roses Theatre

Weds 6th December
Thursday 7th December

IsingPOP Concerts at Holy Trinity Church

Weds 13th Dec at 2.15pm
and 6pm

Christmas lunch and jumpers

Thursday 14th December

School finishes at
2.00 pm on Friday
December 15th 2017

Spring Term 3 begins
Thursday January 4th
2018

Wishing you all a
very
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year

Parentpay

Please could we respectfully remind parents that we are unable to provide school dinners for pupils unless your Parentpay account is in credit. The School Office are spending a great deal of time trying to contact parents, when accounts go into debt. **Please ensure that if your child will be ordering a school dinner, there is money to pay for it in your Parentpay account.**
Thank you.



School Christmas Lunch day

Thursday December 14th 2017

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS


Children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers to school on Thursday December 14th instead of their school sweat-shirts if they would like to.

(All other uniform to be worn as normal please).



Music Concert


Our peripatetic music teachers are keen to put on a Christmas concert. We have scheduled this for Thursday 14th December at 2.30pm. If your child is learning to play an instrument, you are welcome to join us in the hall.



Christmas Performances

The Friends would like to remind all Reception parents that refreshments will be provided at the Reception Nativity performance on Monday 4th December at 2pm and Tuesday 5th December at 9.30am.

The children have been busy practising and are looking forward to putting on their show. Many thanks to parents and staff for all their preparations for this.



NOTICE to Year 3 classes
Swimming starts on the second week back
in the new year on
Tuesday January 9th 2018

-Letter to follow-



Severe Weather

In case of severe weather conditions please use the following for up-dates regarding school closures:

The local radio station will have regular up-dates about closed schools on:

Radio Gloucestershire 104.7 FM

You can now also log on to the following websites for information:

www.glosclosedschools.com

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools

www.glosclosedschools.co.uk

www.thejohnmooreprimary.org

Please note, the school would only need to close if not enough staff could get into school safely, or the Health and Safety of the children in the school was at risk.



Texting Service - We also have our teachers2parents texting system, so should be able to send a text out to everyone in the event of a school closure—provided internet services are working!

Goodbye to Mrs Gamble and Mrs Dunn

A **BIG** thank you to Mrs Gamble and Mrs Dunn who are leaving but have invested **SO** much time and dedication into helping children at The John Moore Primary School over many years.

Listening to readers

If you would like to listen to readers at school please contact the office. DBS needed.

Midday Supervisor

needed! Please contact the office if you would like to work at JMPS as a Midday Supervisor.

As this is the final Friday Fortnightly before Christmas and my final Friday Fortnightly, may I take this opportunity to thank all the children for their hard work in so many ways during this busy term. Thank you also to the Staff and Governors who commit themselves to providing such a high standard of education to our pupils and to you, their parents, for working with us to help them all to achieve their very best. It has been a real privilege to be part of such a supportive school family and it with a great deal of sadness that I leave The John Moore Primary School.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas with your families.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Tibbles

Acting Head Teacher

REMINDER

School finishes for the Christmas Holidays on
Friday December 15th at 2.00 pm

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.

School Development Plan 2017—2018

Please find outlined below the main priorities for school development during this academic year . If you would like to see our full School Development Plan this will be available to view at the school office.

Maths

Through membership of the GLOWmaths hub, to embed and refine the teaching of Maths through the Mastery approach, in order to further improve progress in maths.

English

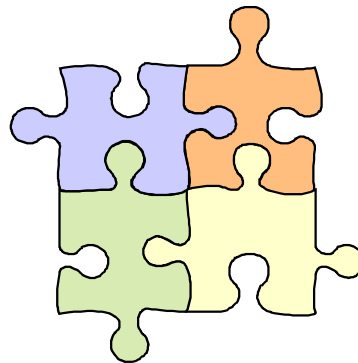
To consolidate the marking of English by embedding and refining the Feedback Funnel, in order to further improve progress in writing.

Maths

In readiness for National Testing of times tables, promote daily and weekly practise of times tables.

English

Embed the new Guided Reading scheme across the School and ensure reading for pleasure is promoted.



Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education
Create and implement interventions for Mental Health Champions Award

PE

Using Sport Premium funds, develop and refine a whole school PE programme.

Humanities

Review Schemes of work for Humanities and monitor work through Book Look and Insight Tracking System.

English

Provide CPD for teaching staff and Teaching Assistants to further improve knowledge of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

MFL

Monitor the delivery and provision for MFL through learning walks and team teach observations.

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	
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
Thursday January 4 th 2018	Children return to school
Wednesday / Thursday January 17 th & 18 th 2018	Life Education Van
Tuesday 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
Tuesday May 22 nd 2018	New Foundation Stage Parents' meeting
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