



Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

**The John Moore
Primary School**

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The Spring Term starts with great excitement!

The Spring term has started with such a buzz in all classes this week with the launches of their new topics. In different classes, the children will be exploring and learning about new countries, the water cycle, transport, travel and space. Each new topic has begun with a launch day to get the children hooked into their learning. Please see page 3 to read about some of the exciting launches that they have had.

Friends of the School

On behalf of the school I would like to reiterate the thank you that Mr Tibbles gave to the Friends of the school for all the events they organised and supported during the last term (the school disco, Christmas Fayre and refreshments at the Christmas Nativity amongst many other things). The school is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers offering so much support and we continue to very much appreciate this as a community.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of the school group, they would be delighted as all support is extremely welcome. The next meeting will be held on the 25th January at the Gupshill at 7:30 p.m. Please do come along if you would like to join.

Over the next few weeks:

Life Education van
Weds 17th January
Thurs 18th January

Open classrooms
Tues 23rd January

Year 6 assembly
Thurs 25th January

Young voices for the choir at Birmingham Arena
Friday 26th January

Communication

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the drop in sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. It was wonderful to meet you all and to hear your thoughts. It was fantastic to hear how overwhelmingly positive you are about the school. One of the aspects that some of you did feel that we could develop further was our communication with you so that you feel better informed about day to day events. We are already working hard to achieve this and we will begin by emailing you copies of letters so that you receive them electronically as well as by hand. This will hopefully help the situations when key letters disappear between a tray and a book bag!

We are also currently exploring a sharing system that will allow you to see some of the positive events and the rewards that your children will experience across each week. We will send out more information about this shortly.

Clubs

Clubs will start again from next week (15th January)

Please see the Arrangements for School Clubs letter for more information

We are currently exploring a range of additional clubs to offer further provision for children in all year groups. We will be sending out details of these shortly.

Music lessons

Our peripatetic music teachers have begun their lessons again this week and the school has been full of the wonderful sounds of drumming, guitar, violin and woodwind. If your child is interested in taking part in additional music lessons, please contact the school office for further information.

A plea!

If you are parking your car on the road outside the main entrance to the school, please could you leave enough width for a coach to travel through. Our swimming coach arrives back just before the end of the school day on a Tuesday and needs to be able to access the school site to drop the children off.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

NOTICE to Year 3 classes
Swimming and Mini Marines have started this week. Please remember swimming kit on each Tuesday and warm clothing (that it is okay to get muddy) on a Friday.



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!

Listening to readers

We are really keen to build up our reading volunteers across the school. If you would like to listen to and help develop reading at the school and have a morning or afternoon each week that you could spare, we would be really grateful for your support. Please contact the office. A DBS check will be needed.

Attendance and authorised absence

As you are all aware, coming to school every day (unless ill) plays an essential part in your child's education. If days are persistently missed or children are regularly late, they will miss key learning.

As a school, we cannot authorise any absences unless the circumstances are extenuating (for example for a family funeral). We cannot authorise absence for holidays or other social events.

If you need to request an absence for your child, please complete an absence form which can be obtained from the office. If you need to discuss a possible absence, please talk to your class teacher or to myself or Mr Blakey .

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.’

Our class topics

YR—Space

We have had a fantastic week launching our space station and creating some amazing rockets. Thank you so much to our parents for all our junk modelling resources.

Grandparents, we also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Tuesday to talk about what life was like when you were growing up and the toys that you played with.

Year 1 Home and Away

We had a fantastic day on Wednesday exploring frozen figures around the classroom. We are really looking forward to our walk around the local area next week and to comparing what we see to the fjords in Norway.

Year 2

Travel, treasure and transport

Ship ahoy! What a pirate day the Year 2 children had today! They loved creating boats, writing pirate poems and a pirate maths treasure hunt Their costumes were fantastic. Thanks to all the Year 2 parents for all your help with these wonderful creations.



Year 3

Terrific Tewksbury

Year 3 have become town planners for the day this week, exploring Tewksbury and focusing in on what happens at the water plant. This will help them when they start to explore the water cycle.

Year 4

Passage to India

Year 4 have been really busy this week researching facts about India. Next week they are looking forward to tasting a range of Indian food.

Year 5—Rio de Janiero

Year 5 had a fantastic launch day on Monday. They located Brazil and its major cities on a map, asked Mrs Singer a series of questions about what it was like to grow up and live there, tasted a variety of fruit and drinks and began to develop a dance based on the film Rio.

Year 6

Ancient China

Year 6 are already well underway with their topic. This week they have created their own Terracota Army and have experienced a lesson of Thai Chi which was extremely calming.



School Term Dates and Holidays - Academic Year 2017/18

SPRINGTERM 2018	
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

SPRING TERM 2018	
Wednesday / Thursday January 17 th & 18 th 2018	Life Education Van
Tuesday January 23 rd 2018	3.30 – 4.30 pm ‘Open Classrooms’
Thursday January 25 th	Y6 assembly—All families welcome
Friday January 26 th 2018	Young Voices Concert
Wednesday January 31 st 2018	Year 5 Stemworks workshop
Thursday February 1 st 2018	Y3HC assembly—All families welcome
Monday February 5 th —7 th 2018	3.15—4.00 pm Book fair
Thursday February 8 th 2018	Y4 assembly—All families welcome
Tuesday Feb 27 th and Thursday March 1 st 2018	3.30—6.30 pm Parents’ evenings
Thursday March 8 th 2018	Y3F assembly—All families welcome
Thursday March 22 nd 2018	Y5 assembly—All families welcome
Thursday March 29 th 2018	INSET training day for staff

SUMMER TERM 2018	
Monday May 14 th – Thurs- day 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