

Moorside Primary School

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Weekly Update

Dear parents and carers

The School Office

The school office will be starting to run at normal levels from next week. We will be very pleased to welcome the team back and have missed the vital role they play in helping to run the school smoothly, even though they have been busily working away at home.

Seesaw - Work for Self-Isolating Children

On the whole, the vast majority of children are in good health and we have had very few displaying any Covid-like symptoms. However, we have a number of children needing to self-isolate generally because of an adult in their household. **Work is available on Seesaw.** There are two main elements to the work on Seesaw.

1. Seesaw contains lots of links to sites and resources which each year group uses regularly to practise skills important to that year group. These will be relevant throughout the year.
2. There will be weekly updates so that children who are self-isolating can work on similar skills and content as the children in school.

Unlike when we were in lockdown, all the teachers are working full-time with their classes, so the amount of time available to maintain the site is a lot more limited whilst only one or two children are out of school from each year group. **It is important only to use the work set if your child is self-isolating.**

If a class or year group bubble has to shut down temporarily, the site would be run in a similar way to how it was earlier in the year with a more extensive range of work available.

Parents Evening – Telephone Consultations

The parents evening booking system opened on Friday 9th October and will close on Sunday 18th October. You can access this via ParentApp. Teachers will aim to call you as close to your time-slot as possible. The calls will focus on how your child has settled back into school as well as their progress and next steps in their learning. If there are things you want to discuss beyond this I would suggest arranging a further phone-call.

Annual Poppy Appeal

We will shortly be starting this year's poppy appeal. As usual, there are a range of items available. There are no fixed prices, but recommended donation amounts. The maximum recommended donation for any one item is £1.50, with various other items at 20p, 50p and £1. Supplies are limited and the British Legion have said they will struggle to supply us with more. We will offer poppies for sale across the school, but initially limit the additional commemorative items to Y6, and then offer them to other year groups below that in order.

Secondary School Application Deadline

A reminder to our year 6 parents that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **31st October 2020**. Applications can be made at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or you can telephone 01524 581148 for further details.

MOORFS News:

Halloween Trail

Trail maps and Goodie Bags will be on sale until the end of the day on Wednesday 21st October at www.pta-events.co.uk/moorfs

Anyone who has placed an order can collect them from our collection point at the main school car park gates on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st between 8.40 and 9am and Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd between 3.05 and 3.25.

Thank you to all families who have agreed to display a letter as part of the Trail. These will be available to pick up at the above times also.

If you cannot make these times, please message us via Facebook or moorfs@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk and we will make alternative arrangements.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

We're also hosting a Pumpkin Carving Competition over Halloween weekend.

There are 2 categories - funny and scary, and entrants can fall into KS1, KS2 or adults' groups! There will be prizes for the winning pumpkin in each category from each group.

Please email a photo of your entry to moorfs@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk or send it to us via Facebook by 5pm on 1st November. All entries will be posted in galleries on our Facebook page.

Take care everyone!

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone
Headteacher