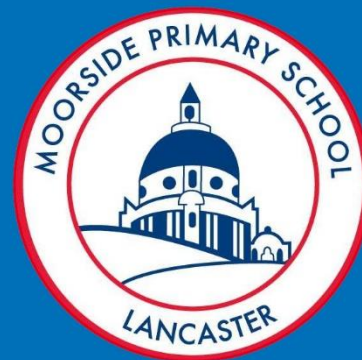


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Weekly Update

Dear parents and carers

After four weeks in school, I must say, that on behalf of all the staff, what a pleasure it is to have all the children back. They bring such life, joy and energy, along with a bit of noise and mess in a good way.

Sponsored Bike Ride

Congratulations and thank you to Freya from Y3. Whilst the majority of children could not attend school during the lockdown, she rode a kilometre for each day she wasn't in school, raising £614 in the process. Very kindly she has donated this to MOORFS to be used on behalf of the school. On Thursday she was presented with a 'thank you' certificate in a virtual assembly with KS2.

Y1/2

From Monday Y1 and Y2 will be following the same system at the start of the day as KS2. The times for each year group will remain unchanged. Year 1's arrival time is 8:40-8:50, whilst Y2's is 8:50-9:00. Staff will supervise the gates and door, but please wait to see that your child has actually entered the building and then leave so that a crowd does not build up. It is important to arrive in your child's arrival slot to reduce mixing of bubbles.

MOORFS

MOORFS met virtually on Wednesday night, along with one or two children and cats that randomly joined and left the meeting. In a normal year, MOORFS organise a large number of really successful fundraising and social events. Although events like discos and Christmas Fair are not possible, they are busy working on other events behind the scenes. Their AGM is Wednesday 11th November at 7pm on Zoom. All welcome. Refreshments are normally provided, but this year you will need to provide your own!

School lunches

Since the start of term, the kitchen has just been offering packed lunches. This has been to allow us to establish timings and routines which we have needed to refine over the last few weeks. Before half-term the kitchen will start to offer hot food that can be served paper picnic bags. Initially this will be offered to Y4 & Y6 on a trial basis. Once we have piloted this, it is hoped to be rolled out to all year groups after half-term.

Punctuality

Punctuality is important in normal times as it helps all children start the day smoothly and is a good habit to have in life, especially in adulthood where jobs are concerned. At the moment, punctuality is even more important for if your child is late, chances are they are mixing with children in other bubbles potentially increasing their chance of infection.

Reception – If arriving after 8:50am please use the Y1/2 playground entrance where a member of the office team will sign them in as late.

Year 1 – If arriving after 8:50am please use the Y1/2 playground entrance where a member of the office team will sign them in as late.

Year 2 – If arriving after 9am please use the Y1/2 playground entrance where a member of the office team will sign them in as late.

Year 3 & Year 6 – If arriving after 8:50am please use the school office to be registered and not enter through your allocated door.

Year 4 & Year 5 – If arriving after 9am please use the school office entrance.

Please can we have a big effort by everyone to be on time. Whilst we understand that anyone can be late sometimes, we will be working to tighten procedures over the coming days to both support and challenge families to improve punctuality where we can see it is an ongoing pattern.

Reception 2021

During next week our virtual tour for prospective parents and pupils will be posted on our website. Please feel free for anyone you know who is looking for a school place.

Parents Evening

The parents evening booking system will open on Friday 9th October and close on Sunday 18th October. We will write nearer the time with further instructions.

General Reminders

Children attending after school sports clubs are reminded to bring the correct clothes and equipment with them. Recently we have had many trying to do football without shin pads and in uniform.

Please remember only one adult at a time in the office area. We would prefer, if possible, for parents to contact school by phone with any questions or queries. If you need to return any letters or forms please use the post box located in the office foyer.

Take care everyone!

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone
Headteacher