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Weekly Update

Dear parents and carers

What a lot of rain we have had! It has been good to have some drier spells towards the end of this week. With the poorer weather and winter approaching, it is probably worth making a few reminders and suggestions. More on this later in the letter.

Well done and thank you

Well done to everyone who supported MOORFS' Halloween trails. These proved to be a big success and very popular. The school display was particularly impressive! Thank you to MOORFS for organising this. It was great to see the wider community beyond school getting involved. Please find other information from MOORFS below.

Safe parking around the neighbouring roads – a further reminder

Just in case you missed it, we sent out a specific letter yesterday about a car hitting a child on Tuesday sometime between 8.35am and 8.50am on the junction where Bowerham Road meets Winchester Avenue. Part of the cause of the incident was illegal parking on double yellow lines. May we remind everyone to park safely, legally and considerately. We have heard from some parents who saw the incident. If you saw the incident and have not yet come forward, then please contact us.

Reception

By now, we have normally run a reading workshop for parents. If you have not looked already, we posted a short video on Seesaw a few weeks ago.

Curriculum highlights

Although many aspects of life are restricted at the moment, we are working hard to make learning as exciting as normal. This week, Y2 and Y5 returned to Victorian and Greek days, respectively. The children had a great day experiencing a little of what life was like. Mind you, considering Monday's weather, it was a very cold day to be a Greek in Y5.

Covid-safe routines around the school site

As I mentioned in an earlier letter, school are required to work with open doors and windows wherever possible. Please refer to the accompanying letter about layering up in school.

Emergency help

If you feel you need any help during this unpredictable time, please contact us, in confidence, if we can assist or offer support in any way. As a school we are able to make referrals to the foodbank and 'The Olive Branch'.

Wearing of Face Masks

We are very pleased that so far, we have not had to close a class or year group bubble. We want to maintain that as long as possible. We take our roll in reducing community transmission seriously. Therefore, we are requesting that parents wear masks when on the school site. This is particularly important through the gateways where parents are in much closer contact, with the busiest time being when Y1 and Reception finish. Can we also ask that families leave the site and the surrounding pavements as soon as possible to allow other people to have a safe uncongested route.

MOORFS News

Halloween Trails

Thank you to everyone who took part, we hope you managed to enjoy them, despite the weather!

AGM

Our AGM is on Wednesday 11th November, at 7pm. This meeting will again be held by Zoom - we will put the link on our Facebook page by Monday 9th. Everyone is welcome to come along to hear what we have been doing and help us start to plan for the year ahead.

Christmas Shopping

Hopefully, it's not too early to mention such a subject! Our local Usbourne Books Organiser is running a Christmas Shopping Event, exclusively for us, between 9th - 13th November. For every item bought, school will get a percentage back in free books from Usbourne. The link to the event is on our Facebook page, please 'join' the event 'Moorside Primary School Christmas Fair' so you don't miss out on any of the offers available.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher