

Moon's Moat First School

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Dear Parents,

We are very happy to welcome you all back to school, it is lovely to see the children again. They have settled really well in the first few of days including our new Reception classes who have been amazing.

Please remember to update the school office if any of your contact details have changed recently. It is important we can contact you in an emergency and can be upsetting for the children if we cannot reach you.

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs. S. Fisher

Headteacher

Absence

We are aiming for at least 96% attendance this year. Children are more settled and make better progress when they come to school on time and every day. As children have 14 weeks holiday a year, we strongly discourage the taking of holidays during term time. In line with Government regulations no leave of absence will be authorised.

If your child is absent it is important to please telephone the school office or report it online via the 'contact us' page on our website. Please do not only tell the teacher as they may not remember to pass the message on. If your child has an appointment please let us know as soon as possible and let the office have a copy of the appointment letter.

School holiday dates are given below and are also on our website.

Safety

Please do not leave children unsupervised on the school playground, the play equipment should not be used before and after school.

School starts at 8.45 am. If you arrive after the gates are locked please bring your child to the school office, please do not leave them until a member of staff has let them through the door. We understand that some children in Year 1 may still need support for a week or two, but we ask you not to come into the cloakroom as space is very limited.

At the end of the day all children are told that they must come back into school if the person they expect to collect them is not there. Please make sure your children know who is meeting them.



Upcoming Events

September 27
Family Support Worker in school

October 3
School photos

October 5
Flu Nasal Spray (Reception to Year 4)

October 18
Parents Evening 5.00pm – 7.50pm

October 19
Initial Parent meeting re Year 4
Kingswood Residential visit

October 19
Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.50pm



If you come to school by car, please park in the top car park. The lower, gated car park is for use by staff, school taxis, deliveries and emergency vehicles only. The children know that they should not walk across this car park. Please also be considerate when parking around school and ensure you don't block residents' access to car ports etc.

Please remember not to allow children to ride bikes and scooters in the playground and please do not bring dogs into the playground.

Family Support Worker

Lisa, our family support worker will be available on alternate Tuesdays she will be in school again on 27th September. Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to speak to her.

School Meals

Reception children will be able to have hot meals from next week. Please login to the School Food United app to order. Meals can be ordered up to 9am on the day you would like the meal. If you are unsure whether they will like a particular meal you can still send them in with a packed lunch if you would like.

If you feel you may be entitled to income-based free school meals please make sure you go to the Worcestershire County Council website to apply for them. Children who are entitled to income based free school meals are also entitled to free milk. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 (and gets the Universal Infant Free School Meals) or doesn't wish to take up the school meals it is important to apply as the school gets additional funding which is used to benefit all children.

If an older sibling is in school already you will still need to apply online for the younger child.

Middle School Open Evenings and Applications for School Places

Applications for middle school can now be made online via the Worcestershire County Council Portal and should be done by 15th January 2023. Applications for Reception places for September 2023 should also be made by 15th January 2023.

Church Hill Middle School are holding their open evening on Wednesday, 19th October and Ipsley are holding theirs on Thursday, 20th October.

Year group email addresses

As school is now fully open and you are able to speak to teachers face to face we will no longer be using the year group email addresses. They will be withdrawn from Thursday, 15th September. If you would like to discuss something with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment by either speaking to them at the beginning or end of school or email office@moonsmoat.worc.sch.uk and we will arrange for them to contact you. Many thanks.

Money

Payment for trips, workshops and clubs should be made **online** wherever possible. There is a link on our home page to the 'Eduspot' website. Once a payment has been set up you will receive a text notifying you, along with your password. If you cannot pay online you can pay in cash or by cheque – please send it into the school office in an envelope **clearly labelled with your child's name and what the payment is for.**

Consent form for trips (except Reception)

A consent form for 2022/23 trips out of school has been sent out via email, please complete and return this asap. Without it we are unable to take your child out on visits. Swimming lessons start soon for Year 4 and we must have this back before they go. Many thanks.

Medicine

Should your child require medicine during the school day it is your responsibility as a parent to come to school to administer it. **In exceptional circumstances and if the medicine is prescribed to be given 4 times per day** we will administer medicine if a form is filled in and signed by parents. We cannot administer medicine which has not been prescribed by a doctor.

Earrings

For health and safety reasons children with pierced ears should wear **small studs** only to school. Hoops are not permitted.

GDPR

A copy of our Privacy Notice is available on our website for you to read.

Please remember that school is closed on Monday as a mark of respect for the passing of our Queen.

School Holiday Dates 2022/2023

Holiday	School will close after school on	School will reopen on
Autumn Term	Not applicable	Tuesday 6 September 2022
Bank Holiday	Friday 16 September 2022	Tuesday 20 September 2022
Autumn mid term	Friday 21 October 2022	Monday 31 October 2022
Christmas	Friday 16 December 2022	Wednesday 4 January 2023
Spring mid term	Friday 17 February 2023	Monday 27 February 2023
Easter	Thursday 30 March 2023	Monday 17 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Friday 28 April 2023	Tuesday 2 nd May 2023
Summer mid term	Friday 26 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
End of summer term	Friday 21 July 2023	Not applicable

5 agreed TEDs (Teacher Education Days) are: Monday 5th September, Tuesday 3rd January, Friday 31st March, Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2023