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MOORGATE NEWSLETTER

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Heading towards Winter!!

Parent LAC Members—I'm really pleased to announce that after much touting and advertising that we have finally secured two new parent governors. A huge thank you to Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Cartwright for stepping up and getting involved.

Forest Schools—After much training and planning, Mrs Shaw finally launched Forest Schools next week. This will be an outdoor learning session for children looking at skills such as resilience, teamwork, reciprocity and many more curriculum skills. We are really excited about these sessions beginning and can't wait for the children's verdict when they take part. Due to Forest Schools taking place in the shrub/tree area of school (either side of the path), the Hospital Street entrance of school will not be open until after the children have finished their session just after 3pm on a Monday/Tuesday pm. Thanks for your understanding with this.

Street Wardens—This week, the Tamworth Street Wardens came to do an assembly with KS2 children on road safety. The session covered routes to school and also local issues that they are having to deal with such as playing "Chicken" with on-coming traffic. Can we please ask you to reinforce with the children that this "game" is a highly dangerous and stupid thing to do! Thank you.

School Photos—Proofs for the children's individual and family group photos came out this week and I have to say I think they look brilliant! If you would like to order any photos, please ensure you return the form and payment into school by Wednesday 16th November. These orders will then be back in readiness for Christmas! They make an ideal gift for family members don't you think?

Finally, thank you to all 100 parents who returned their parent questionnaires this year—that's a new record for us and a whole lot more than the 29 we got in the first time I ever sent these out in 2011!! The results and summary are on the back for your perusal. As a result of the results, we will be looking into:

- **Continuing to raise the profile of the Local Academy Council through the newsletter, website and events at school.**
- **Providing more information published about how we deal with bullying – anti bullying week w/b 14/11/16**
- **Providing more opportunities for the parents to see the curriculum in action**
- **Homework. We recently reviewed current home work and how this could be improved (only one parent turned up) and the new home work strategy is launched this term**

Mr Williams (Headteacher of Moorgate Primary Academy)

After school clubs—Autumn Term 2016

Current clubs as follows:

- Tuesday 3:30pm—4:30pm—**Craft Club** (YR-6)
- Tuesday 3:30pm—4:30pm—**Football Club** (y5/6)
- Wednesday 12:30pm—1pm—**Choir** (Y1-Y2)
- Wednesday 3:30pm—4:30pm—**Young Voices** (Y3-Y6)
- Wednesday 12:30—1:15pm—**Street Football** (Y3-Y6)
- Thursday 3:30pm—4:30pm—**Multi-sports** (R-Y6)

FOMS—Friends Of Moorgate School! (PTA)

Upcoming events

Following a meeting in school recently, the following events have been planned:

Friday 4th November—Disco (3:45—4:45pm KS1 and R, 5-6pm KS2)

Friday 9th December—Christmas Fayre—3:30pm—5pm

To help with donations for the Christmas Fayre, there will be a non-school uniform day for the donation of a bottle (KS2) or a chocolate bar (R/KS1) on Friday 18th November.

Next meeting: Thursday 8th November @ 3:30pm

Quote for the month.....

"A child without education is like a bird without wings." (Tibetan Proverb)

When children arrive for school after 8:55am they enter a classroom where they have missed things. They hear conversations and can not relate to them because they weren't present for the context. They feel embarrassed, left out and behind. Please, for the sake of your child....make sure they are on time for school!

Top rated comments – Strongly Agree/Agree

Comment	Percentage SA/A
My child feels safe at this Academy	99%
My child is well looked after at this Academy	99%
My child is happy at this Academy	97%
My child makes good progress at this Academy	97%
My child is taught well at this Academy	97%
This Academy is well led and managed	95%
Teachers are approachable to listen to my concerns	95%

"Busy Kids is an invaluable resource for working parents and the team who run this service are great!"

"This school has been the making of my child and they now love going to school."

"I would like dancing lessons and art classes to be offered."

"Not enough instructions on homework, or occasionally only getting half of the homework."

"Busy Kids should be open at 7:30am for us. 7:45am is a huge problem. Apart from this we are more than happy. "

"I really like this school. My daughter feels safe and happy and this is important. I would recommend this school to other parents."

"This academy teaches my child really well."

"The website seems much improved and more up to date since going in house. New school facilities / activities are impressive."

Top Rated Comments Disagree/Strongly Disagree

Comment	Percentage of answers d or sd
There are plenty of extra-curricular activities for my child to do	13%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	9%
I receive valuable information from the Academy about my child's progress	8%
Governors play an active part in this Academy	7%
This Academy ensures the pupils are well behaved	5%
This Academy deals effectively with bullying	4%
I would recommend this Academy to another parent	4%

Top rated comments don't know

Comment	Percentage of people who don't know
Governors play an active part in this Academy	33%
This Academy deals effectively with bullying	24%
The new curriculum is engaging my child more in their learning	11%
I would recommend this Academy to another parent	6%
The academy responds well to concerns that I have	5%
This Academy is well led and managed	5%
The new curriculum is exciting for my child	5%

All other comments were less than 5%

"Reception class children should be allowed to take part in extra-curricular activities which are appropriate to their abilities and confidence level. They should not be excluded just because they are in reception. They should be treated as individuals."

"Some homework needs to have an example for the parents. Some homework we do not understand and the child also did not know how to do it. "