

The new term has started off really well and it is brilliant to see all the children ready to learn and joining in with normal school life such as singing assemblies again! Hot Chocolate Friday has been a real highlight.

Although Covid-19 has not fully gone away yet, we want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can in school. We will continue to inform families of any cases within classes.

I am delighted to inform you that we will be welcoming back Miss. Wormall in December from her maternity leave. As well as this, Miss. Meadows is expecting her second child in the Spring— I am sure you will join us in congratulating her.

Is it too early to talk about Christmas?

Oh yes it is!

But I'm sure it's a burning question for many families after over a year of not being able to be together and watch performances.

Presently, Moorgate have planned to put on 3 Christmas performances. We will monitor the rates within our school and Tamworth closely but we are hoping to do the following:

2 family members for each child will be invited to join in with the following:

- **Early Years Nativity Performance on Tuesday 14th December**
- **Key Stage 1 Christmas Songs on Wednesday 15th December (Morning)**
- **Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols at St. Editha's Church Wednesday 15th December (Afternoon)**

These events will be ticketed and we will be asking for them on the day. Families will be able to apply for their 2 tickets soon, look out for future letters. We will also be insisting that anyone attending these events wears a face covering unless exempt.

Dates for the diary

- 19/11/2021— School photographs!
- 19/11/2021— Children in Need—See the separate letter
- 30/11/2021—St. Andrews Day— Look out for a letter nearer the time
- 2/12/2021—Christmas Disco organised by MAPTA
- 14/12/2021—Reception Nativity
- 15/12/2021—Key Stage 1 Christmas Songs Performance (Morning)
- 15/12/2021—Key Stage 2 Carol service at St. Editha's Church (Afternoon)
- 17/12/2021—End of Autumn Term
- 4/01/2022—First day back (Spring Term)
- 1/03/2022— St. David's Day
- 17/03/2022— St. Patrick's Day
- 22/04/2022— St. George's Day

Parents evening:

Thank you everyone for all the wonderful comments about our parents evening phone calls this term. If you still require a rebooked appointment, please speak with your child's class teacher.

As we were unable to do the Parents Evening face-to-face, we would like to invite parents in to look through your child's books one afternoon straight after school. Each Key Stage will send out information regarding their arrangements in the following days. Please look out for this.

MAPTA Christmas Disco!

The Moorgate Academy Parent-Teacher association is organising a Christmas Disco for all children on Thursday 2nd December.



Early Years & Key Stage 1 is 4pm-5pm (prompt)

Key Stage 2 is 5:30pm-7pm (prompt)

£2.50 per child

Are you interested in supporting our school PTA with events such as this Christmas Disco? The funds raised go towards good causes at the school such as the Year 6 leavers' hoodies, brand new books for the library and a sand pit in the Early Years playground!

If you would like to get involved, please let Mrs. Mitchell know in the school office.

Enrichment & Afterschool Clubs

Each year, we ask for a **£10 voluntary contribution** to support enrichment in our curriculum. This academic year already the following events have already taken place:

- Visit from a local Police Officer with their Police Van
- Packington Farm talks in school with Early Years & Key Stage 1
- Years 3 & 4 Chicken Wire experience
- Year 5 & 6 visited the Arboretum

We kindly ask that families pay the £10 voluntary contribution (via Parentpay) to support us with this very important aspect of school life.



The Staffordshire Holiday Activities and Food programme will run at various locations in local areas starting from 20th December until 31st December 2021. ☑

Available to children and young people aged 5 – 16 years who receive benefit related free school meals.

To avoid disappointment, parents/carers should register and book from November 19th from 7pm at:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

REGISTER NOW!

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STAYING IN TOUCH:

The school office is open from 8.30am until 4pm daily. Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Swindell will be able to help you with any administrative / lunch enquiries that you may have. You can also follow and communicate with the school in a variety of other ways outside of these times

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