



# Moreton Headlines

Keeping you up to date with all the happenings at Moreton

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## HEAD'S LINES

Having spent the first two weeks focusing on wellbeing through our project of 'Inside Out', we are now fully engaged in our topic learning. It has been fantastic to see the year 5 & 6 pupils empathising with the characters in Goodnight Mr Tom, year 4 excited by their dragon egg experiment, year 3 solving orienteering problems and years 1 & 2 enthused by Forest School sessions. Our new pupils have made a superb start in Bumblebee Class and all have settled well. Health & wellbeing is still at the upmost of our agenda at Moreton and there are a number of articles in this newsletter relating to this. Thank you for all being so understanding in supporting the school with our arrangements to mitigate the risks of COVID. We are hoping that this spike does not affect us as much in our area. Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Batt*



## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The process for current year 6 pupils to apply for secondary schools opened on 11th September 2020. This can be done either on line or by paper. The important aspect to note is that applications need to be made by **31st October 2020 at the latest**. It is vital that parents complete the application in time to be given full consideration for their first choice of school. Many schools can be oversubscribed and the chances of being able to obtain a place after the deadline is very slim. We would urge parents to complete the application sooner rather than later to avoid any future disappointments. If you would like any advice or support, please do not hesitate to contact us, we are more than happy to help you complete any forms if required.

## Upcoming Dates

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| 30.9.20                 | 8pm FOMs AGM<br>(via ZOOM)                    |
| 28.9.20                 | 6pm Governors Meeting                         |
| 12.10.20<br>to 22.10.20 | Parents Evening phone calls—details to follow |
| 13.10.20                | Harvest Festival                              |



## Attendance

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Children who miss school frequently in primary school fall behind with their work and do less well in their exams at secondary school. We've been really pleased that attendance to date is 98% - **this is outstanding**. Did you know...

94% attendance = very good chance of 5 GCSEs Grade 9 - 5

93% attendance = good chance of 5 GCSEs Grade 9 - 5

92% attendance = fair chance of 5 GCSEs Grade 9 - 5

90% attendance = less than 50% chance of 5 GCSEs

88% attendance = less than 35% chance of 5 GCSEs

Thank you for your supporting your child's chances of success in the future.

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# Virtual Learning

We have written a contingency plan in case we have to close a bubble or children have to remain at home whilst awaiting a test result. We are moving away from Class Dojo as a means of communication and learning journey to SeeSaw, as this platform is more effective in enabling us to organise work according to the subject. Bumblebee, Hedgehog and Badger class are already using this and the other classes will move to this after half term. We will still use Dojo for behaviour merits. KS2 classes (Deer, Pheasants, Foxes and Owls) are in the process of learning how Google Classroom works. In the event of a lockdown of any kind this VLE will be used by the older pupils to access and submit work on-line. I am sure that those in Pheasant class will be happy to explain how it works. Further details will be sent in due course.



## Healthy Lunches...

As a parent of 3 children myself, I know how challenging it can be to pack up a lunch which is quick and easy but still healthy. So what should a **healthy packed lunch include?**

- A good portion of starchy food, e.g. wholegrain roll, tortilla wrap, chapatti, pitta pocket, pasta or rice salad;
- A portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, e.g. chicken, ham, beef, tuna, egg, beans or hummus;
- Plenty of fruit and vegetables, e.g. an apple, satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks, small tub of fruit salad or small box of raisins;
- A portion of semi-skimmed milk or other dairy food, e.g. reduced fat cheese, yogurt or fromage frais;
- A drink e.g. fruit juice, semi-skimmed milk, yogurt drink or a bottle of water.



*This checklist is adapted from the Department of Health's Food in Schools Toolkit.*

We do not allow sweets and we ask that only a small chocolate treat is given. We will take away sweets and return those to you at the end of the day. Please be careful of so called 'fruit snacks'. Did you know that a 'Fruit' Yo Yo Bear is nearly 50% sugar!

### Keeping up to date

In your child's homework folder an up to date permission slip was included. This requires completion for GDPR purposes. Please complete it and leave it in the homework folder for the teacher to check.

Thank you.

**Have your circumstances or child's health changed over the summer?**

**Free School Meals**  
Are you entitled?

If so please make sure that you let us know so that we can provide the very best for your child's education.

If your circumstances have changed financially your child may now be eligible for free school meals or pupil premium funding which enables us to work with you to boost your child's learning at school. Please contact the office if either of these changes apply to you.

Also if your child has a medical need then a health care plan needs to be made so that the information can be shared with the relevant staff working with them. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Barros if this applies to you. Thank you.

# What will your family's Covid-19 tech legacy be?

Having had lockdown, we've seen how technology has transformed almost every aspect of our family life. Family Zoom birthday parties, Netflix screenings with friends and Joe Wicks' PE lessons on YouTube were shaping our days. But what will this all mean moving forwards? What have you learned about your family's relationship with technology?

Social media site TikTok recently announced that it has introduced a new parental control feature called [Family Safe Mode](#). It's designed to help parents keep their children safe by managing their screen time, limiting who they receive direct messages from and restricting access to inappropriate content.

Click here →  
to find out more



We have had a number of children reportedly playing Fortnite recently—some to such an extent that they are playing for very long hours. The age recommendation for Fortnite is 12 and above due to the violence within it.

## What are the concerns?

**Communication between players:** the chat function allows players to talk to each other—Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying

**In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts

**Addictive nature of the game:** concerningly we have had reports of some children staying up late at night to play without parents knowing. Some are very tired and falling asleep in lessons.

## What can we do?

Younger children **should not play this game**

Set a **time limit for older children**—most fortnite battles last around 20 minutes. Use it as reward with a 20 minute time allowance.

Monitor the effects it is having on your **child's behaviour** and ask for help if you need to.



## We really need your help with this...

We want to turn this space into an outdoor learning area for children in years 2 & 3. We love our greenhouse but it is too big for us. If you know someone who would like this amazing greenhouse we would love to give it to them for a donation towards a smaller one. Also if you are able to support us in any way to transform this area - maybe through gardening (cutting back the weeds would be a start!), making tables, flower boxes or some inspirational planting - we would love your help.

Please speak to Mrs Batt if you are able to help, even if only for a day. Thank you

## Election Results

After a tough election process, with question and answer sessions any politician would be proud of, a secret ballot took place. Some classes even had to go back to the ballot box for a re-vote. We're pleased to announce that the school councillors for each class are as follows:

Hedgehogs Evie Kerr & Henry Mays (from yr 3 representing yr1)  
Badgers Kitty Tedder & Shylah Cleminson  
Deer Freddie Galea & Maybel Brooks  
Pheasants Frankie Pettigrove & Grace Nyhan  
Foxes Rose Tedder & Charles Manning  
Owls Albe Kirby & Lexie Brame



They will sit on School Parliament and represent children's viewpoints on a range of issues, put forward ideas and be an important part of the drive to improve our school.

### *Bumblebee class settling in*



### *Working on our maths*



### *Keeping fit with PE & the Daily Mile*



