



Moreton Headlines

Keeping you up to date with all the happenings at Moreton

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HEAD'S LINES

As well as being Children in Need, today marks the start of our focus on kindness and respect. It is World Kindness Day and we have been thinking about how we can make the world a better place by celebrating and doing good deeds and saying kind words. Our half-termly Christian Value is love, kindness and friendship. We are now in a second lockdown and this brings with it a multitude of emotions, stresses and strains for us all. Demonstrating love, kindness and friendship towards each other is the best way that we can all work together to teach the children how to behave. It is with this in mind that I want to extend a huge thanks to my staff for their hard work and dedication during these times. Despite their own concerns over the virus they are continuing to provide excellent education whilst ensuring that we are all kept safe and well. Have a fantastic

weekend and stay safe.

Mrs Batt



Compassion is about standing in someone else's shoes when they are having a hard time. In other words trying to understand how they are feeling and doing our best to help them. We are all part of a wonderful diverse country; it is great to be able to celebrate this. Good friends show compassion and love in the things that they do and the way that they act. With this newsletter will come two information sheets with ideas and stories that you can share with your children to help them develop these values.



Upcoming Dates

- 16.11.20 Kindness & Anti Bullying Week
- 16.11.20 odd socks' week!
- 25.11.20 Flu Immunisation Day
- 27.11.20 FOMS Non Uniform Day

Attendance

We're really pleased that attendance continues to be 98% - **this is outstanding**. The class with the best attendance to date is Year 2 with 99%. Well done Badgers.



ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge and Love



Bible Verse for this half term:



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support today with Children in Need. All money donated has been paid into this worthwhile charity. We shall let you know how much we raised next week - look out for photos on Twitter.



Lest We Forget...

On Wednesday we held our Remembrance Service on the playground as a whole school. It was a very emotional and poignant service, particularly as it is the first time since March that we have all come together as a school community. Pupils read out their poems, reflections and prayers whilst we remembered those that have given their service and sacrifice for us to have peace in our country. All of the children's behaviour was impeccable and they showed true respect during the service. A link has been sent to parents for you to watch it on our YouTube channel.



Keeping warm

As part of our measures to mitigate the risks of COVID, we are keeping windows open to ensure that the rooms are well ventilated. Although we have the heating on, there will be a draft within the rooms. We do take a balanced approach and will not leave doors wide open. However, please can you ensure that your child wears warmer clothes - vests, tights and jumpers - so that they are not cold. Thank you



Safety Notice

Yesterday we had a problem as we were unable to find the key to the gate for the Nag's Head car park in the morning. We have now found this but it did result in a worrying concern with a number of children who ran from that gate round to the front of the school unaccompanied. Fortunately a responsible parent ensured that the younger ones were escorted but we are concerned that this could have been very different. Please can we reiterate that parents should ensure that their child has safely arrived at school and that pupils in this area are not dropped and left to enter school on their own.

Thank you

The impact of technology



In a previous issue we had an article about the transformation in the use of technology during lockdown; the positives and the negatives. This week it was my sister's birthday and in celebration we had an 80s quiz via zoom—complete in 80s outfits. It was brilliant fun. I am passionate about ensuring that children have the technological skills for the future. As well as being able to have the 'secretarial' or computational skills to use technology, it is also important that they are able to communicate and present themselves in a positive way.

We have had a concerning number of reports of unacceptable behavior and language used by some older pupils when communicating through technology. There is a new game out called Watch Dogs: Legion which is an 18+ due to the level of violence and terrorism promoted within it. This is totally unsuitable for any pupil in primary school to be playing; we will report those who are known to be playing it. I know that many parents are being supportive and have put in some of measures previously recommended; thank you. It can be tempting for parents to 'leave children' playing on devices as they appear quiet. However, extended time on violent games means that pupils' can replicate that behavior in school.

Top tips:

- Know what games your child is playing on their devices—have a conversation with them about how suitable they are
- Teach them how to report unacceptable contact or language
- Keep devices such as PlayStation in a central location rather than in bedrooms
- Limit the time that they can play a game

Kindness and respect is our main focus for anti-bullying week. We will be celebrating the differences we all have and considering how we can be kind to each other. During the week we would like children to wear 'odd socks' (or different coloured tights) for the whole week. Look out for Mr Smith's odd socks...



Thank you...



FOMs have been very active this term and we are grateful for the donations and support you have given the school through them. The table tennis table that Dan Green ran for has arrived and the children are excited at the prospect of being able to use it. The Remembrance trail outside the school is very touching and some of the art work is brilliant. A substantial amount was raised through the Lucky Square and a trail camera was purchased to put up in Forest School. On the front door to the school you will see that FOMs are now fundraising for a class set of iPads. With school funding consistently being cut by government, your donations are vital to enable us to be able to offer such an enriched curriculum - Thank you.



OUTDOOR LEARNING



Last week Badgers and Hedgehogs were learning how to light a fire safely. They then toasted marshmallows. Bumblebee class were so inspired by this that they made their own Bonfire in the classroom.

The Brave Soldier by Isla Harriss, year 3

The brave soldier going through the pain,
Running through the war with his shield.
People running, shooting him whilst he blocks the bullets.
He has brain injury, but keeps going.
He sees his best mates pass away...slowly, but he keeps going
And smells steam, smoke and dead bodies come by
He feels grenades on there last button until it explodes
And he tasted blood dripping from his mouth
And it tasted like salty ink...but he kept going
And he saw his brother die and now he's the frightened soldier!
He hunches his shoulders and drops to the floor.
Did he come back? No-one knows.

