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HEAD'S LINES

It is the end of a very successful term full of learning and achievement. EYFS, Yr 1 & 2 delivered fantastic productions and we were pleased that we were able to hold these for parents this year. Our many musical events and performances reflected the high standards that we continue to see from the children—even where we have had to adapt them. A good school both nurtures and challenges its pupils and it is wonderful to watch the children blossom and grow in confidence as they learn new skills, try new experiences and realise just how much they can achieve with hard work and commitment. Thank you to all the staff who have worked amazingly hard throughout the term, whilst mitigating the risks of COVID, to help each child become the very best they can be. Children and staff can now have a well deserved break before we return in January ready to push ourselves even further. Thank you too to you as parents and our governors for all your support of the school. Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Mrs Batt



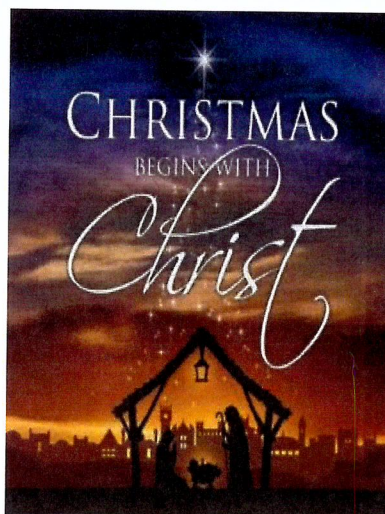
Christmas Productions

We were pleased to be able to have parents in to watch EYFS and year 1/2 nativity performances. They were both absolutely fantastic and very entertaining. We loved listening to the songs and we were so proud of the confidence and enjoyment shown by the children.



Upcoming Dates

- 17.12.21 **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:15PM**
(children will be signed out via CT)
- 4.1.22 Children return to school
- 5.1.22 Year 3 begin swimming
- 17.1.22 Bags to School



Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge and Love





Thank you to all those who have brought in items for the Foodbank as part of our reverse advent calendar. Tomorrow the Epping Foodbank will be coming in to talk to year 3, who collected the most amount this year, so we would be truly grateful for anything more you may have that is long lasting but also a treat to make those who struggle at Christmas time less worrying. By bringing in just one item the children will be bringing hope to those who need it at this festive time.



Christmas with FOMS

Thank you for all your support this year during these challenging times. We have been able to raise money in a variety of ways which has benefited the children—particularly as we were able to buy a whole set of iPads for the children to use in school. We have made the draw from our Christmas raffle and we will contact those who have won prizes. We made £138.60 on the non-uniform day and £90 at the carol concert enabling us to buy music stands for musical theatre.



Last Friday we had some very excited children buying presents for their loved ones in our 'Secret Shop'. We were fortunate to have a number of different gifts for them to buy and it was a real dilemma for some as they made decisions about which items to buy for their loved ones. We hope you like your special gifts.

As always, the success of these events is down to support, kindness and generosity of everyone involved in the school. So may we take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who willingly gave their time to support us.

Have a very Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

The FOMS team



Christmas parties

The children have had great fun this afternoon at their Christmas parties. They played lots of games, had party food and danced away to different music. We saw many children wrapped up as 'Christmas presents' which was amusing and musical statues was definitely a favourite.



Uniform Reminders

As we move into a new year now is a good time to check your child's uniform and ensure that they have everything they need ready for the new term. As a reminder we expect children to be wearing school shoes and not trainers - fully black trainer shoes are suitable but not high soled designer ones. We like children to wear school ties to show that they are smart and ready to learn and similarly hair should be tied back off the face so that it doesn't become a distraction when they are trying to work. Please keep hair bows to a minimum in the school colours.

As the weather turns colder please ensure your child has a coat, hat and gloves and wears a suitable tracksuit/skins/black leggings on PE days.

School Closure

If the school is required to close or open later due to inclement weather you will be informed in the following way:

- Email from pupil asset
- Notified on our website, Facebook and twitter page
- Announced on Essex Radio

Musical Events

There have been many musical events here at Moreton, all of which have been outside to mitigate the risks of COVID. The children from musical theatre sang beautifully at the Ongar Lights. We were the only school that attended this year so it was extra special, particularly when they sang - 'I you Believe'. We then held our Carol concert on the playground which was lit up creating a very festive feeling. Finally, today we held our Christingle service remembering that light will shine and give hope to us all even in the darkest of times



Communication

From time to time, you may need to contact the school if you have a concern about your son or daughter's education and/or wellbeing at school. Whatever the situation, we would encourage you, and/or your child, to **talk to us about it at the earliest opportunity** so that we can help sort out the problem. Your first contact should always be with the class teacher as they are best placed to be able to advise and support you with any concerns that you may have. If you still have concerns then the next stage is to speak to either Mrs Barros or Mrs Mead. Further concerns can then be raised by making an appointment at the office to meet with either Miss French or Mrs Batt.