



Moreton Headlines

Keeping you up to date with all the happenings at Moreton

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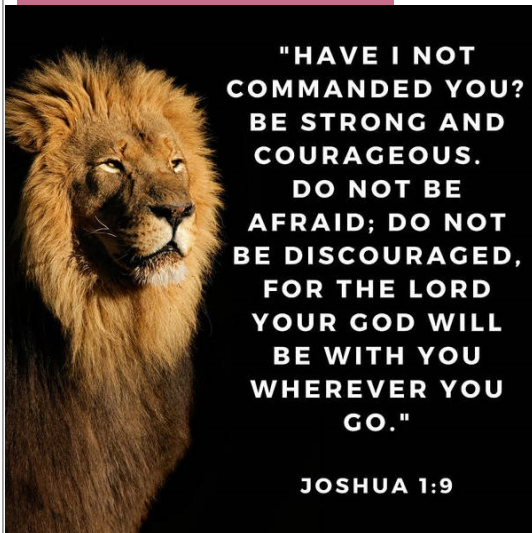
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HEAD'S LINES

We have had a fantastic time in June with the children really flourishing and extending their learning. Once again we have had many visitors from county and the diocese to moderate and review the work here at Moreton all of whom have stated how impressed they are with the amazing progress and learning that is being seen across the school. I also met with the founders of the Sunflower Fellowship in Romania, who extended their thanks to the whole community for your generous donations to them. As we come towards the many events leading up to the end of term, we will be looking forward to seeing you all as we celebrate all the children's strengths, talents and achievements in many ways. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Batt



This half term our Christian Value is Courage and Wisdom. We will be learning about different individuals who have shown courage in lots of ways such as Rosa Parks, Grace Darling, Nelson Mandela and those from the bible as well. We have attached a home-school values sheet that you might like to complete with your child/ren.

Upcoming Dates

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| 29.6.22 | EYFS to Sealife Centre
Selected group on coastal trip |
| 30.6.22 | 8 Step Morning from 9:30am
New EYFS picnic and stay |
| 5.7.22 | Races & Relays (1pm) |
| 7.7.22 | Reserve day for sports events |
| 8.22 | Meet the teacher
Reports out |

Attendance

Our whole school attendance has been 94% so far this term - it's creeping up - well done!

Every Day Counts!



Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge and Love

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thank you for joining us at our summer fayre and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was a wonderful afternoon. The week was filled with learning about our Queen's reign including music, dancing and art through the decades. It was fabulous to see the children dancing in all the different styles from 1950s hand jive, 1970s Hustle to 2020s TikTok. We also had a wonderful picnic prepared by our kitchen staff.





Moving on

At this time of year teachers take the time to consider the next step for them in their careers and some decide that it is the time to move on. After 7 years, Mr. Smith has taken the very difficult decision to move back up to Lancashire and will be leaving Moreton at the end of the summer term. Mr. Smith has made a huge impact on school life here at Moreton, having been very influential in our Music and

many community events. He has led the school through many church services, delivered high quality RE training to staff and been loved by all classes that he's taught over the years. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Mr. Armstrong has decided to take a break from teaching and therefore we have employed two new teachers for the year—Ms. H Stares and Mrs. H Walker. Both will be in school over the next few weeks as part of transition. We will update parents on class teachers for next year prior to our transition day Friday 8th July.



Sun Protection

We all love the sunshine but we must remember to ensure we take care of our skin. Sun protection for children is a vital part of considering good health for them. Please ensure your child has a hat and that sun cream is applied on warm days. They may bring a NAMED sun cream into school. Children will be encouraged to apply this over lunchtime—they will be expected to apply this themselves and take responsibility for their own health. Please spend time teaching your children how to do this effectively. Thank you.

On Thursday (30th June) and Tuesday (5th July) we will be holding our two sports events. **ALL** children need to come in their PE kits on both days. Parents are welcome to attend, and younger siblings are welcome to come along. No dogs allowed. Thank you.

School Uniform

We understand that at this time of the year children are growing out of shoes and parents are reluctant to buy new items so close to the end of term. Please note that from September we will resume our usual high expectations of uniform for pupils, including the wearing of black school shoes and ties.

PE and Forest school

All pupils (except for EYFS) will continue to come into school in their PE kit on the day they have PE - this will be communicated to parents at the start of term. Pupils will be asked to wear **dark trainers/plimsols** for PE (blue or black) without any bright colours or logos. Moreton PE jackets are expected with black or maroon tracksuit trousers for cold weather. If children are attending forest school, they will wear **PE kit** with suitable footwear and/or waterproofs.

We have a mountain of jumpers and cardigans which we will put out for second hand sale on Friday 1st July after school. If you have any donations of school dresses, PE kits or shorts we would welcome these.

Uniform can be ordered [here](#).

Water Bottles

Please ensure all children bring a bottle of water into school each day. There are no working drinking fountains available in school in line with our coronavirus risk assessment.

Please can we also ask that children only bring in water in their bottles and NOT squash. Also please can we ask that the water is not sent in frozen in the bottle, as we end up with water all over the desks.

Thank you



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities – but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes more!). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulation. In some countries, esports isn't regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and dieticians specifically to protect their health.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the games unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

GET EXPERT HELP

If your child does start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract: a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.

Meet Our Expert

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