

# *Moreton C&VA Newsletter*

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*Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge  
and Love*



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# Headteacher Welcome

As we come towards the end of term, it is always extremely busy filled with many activities – especially for our year 6s. We have sent an update out to keep you fully informed. It is always really important that parents read our communications as it helps to keep you updated.

Thank you for your support and patience this week as we navigate the mini heatwave we are having. Children have been very sensible, wearing hats, staying in the shade and copying the football teams with their hydration breaks. I am very impressed at how skilled they are becoming at putting on their sun cream – it is a very important life skill. I saw one child from reception class putting on sun cream using a roller application – what a great idea – I wish those had been around when mine were younger, so much easier!

This half term our Christian value is Courage. We have been considering how we can show courage as we transition to new classes/schools or take on different adventurous activities. Taking a risk (not to be confused with being reckless) helps us to grow. We've also considered the courage that football players may need to have when taking a penalty – keeping a calm manner and doing their best – something we can all learn from. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, stay cool and look after yourselves in the heat.

## Upcoming Dates

29.6.26	Year 6 to Stubbers
2.7.26	EYFS assembly Bring in donations of pre loved uniform
3.7.26	The Big Uniform Swap
7.7.26	EYFS to Pizza Hut
9.7.26	8 Step morning & parent picnic
10.7.26	Races & Relays Reports out
13.7.26	Meet the teacher – transition day
15.7.26	Rock steady performance – 10am Year 6 production 1:30pm
16.7.26	Year 6 production 9:15am
17.7.26	Year 5 music performance 9:15am Inflatable afternoon
20.7.26	Year 6 Leavers service at the church
21.7.26	Leavers assembly at 11am followed by year 6 picnic
22.7.26	End of term – <b>school closes at 1:15pm</b>

*Mrs Ball*

# Notices



## The Big Clothes Swap

On the **3<sup>rd</sup> July** we plan to have a clothes swap. With the cost of uniform rising, we are keen to support preloved uniform and reuse it. As we come to the end of the year we plan to have tables outside with uniform that parents can take. **Between 29<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, please bring in any good quality clothing can be passed on. This will only work if you take items as well as donate them. We see many good quality jumpers / cardigans going to land fill and would rather see them go to good use.

On 9<sup>th</sup> June we will be filming the second part of our promotional video at our 8 step sports morning. Only those children who have consent on Arbor will be filmed – we will have a system for this. We will also be looking for some parent volunteers...

Thank you

# Culture week

Last Friday we held our class museums which were a celebration of all of the work each class completed during culture week.

Thank you to all of you who came and saw all of the amazing work in each class museum. The children also looked amazing in their costumes or dressed in the colours of their focus country flags.

You helped to raise a fantastic £255 towards a new resource which will support continued learning of languages - Thank you



# Year 5 at Stubbers

For the last three days of the half term before we broke up, Year 5 took part in their residential at Stubbers Adventure Centre. They enjoyed a wide range of activities from orienteering to raft building and abseiling. The weather was wonderful and they all had a brilliant time away growing in their independence and outdoor skills. They were excellent ambassadors for Moreton.



# Year 4 overnight camping

On Tuesday Year 4 went to the field and farming event at Writtle college to enhance their learning for their topic and had a brilliant day experiencing so many activities. In the evening they came back to school and had a camping experience on the school field. They had to put their own tents up that they would be sleeping in and then went out for an evening of forest school activities. After enjoying a campfire and smores, the children watched the second half of the football before retiring to their tents. After a breakfast of sausages cooked on the bbq by Mrs Cole, the children enjoyed a day of special quiet activities as it was a very hot day including kite making. The children were all brilliant throughout the whole experience and have made memories to last a lifetime as well as learning so many new things.



# Attendance IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY

## DID YOU KNOW?

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up. Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning. Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Pupils who miss between 10 and 20% of school (that's 19-38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

## WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

The law says that all children of 'compulsory school age' (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

# BEATING THE HEAT: SUN & HEAT SAFETY

A Quick Guide for Parents & Families from Your School

Hot weather is here! At our school, we are doing everything we can to keep children cool, safe and comfortable throughout the school day.

Please read this guide to see how we are helping in school and how you can help at home. ♥



## WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS DOING



### HYDRATION FIRST

Children are encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day and have access to water refill stations.



### KEEPING CLASSROOMS COOL

Windows are opened early where possible and blinds are closed during the hottest parts of the day to help maintain a comfortable learning environment.



### ADAPTING ACTIVITIES

Outdoor activities are limited during the hottest parts of the day. Afternoon PE sessions are avoided and we make use of indoor and shaded spaces wherever possible.



### SUMMER UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Children may wear suitable summer school uniform items. Please ensure that they wear suitable footwear for school activities.



### STAFF CARE & MONITORING

Staff carefully monitor children for signs of heat-related discomfort, dehydration and tiredness and respond promptly when needed.



### WATCH OUT FOR HEAT ILLNESS!

If your child feels dizzy, has a headache, is intensely tired, or complains of feeling sick, please keep them in a cool room, give them water, and seek medical advice.



## HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP



### SEND A WATER BOTTLE

Please ensure your child brings a named, refillable water bottle to school every day. Children will be able to refill their bottles throughout the day.



### BRING A SUN HAT

Please send your child with a sun hat for break and lunchtime to help protect their face, neck and eyes during outdoor time.



### APPLY SUNSCREEN

Please apply a high-factor, long-lasting sun cream before your child arrives at school. Where appropriate, children may also bring their own labelled sun cream for reapplication.



### WEAR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

Please ensure children wear suitable closed-toe footwear. Open-toed sandals are not appropriate for school activities and can present a safety risk.



### NO ELECTRIC FANS

For safety reasons, children are not allowed to bring electric or battery-operated fans into school.



### ARRIVE PROMPTLY FOR COLLECTION

To help minimise time in the heat at the end of the day, please arrive promptly for collection. Staff will also ensure children are dismissed promptly.



Working together to keep everyone safe, healthy and ready to learn.



Children and adults may be finding it difficult to sleep in the current heat. This can lead to not feeling 100% the next morning. Here are some tips to help children sleep better during the higher temperatures we are experiencing

- Children are often quite robust sleepers - but they can be very sensitive to changes in family "mood" and routine.
- Make sure usual bedtimes and bath time routines and timings do not go out of the window just because it is hot.
- Children generally sleep best when their bedroom temperature is between 16C and 20C
- As part of the bedtime routine, the NHS UK website recommends lukewarm baths. Make sure they are not too cold, as that will boost your child's circulation which could increase their temperature.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



3 days lost

minutes late per day



6.5 days lost

minutes late per day



10 days lost

minutes late per day



13 days lost

minutes late per day



19 days lost EACH YEAR!

minutes late per day

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

# Clubs

UKA, Superstar Sports and Luv Dance will be running external clubs next term from 13.4.26. Our school clubs will begin on 20.4.26



## WRAPAROUND PROVISION



### Moreton C of E Primary School

Church Road, Ongar, CM5 0JD

w/c 13th April -  
w/c 20th July

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Monday - Basketball & Netball Club

Tuesday - Cricket & Rounders Club

Wednesday - STEM Club

Thursday - Tennis Club

Club only 15:15-16:15 - £5.65  
Full Provision until 18:00 - £12.25

SCAN HERE



#### To book:

Visit [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk)  
Go to "Book Now" & select your club!



Week Commencing	Breakfast/Provision Theme
13 April	Spring into Sport
20 April	Planet Earth Week
27 April	British Traditions
4 May	Space & STEM Week
11 May	Teamwork Week
18 May	Amazing Animals
1 June	Protect Our Planet
8 June	Water & Oceans
15 June	Sports Festival Week
22 June	Superheroes Week
29 June	Tennis & Wimbledon
6 July	Summer Celebration

School Clubs	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Gardening club 8am	Choir 3:15 – 4:15pm	Book Club 3:15 – 4:15pm Cooking 3:15 – 4:15	Wellbeing Club : lunchtime

**BRINGS THE MOVES TO MORETON**

**STREET DANCE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES**

- Learn Street Dance Foundations
- Make New Friends
- Boost Your Confidence

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
3:45-4:15PM: AGE 3-5  
4:15-5PM: AGE 6-9  
5-6PM: AGE 10-11

**CONTACT US NOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL CLASS!**

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