



11th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been children's mental health week. The children have been engaged in various activities across the week to promote good mental health including producing a fabulous array of pictures, paintings and inspirational writing, a sample of which can be seen on the school Facebook page.

An outcome of the week has also been the completion of Peer Mentor Training by some of the children in year 4 and year 5 – our new Peer Rangers! The Peer Rangers have told the children at Moor Lane today that they will be running Wellbeing Wednesday lunchtime clubs including board games, yoga, Lego, drawing and music. All children at Moor Lane can attend the 30-minute clubs if they want to and can sign up in school.

Vouchers

We have been advised that vouchers will be available for everyone eligible for Free School Meals for the Easter Holidays. More information to follow once we get closer to Easter.

Attendance

I am sure you are all frustrated as we are with all of the COVID regulations and need for children to be absent from school – hopefully things will improve in the very near future. In light of this, please make sure that your child is in school on time – 8:55 at Church Street and 8:50 at Moor Lane. It is also very important to pick your child up on time, especially after Teatime Club, which does finish at 5pm. Additional charges may be made if you are late.

We also need to have medical evidence and pre-warning if your child needs picking up early to attend an appointment or in an emergency. Early pick-ups are recorded in your child's attendance record.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

Please note children must be away from school for 2 full days if they have either or both of the above illnesses. Unfortunately, if children return too early we will have to send them home.

PE Kits & Uniform

Can I please ask that full uniform is worn – we can help if you are finding it difficult to provide uniform for your child. Please make sure trousers are black or grey, as decided by the children. PE Kits are black or blue joggers or shorts and a white t-shirt.

Health & Safety

We continue to have parking issues at Moor Lane. Please do not park across people's drives or in an unsafe manner on zigzag lines. I have also been told about several incidents where adults have shown aggression and bad language towards residents and other parents/carers. Obviously, this cannot be tolerated and Police will be informed if issues arise.

Please do not enter the school grounds with vehicles unless specifically asked to do so. This includes the staff car park at Moor Lane.

Breakfast Club

We have been lucky enough to secure additional funding for food for breakfasts on both sites for the next 18 months. From Monday 28th February breakfast club charges will be £1.50 from 7:30-8:30 and free on both sites until the start of the school day (8:50 at Moor Lane and 8:55 at Church Street). Children will be able to have bagels, cornflakes, krispies or shreddiees at Breakfast Club and so start the day in a really positive, healthy way.

Piano Lessons

We have the opportunity for 3 children to attend Piano Lessons in school time at Moor Lane. The lessons will be paid for by school at least initially. The lessons will last for 30 minutes per week and children taking part will be chosen at random (for fairness). Children need to attend each lesson and commit to practising at least 3 times a week in school for the duration of the 6 weeks. If you would like your child to have lessons, please sign the proforma below and return to school. If this new music project is popular we do hope to give more children this opportunity in the future. The Piano Teacher is called Mr R Eastwood and he has full accreditations, qualifications and DBS clearance. This is only open to children from Year 3 to Year 6.

Regards

Marie-Louise Binks

Mrs Marie-Louise Binks
Head Teacher

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My child would like to attend piano lessons in school and I will encourage them to practise at least 3 times a week in school.

Name of child

Year Group.....

Parent/Carer Signature.....