



Moreton Headlines

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HEAD'S LINES

It's hard to believe that it's the 1st May today; normally at this time in the school year we would be preparing for SATs and the many events and activities that we love over the summer term. We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by either phoning us or emailing myself:

head@moreton.essex.sch.uk

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with remote learning through Class Dojo and the learning projects on our website. If you are finding it hard to access work in this way please contact me for a pack of work for your child - we are more than happy to provide that. As previously explained, teachers will post by 9am on the morning for the day's work and the answers will be given by 3pm.

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep uploading their work onto their portfolios as we would like to be able to showcase it at times. Please do understand that teachers are unable to reasonably mark all the work submitted - normally we would provide immediate feedback during lesson times as this is proven to be the most effective form of learning. We all have to adapt to different approaches during this time and I would once again like to thank my teachers for the fantastic way in which they are supporting you as parents during this time of home learning. They are preparing work and responding to messages as and when they can, in amongst the other work that is required by them at this time.

Just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term and we are considering how we can get the classes together virtually – so keep a close eye out for my emails. We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Stay safe and God bless.

Mrs Batt 



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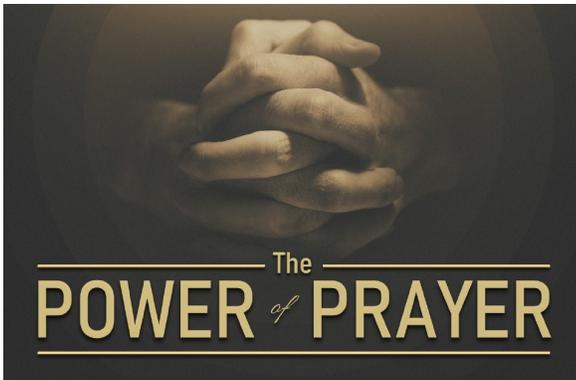


[Moreton Primary School](https://www.youtube.com/MoretonPrimary)

Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge and Love

Breaking News

Unfortunately, over the Easter holidays our minibus was stolen from the school carpark. This is devastating news for us as we use the minibus a lot for music and sporting events, as well as weekly swimming sessions. Without a mini bus it will be difficult for us to attend various events and also poses a problem for us to be able to deliver swimming. We have reported it to the police, who have said that they have noticed an increase in break ins at schools during this time. We have also claimed from our insurance but the sad news is that the amount we will reclaim will not be enough for us to purchase a new minibus. If you have any information about the whereabouts of our beloved bus please do contact us. Thank you.



We believe that prayer is so powerful and we have loved hearing and reading some of the prayers written by the children. We hope to include some of them in our assemblies which we upload onto our YouTube channel.

Prayer is something we can all do and access. We have set up a prayer chain with a few members of school staff and Rev Albert. If you would like prayer, or you know someone who does, please email us at:

head@moreton.essex.sch.uk or
prayerchain@moreton.essex.sch.uk

HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

During these difficult times it may be that your financial circumstances have changed. If this is the case you may be eligible for Universal Credit and Free School Meals. Do claim- even if you don't anticipate it being for long. If approved we are able to order you vouchers through the government which can be converted into store card gift vouchers to be spent on food. It will also enable you to receive additional support in other ways at school for the next 6 years. You can apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>

This half term our key focus is Perseverance. During this time of lockdown it can be hard to keep motivated. However, just as athletes and musicians have to train everyday so too we have to keep taking small steps forward. If you watch my assembly on Perseverance you will see that I am trying to run—it's really hard going. You may have seen the 2.6 challenge too which came about following the cancellation of the London Marathon. Maybe you could take part in trying to do 2.6 miles every day and raise money for others.



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Health News

Coronavirus - looking after our mental health

It can be very tough for us all being in lockdown and particularly hard at times to process what is happening. As the situation unfolds before us in ways that we didn't anticipate, it can bring about feelings of anxiety and fear. Being able to take control over our lives helps with our mental health when everything else feels uncertain. Having a routine, making the most of the fresh air through exercise and keeping in contact with friends all helps. We have set up a well-being page on our website with lots of tips and advice to support you during these tough times. Both myself and 2 other members of staff are fully trained in Mental Health First Aid - we are here for you, do get in contact if you or someone you know is struggling. There is also a website here with lots of ideas for you as a family:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>



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Looking after mental health and wellbeing

- Keep in touch and connect
- Work out a regular routine
- Engage in varied activities
- Exercise and stay active
- Plan to overcome problems
- Manage anxiety and worry
- Practice regular relaxation

Safe on-line

With children spending more time online to do schoolwork and other activities, there could be an additional risk to them of being exploited. This is why it is more important than ever at this time that children, parents and carers know how to stay safe online. It is important that you can talk to your child/ren about online safety, show an interest in what they are doing online and ask what they like and dislike about the apps and services they use. Discuss age appropriate 'ground rules' like how much time they spend online doing different things and what games and apps are appropriate to use. Also consider setting up and reviewing age appropriate parental controls. Setting parental controls can be a quick and effective tool to help protect children online. Here are some useful links to help you:

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) to stay safe online
- to help families manage during this time,
- NCA has launched [Thinkuknow: home activity packs](#), a set of fun, engaging activities based on Thinkuknow cartoons, films, games, and advice articles
- A new activity sheet for each age group will be published on the [Thinkuknow](#) website every 2 weeks while schools are closed - these activities offer a great opportunity to help you keep up positive, supportive conversations about online safety in your home
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) provides a tool kit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet Matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [LGfL](#) - support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including 6 top tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net Aware](#) - support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, providing a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) - support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services
- [staying safe online](#) - government guidance offering advice on parental controls, fact-checking information, communicating with family and friends while social distancing is in place and taking regular breaks