



Moreton Headlines

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Keeping you up to date with all the happenings at Moreton

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HEAD'S LINES

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our reading morning last week. Reading really is the key to learning and it is such an important skill. There was a great buzz around the school and I hope that the information given out was useful. I will put the powerpoint and support sheets on the website (which is now up and running again) over the next few days. Friday was a fantastic day for Moreton. I was very proud to be at the West Essex rugby finals to see both teams win overall in their tournaments. This was followed by an amazing performance from our choir at St. Martin's Church in Ongar before the switch on of the Ongar Lights. And so begins Christmas!

Mrs Batt



As we move into advent we begin to think about preparing for Christmas and the many celebrations ahead. It is a wonderful time full of exciting events.

For Christians it is also a time of getting ready and waiting - remembering the hope of that first Christmas. For some though it is a difficult time, particularly if they cannot afford food let alone presents. This year we would like to do a reverse advent calendar. This is where each child brings in an item which goes into a 'door' everyday leading up to Christmas so that they give back to those who need it. Donations will be made to the Foodbank. Suggested items are Christmas puddings, Hot Chocolate, tinned salmon - anything long life that is a special treat for Christmas. By bringing in just one item the children will be bringing hope to those who need it at this festive time.



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Upcoming Dates

4.12.19	1pm Boccia/Kurling event for selected children	16.12.19	10:30am Christingle Service for children
5.12.19	2pm—choir to OAP lunch	17.12.19	4pm Carols by Candlelight at St. Mary's
6.12.19	Christmas Bazaar	18.12.19	Class parties
	Reindeer visit		SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:15PM
10.12.19	EYFS, Yr 1,2&3 to Panto	19.12.19	Non-Pupil Day
	6pm EYFS, Yr1 & 2 Production		
11.12.19	Yr 4,5,& 6 to Panto		
	6pm EYFS, Yr1 & 2 Production		
13.12.19	Christmas dinner & jumper day		
	Secret room		

Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge and Love

Reading Morning

It was fabulous to see so many of you at our reading morning sharing books and activities with your children. I hope you have been inspired to read some challenging books together.

Hope

As part of our focus on Hope this half term, our collective worship last Tuesday was an interactive time of reflection. For those children who wanted to, it was a time for them to pray for Hope in many aspects. Children reflected on their hopes for the future, our world, others and themselves. All the children were engaged and many wrote some very thoughtful comments



Christmas

Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching and we are looking forward to seeing you all there. We still need donations of chocolate (large or small—but no nuts please) and any unwanted gifts or small items for the Christmas shop. This year the secret Christmas shop will be held during school time on 13th December. Timings for the bazaar as follows:

3:20pm - Choir will open the Bazaar

4:15pm - Dance presentation

6pm - Finish

If you haven't already done so, do book up a time to see Father Christmas. During the day a reindeer will be visiting and the children will have a photo taken with it - you will be able to purchase this as a memorable event. As always, the success of these events depends on the support, kindness and generosity of everyone involved in the school. Please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer any time to help out during the event itself.

Thank you for your continued support.

The FOMS team



Sporting News



Ruck n Roll

Having already won our family competition, both our rugby teams had made it through to the next stage of to the WEESP tournament at Davenant Foundation School on Friday. This was the West Essex partnership finals. When we arrived we were amazed to see over 560 competitors , 56 teams and 50 sports leaders. There was also involvement from Saracens and the England Rugby for the first time. Despite the mud and cold conditions our teams were fired up to ensure that they kept their focus throughout the competition. Their determination and team spirit paid off as both teams were successful in winning both their groups which was phenomenal. In addition they showed great sportsmanship, including when Mason and Luke stepped up to help out another team who were down by one player. All of the team members were champions through and through. Many thanks to Ollie and Tom who coached both teams to achieve such amazing results.



Choir Recital

Our Christmas festivities began on Friday at St. Martin's Church in Ongar with the choir singing their hearts out to our local community. They sang amazingly and it was great to have so many voices resounding in the small space. Well done to Eden Withers who was brave in reciting the first verse of Once in Royal David's City - she performed beautifully. The whole evening was finished off with a spectacular firework display in Ongar High Street.



Christmas at Moreton

As we begin the last few weeks of the Autumn Term there are many Christmas events for the children to enjoy. Next week EYFS and years 1 & 2 will perform their production for which they have been conscientiously learning whilst still working hard within class to ensure that they progress in all subjects particularly Maths and English. In line with fire regulations, we are restricted to 100 seats per performance and as a result tickets are issued and will be collected at each performance.

The school's Christmas Services are in the final week. At the church, there will be a Christingle Service for the children during school time on Monday 16th December and a Carol Service at 4pm where the choir are singing - all are welcome to attend this.

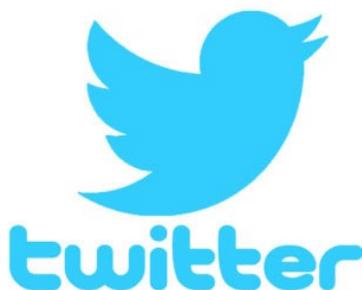
Christmas dinner for the children is on Friday 13th. Children can wear a Christmas jumper over the top of their uniform to bring some festive spirit to the occasion. On this day FOMS will be holding the 'Secret Christmas Shop' during the morning. Children will be able to bring in money to buy up to 4 presents for someone in their family. Presents will be organised into groups for men, women, children and dogs! They will be priced at £2, £1 and 50p. A suggested amount of £5 would be sufficient to purchase four presents. The children will then wrap these up at school and bring them home at the end of the day.

Class parties will be in the morning of Wednesday 18th December.

We look forward to enjoying this festive season even as we continue to strive for excellence in our learning towards the end of the term.

Christmas Parties

We will be holding our class parties on the morning of Wednesday 18th December during school time. Games and activities will be arranged for the children but we would appreciate some help with providing "party snacks" to make the occasion complete. Contributions such as cakes, biscuits, crisps or a healthy snack would be gratefully received. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity but as this is the last day of term any left over's will go to waste so please keep contributions small. The school will provide suitable drinks of squash/water. Please send any contributions in with your child to their class in the morning of the 18th December, clearly labelling any containers so they can be returned to you. Thank you.



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