

# FED TIMES

Moorlands Infant & Junior School

This year the Fed Times will be sent out fortnightly on a Friday. From issue 2 onwards, we will always email them out to you.

## A message from Ms Scott

A warm welcome back to all of our families!

I hope you have had a wonderful break and are excited for a new academic year. We have had a wonderful and eventful start back. Our children have been excited about the changes around the school and have been getting to know their new classrooms and teachers. Staff met a day earlier for our inset and discussed the vision of our schools moving forward. We have had some of our old Year 6 drop in and share happy stories of their new secondary schools. Our EYFS team have been visiting our new starters and we have welcomed Mr Berryman in Y1 and Ms Lazarczyk as our deputy head teacher. They have settled in so well and I know many of you have had the chance to meet them and will continue to. Ms Lazarczyk was great getting to know our community as I disappeared away with our Y6 children to camp (an amazing time) and left her to run the ship! Thank you. The team and I are excited for the year ahead and look forward to what is in store. Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

## School Meals

You may be aware B&NES have ceased to provide catering services to local schools. As a result, we as a Trust and School have been looking into catering options to provide a varied and nutritionally rich menu for our children and staff to enjoy. We have decided in the first instance to move our catering services in house to have more control over what our children eat and the source of ingredients ensuring that quality is our priority.

School dinners for infant children will continue to be free of charge under the free school meals initiative. Meals for Junior children, Y3-6, will remain at **£2.75**. We have changed our menu having had it nutritionally analysed to ensure our children receive a balanced diet. Please see the new menu attached.

The meal times have been amended slightly to ensure that we can serve all of the food on one site.

Infant school meal time, 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Junior school meal time, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

## Letters and correspondence

Our school office is open daily from 8.30am – 4pm.

Letters & reply slips can be posted in the letter boxes by each classroom, the box outside the office or handed directly to a member of the office team.

Details regarding our internal clubs (run by teachers and parent volunteers) will be sent out next week.

## Payments

We are trying to move towards becoming a cashless school and would prefer payments to be made direct into our bank account, please see details below or pay via cheque (made payable to; *Moorlands Infant School* or *Moorlands Junior School*).

Please include the following information in the reference when paying into our bank. Child's initial, child's surname, what it is for, eg. G.Scott/Lunch or G.Scott/Y6 trip.

### Bank Account Details:

**Moorlands INFANT School: Sort Code 60-14-24 Account no. 55762387**

**Moorlands JUNIOR School: Sort Code 60-14-24 Account no. 55762360**

This account can be used for lunches, trips, internal clubs, etc.



## ISSUE 1

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

## School Dates - Term 1

### September

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>** EYFS children start school

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** Y1 parents volunteering in Y1

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup>** Y1-6 open evening, 3.15pm -4.15pm

**Thu 27<sup>th</sup>** PTA Circus Tea Party, 3.30pm – 5pm (details to follow)

### October

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** Last day of the term

### November

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** Term starts

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** Teacher run clubs start

### December

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup>** Last day of term for pupils

**Fri 21st** Inset day

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## What has been happening in our school?

### EYFS Home Visits

The EYFS team would like to extend a big welcome to all the children who have just started at Moorlands, especially those families who are new to the school. We would like to thank everyone for making us so welcome during all the home visits. Home visits are such a fantastic way to get to know the children when they start school and help the children to settle more easily.

### Year 6 In School

This week saw the majority of Y6 head off on their PGL camp – but what about those of us still at school? It was great fun (if a little sad) to wave goodbye to everyone on the coach. This week we have written diary accounts of an adventure in space, played maths games and mapped out dinosaurs and their footprints in the playground. We measured and drew a Brachiosaurus dinosaur which measured approximately 23m x 12m – it took up most of the netball court! We have designed our own Coat of Arms shields and decided on a personal motto, and we even tried our hands at some self-portraits.

### Y6 At PGL

In Y6 every child is given the opportunity to go on a residential to a PGL camp for four days. PGL is a life-enriching adventure camp specifically for children to teach team building skills, survival tactics and to offer them adventure and challenge – sometimes meaning you get extremely wet! Whilst on camp, the children made rafts to transport themselves (and their teachers!), they went climbing, abseiling, zip wiring and orienteering. Y6 parents have had daily updates to follow everything that they have achieved each day. Well done to everyone who went to PGL and thank you to the teachers that went along too; we could not have done it without you!



### Y1 Outdoor Area

Butterfly and Dragonfly classes have been exploring their outdoor area this week and have made wish lists for equipment that they would like to have to help them learn. If you have any unwanted Lego, shop role play toys (plastic money, tills, fruit) or cardboard boxes please bring them to the Y1 classes as we have plenty of use for them. We are also going to be looking for willing volunteers to help renovate our outside area - so keep an eye on the newsletter for updates, especially if you have a passion or talent in the garden.

## Notices and reminders...



### Music

We are currently renovating our music space to ensure that all classes can benefit from the wonderful music that we provide at Moorlands. Our music teacher, Mrs Walker, is trying to locate 8 keyboards for whole class lessons. If you have a working keyboard that is not in use at home, please donate them to our school as the children will get plenty of use out of them! Your generous donations can be left at the main reception. Thank you.

### Y4 Wonder Day

Y4 had their Aztec and Mayan Wonder Day this week. It was a very busy day: they learnt about the different temple pyramids the Aztecs and Mayans built before having a go at creating their own in groups and as a class. Throughout the day they used fabric paints to create Aztec designs on t-shirts, became mathematicians by learning the Aztec number system and working out Aztec calculations. They all produced fantastic work!

### Parents Open Evening

Classes Y1-6 are hosting an open evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm-4.15pm. You are welcome to have a look around the whole school and pop in to your child's class to see their learning space, have a look in their books and meet their teacher. We look forward to seeing you!

### Refurbishing Our School

Our maintenance team, Mr Taylor and Mr Moore, have been extremely busy over the summer. We have been lucky enough to get brand new carpets throughout the school and all junior classes now have new windows looking out on to our middle playground. We have been encouraging all of the children to wipe their feet before they come in to school to make sure that their shoes and our carpets stay nice and clean.