



Molehill Primary Academy Newsletter January 2017

Welcome

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all from the staff at Molehill.

Adverse Weather:

- It is important that we remain open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn; Molehill will make every effort to remain open should we have snow again. Our absence last Friday 13th January was particular high, we expect all children to come into school if we are open. Any children not attending school due to the weather will have an unauthorised attendance mark in their register.

Reminders:

- If you change your mobile number can you please update this with the school office asap. There has been many occasions when we have tried to contact parents and numbers are no longer available.
- If there is a change in collection arrangements at the end of the day for your child please contact the school office before 2.30pm so the message can be passed on otherwise your child will not be released.
- Your child needs to be in the correct uniform at all times; Grey skirt, dress or trousers. School's Navy sweatshirt, White polo shirt. Black shoes NOT trainers. Long hair to be tied back in a plain black hair band.

Moving with the times

Year 6 have been using a CAD (Computer Aided Design) programme in their computing lessons this term. Eagle class have shown good tenacity and ability using a computer programme which is used by professional engineers and architects - amongst others - to design anything from automobile engines to buildings. It has been very enjoyable so far and we are looking forward to another three weeks where we will learn more.

Healthy Lunches

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that we follow a healthy schools programme. Our school dinners meet current health guidelines set out in the recent government policy that was led by Jamie Oliver. To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches should **not** contain the following:

- fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans, chocolate-coated products
- sweets / confectionery, chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches,
- chewing-gum, sugared / toffee / salted popcorn, savoury snacks high in salt and fat, salted nuts or energy drinks.

Molehill's Young Voices trip the O2

After months of rehearsals, all the hard work put in by Molehill's Young Voices choir paid off when, on the 19th January, they sang their hearts out along with 7495 other primary school children at the O2 arena in London. A fabulous day was had by all who attended the event (including staff) which culminated in an amazing concert where the children got to sing and perform with a variety of special guests including ex X factor contestant Tabby Callaghan and the impressive Beat Box Collective. We hope all parents who attended the concert had as much fun as we did performing it!

School Library

- Our new library is up and running!
- Following a generous donation from Golding Homes, we have been able to buy new books to suit all readers, fiction and non-fiction. Our new librarians will soon be in place, holding lunchtime library sessions for all of our children to view, read, listen to and borrow books.



Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 26th January - Individual School Photos
- Wednesday 8th February - Year 6 Theatre ADAD workshop 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 9th February - Kangaroo & Wallaby stay & play 2pm -3pm
- Thursday 9th February - End of term (Please note Fri 10th & Mon 20th Feb are staff development days no pupils in sch)
- Tuesday 21st February - Pupils return to school

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Attendance & Punctuality

Despite a high level of sickness during last term we still have a lot to celebrate.

Well done to Tiger Class who had an overall 97.9% attendance and to the 72 children who achieved 100% attendance. We are also very pleased that over 100 children achieved over our school target of 96%.

Children who have 100% **each week** receive a House point for their House and if they still have 100% at the end of **each term** they will receive an additional 20 points for their House.

Unfortunately our school attendance has fallen dramatically due to the sickness and flu viruses that have affected the area but we would like to see a big improvement over the coming months as the weather improves. Please bring your children to school unless they have been sick or have a contagious illness. If you are in any doubt please contact us for advice.

It is also your responsibility to contact the school if your child is going to be absent. Failing to do so will result in an unauthorised absence and could lead to a Penalty Notice and fine. You can telephone or text the school, leave a message on the answering machine, email at the address below, call in at reception or speak to a member of staff on the playground.

Tel: 01622 751729

Text: 01622320073

Email: contactus@molehillprimaryacademy.org.uk

Term Dates:

Winter Term/Term 3

Wed 4 January Pupils return to school

Thursday 9 February Last day of term

Friday 10 February Inset day – No pupils in school

Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb Winter break

Easter Term/Term 4

Monday 20 February Inset day – No pupils in school

Tuesday 21 February Pupils return to school

Friday 31 March Last day of term

Mon 3 April – Thurs 13 April Easter break

Fri 14 & Mon 17 April Bank Holiday

Spring Term/Term 5

Tuesday 18 April Pupils return to school

Monday 1 May Bank Holiday

Friday 26 May Last day of term

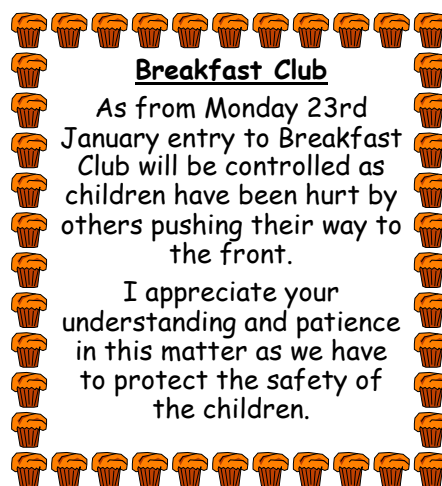
Mon 29 May – Fri 2 June Spring break

Summer Term/Term 6

Monday 5 June Pupils return to school

Thursday 20 July Last day of term

Friday 21 July Inset day – No pupils in school



Breakfast Club

As from Monday 23rd January entry to Breakfast Club will be controlled as children have been hurt by others pushing their way to the front.

I appreciate your understanding and patience in this matter as we have to protect the safety of the children.