



# Molehill Primary Academy Newsletter January 2019

## Welcome to 2019

Welcome back to 2019 we hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. As we move into this year can we please remind you of the following:

- ◆ If you have given permission for your child to walk home by themselves can you please reiterate to them that they need to go straight home and then make arrangements to meet up with friends afterwards.
- ◆ School starts sharp at 8.50am NOT 9.00am - Children should not be coming into school at 9.00am via the school office they need to arrive on time and walk round onto the playground.
- ◆ Can we please ask that any money for trips, swimming etc is either handed in to the school office or teacher in a sealed envelope with your child's name & details on it. Due to a lack of funds now kept on school premises, it means we are unfortunately unable to give out change. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- ◆ Your child needs to be in the correct school uniform at all times; Grey skirt, dress or trousers. School's Navy sweatshirt with a white polo shirt. Black shoes only and **NO** trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back in a plain black hair band.
- ◆ A PE kit needs to be in school at all times along with the appropriate coloured t-shirt for their house colour. We would also advise you to include a Navy or Black tracksuit as some lessons will be outside.

## Breakfast Club

Molehill has been awarded the 'Best Breakfast Club' in the South East of England by Kellogg's. Children from school attended a ceremony at the Houses of Parliament to accept the award where they met all the regional winners from across Britain.



The cost has been kept at 50p per day for three years now in a hope that it is available to all our families. (£2.00 per week **unfortunately weekly payments do not get carried on to future weeks.** Termly payments are also available.) All payments need to be made in advance; if you have difficulty paying please speak to a member of staff when you drop off or contact Mrs Hammond to make alternative arrangements.

## Film Night

The PTA will be holding a Film night on Wednesday 13th February from 3.15pm until 5.00pm.

The cost is £2.50 including a hot dog, drink & entry into a DVD prize draw.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 will watch 'Cats & Dogs, The revenge of Kitty Galore'

Year 3,4,5 & 6 will watch 'Sherlock Gnomes'

Tickets will be available from your PTA members at Breakfast club and after school from the school office.

## Attendance

We ended the year having achieved 96% overall attendance, the first time in over 3 years so thank you to all parents who continually ensure their children attend school and on time.



Unfortunately we have reached the time of year when illnesses are increasing. Please do not keep your child off school for minor ailments; we will contact you if they deteriorate. If your child has to be off school can you please contact the school on the first day of absence. **If you do not contact us the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.** 5 days unauthorised absence may incur a Penalty Notice which carries a £60/£120 fine.

At present your child can earn a House Point for 100% attendance every week. One week every term will be chosen which will increase to 10 House Points per child. These can earn rewards for all children in the class.

## Lost Property



Can you please ensure your child's name is written on all their school uniform, jackets, hats, gloves, PE Kit etc. This way we can return items when they are lost.

Please enquire with the class teacher or at reception if your child is missing any items of clothing

## Visit to Ashley Gardens Care home

Before the Christmas break the school council visited Ashley Gardens Care home and we would like to share with you what a couple of the children thought.

'As a member of the school council I enjoyed contributing my handprint that was used for the festive Christmas reef to decorate the home' by Jacob Beadle

'As a member of the school council I was delighted to be chosen to take part in making decorations and lighting up the residents lives a bit' by Honey Earle

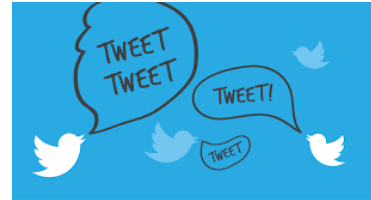
PLEASE TURN OVER FOR TERM DATES



Molehill Primary Academy is now on Twitter! You can follow us using the Twitter handle @lat\_molehill

We will regularly update our Twitter feed with key information, news and updates with what is taking place in the school.

We will use the same photo permissions as we do for the website, so if you do not wish for images of your child to be on the school website or Twitter feed, please let us know in the school office.



**Term dates 2018/19**

**Autumn Term/Term 1**

Monday 3 September Inset day – No pupils in school

Tuesday 4 September Pupils return to school

Friday 19 October Last day of term

Mon 22 Oct – Fri 2 Nov Autumn break

**Christmas Term/Term 2**

Monday 5 Nov Pupils return to school

Wednesday 19 December Last day of term

Thurs 20 Dec – Wed 2 Jan Christmas break

**Winter Term/Term 3**

Thurs 3 January Pupils return to school

Thursday 14 February Last day of term

Friday 15 February Inset day – No pupils in school

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Feb Winter break

**Easter Term/Term 4**

Monday 25 February Pupils return to school

Friday 5 April Last day of term

Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April Easter break

**Spring Term/Term 5**

Tuesday 23rd April Pupils return to school

Monday 6 May Bank Holiday - No pupils in

Friday 24 May Last day of term

Mon 27 May – Fri 31 May Spring break

**Summer Term/Term 6**

Monday 3 June Inset day – No pupils in school

Tuesday 4 June Pupils return to school

Friday 19 July Last day of term

Monday 22 July Inset day – No pupils in school

Tuesday 23 July Inset day – No pupils in school