



## THE JOHN MOORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back. We have had a wonderful first week back after Christmas. Thank you for supporting us in helping to get the children settled back into their learning so well. With such a short Spring term it is important that we make good use of the time we have!

I am writing to share a few key messages and dates for the rest of this term. These dates will also be shared throughout the term on the Sparkle News – further information and reminders will be sent out on class dojo.

### **Parking**

Please can I make a new year plea not park in the bay outside of school. Not only is this a cause of upset to our neighbours but it also creates a safety issue for our children as they walk to and from the school. Please park either at the community centre or in the car park next to the shops.

### **Uniform**

We will be reminding the children in assemblies next week about always wearing the correct uniform in school. We will remind the children that long hair needs to be tied back and that they should be wearing only small stud earrings - we will also remind them that no other jewellery is allowed.

### **Smart watches**

While we are always happy to see a child wearing a standard watch (especially an analogue watch) as it helps to support learning how to tell the time, we are finding that the wearing of smart watches and fit bits are causing a distraction in lessons with children waving their arms around to increase their steps and even checking messages. Therefore, please can we ask that any electronic watches are not brought into school – either smart watches or fit bits.

### **Sparkle Spot**

You are welcome to come into school with your child on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 8.30 – 8.50am to look through their books and see what they are currently learning.

### **Travelling Books Book Fair**

We are excited to let you know that the Travelling Books Book Fair will be back in school from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. More details about this will be sent out next week.

### **NSPCC Number Day**

We will be holding our NSPCC number day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Children can come to school wearing number themed clothing in return for a small donation to the NSPCC. During the day we will hold a special assembly and there will be lots of number based activities.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place across the UK and Ireland on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. On this day, children can come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Across the week there will also be some 'Book Week' events happening.

### **STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) week**

We are looking forward to celebrating National Science week with our very own STEM week in school 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March. During this week, children will work in mixed age groups and learn about different areas of STEM. They will be involved in a range of experiments and investigations across the week and will have a chance to showcase their learning at the end of the week. We are also inviting parents/ volunteers in to talk about their STEM career.

### **In-set day – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the school will be closed to pupils as we are having an in-set day. We have external consultants from the Talk for Reading team coming in to run a training day for all staff on ways to improve the teaching of reading. This is a follow-up training event and part of our on-going work to promote reading throughout the school.

### **Parent's evenings – 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March**

We will be holding our parent's evenings on the above dates from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. This will be a chance to discuss your child's progress and next steps with their teacher. There will also be an opportunity to look at your child's books. We will send out booking details nearer to the time.

Kind regards



Sarah Hathaway

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