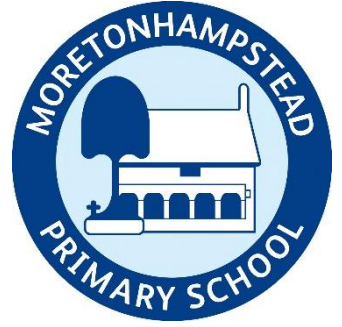


# Moretonhampstead Primary and Preschool Newsletter

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December



Dear all,

We are racing towards the end of the Autumn term and school is filled with a festive feel! We are looking forwards to welcoming you all to the performances next week, please do contact the office if you forgot to book tickets, we do have some remaining seats.

### Little Tors

Little Tors have begun their Christmas festivities. The children have been busy practising for their Nativity, designing Christmas cards and making hot chocolate for their friends using their fine motor skills and different shaped ingredients.



### Singing around Moretonhampstead!

Last week, the children in Y1&2 were invited to sing at the opening of the St Andrew's Christmas Fayre. They were outstanding.

Our older children have been doing lots of singing in school and out and about! They recently enjoyed the 'Moreton Light's Switch On' and will be singing at the Church over the weekend for Christingle and are heading off on a Choir Tour next week!



## FOMS Christmas Fayre

We had a super Christmas Fayre last Friday with lots of stalls, special activities for the children and a visit from Santa! Many thanks to FOMS for all their hard work and thank you also to everyone who supported this event



## REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK!

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - dress rehearsal

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Choir Tour (KS2)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Performance 9.30am and Children's Christmas Lunch

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Performance at 2pm and 6pm.

For the 6pm, the children should return to school NO EARLIER than 5.40pm and should be in costume ready to perform.

The staff will register the children and parents can find a seat in the hall!

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Rudolph Run (see posters). FOMS are selling hats every morning (£1.50) for children to decorate and wear at this event.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - School closes at 3.30pm

## LUNCH BOOKING FOR JAN 2026

You will need to book lunches for January by 31<sup>st</sup> December. The menus are available on Parentpay. Many thanks.

## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please can we remind you that it is **parents/carers responsibility to phone/email into school EVERY day their child is absent before 9am**. If you do NOT phone in, a member of staff must chase you. This wastes a colossal amount of staff time. Thanks for your support in this matter.

## Working Hard in Mardon!

Our Y3/4 children have been building earthquake resistant structures in outdoor learning as part of a geography topic. They learned how to strengthen buildings using triangulation and looked at real life examples of buildings designed to withstand earthquakes. They have also been busy practising the Christmas play!



## NEWS FROM BECKAFORD

Beckaford had an exciting, yet damp, day at Heatree on Thursday where they had a go at the inaugural archery tag for a Primary group. We first warmed our dodging skills by playing some dodge ball related games before having a go at firing the foam arrows at targets. After testing being hit by arrows to reassure ourselves that it didn't hurt we were split into 3 teams, Sharpshooters, Bullseyes and Flaming Arrows.

The games were fast, furious and competitive. The aim of the game was to score as many points as possible either by striking an opposing player, shooting out a target or by catching an opposing arrow.

The games were immensely close and with great umpiring the Flaming arrows came out victorious.

We followed these competitions with Dodgeball archery, which was just as fun.

After lunch, we were split into teams for some orienteering around the Heatree site and the children set off collecting as many collection points as they could. We finished the day with some bottle rockets and some of the groups managed some immensely impressive distances before working together to catch some water balloons.

The whole class had an amazing day.

The children showed great resilience when facing tough challenges. Collaborating as a Team is tough and they are all great skills that will allow our children to flourish as they move into their next stage of their education.





We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forwards to seeing you all next week!

Kind regards,

Alex Waterman