



"The World for our Children, our Children for the World"

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Family Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Our annual egg-rolling fun served as a wonderful treat for all as we round off the term! There was laughter aplenty as children cheered each other on and exercised large doses of competitive spirit! It was lovely to see pupils of all ages coming together, supporting one another and making it a truly joyful and memorable way to celebrate the end of the term.

Thank you for all your support this term. We wish you a very happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 13th April.

Mrs Sánchez



Farewell to Lily

Today we say farewell to Lily, who leaves the South Moreton community today. Lily has worked alongside the Primary School as Preschool Manager for many years, and many of our pupils have benefitted from her care and dedication at their earliest stages of life away from home. It has been a privilege to work alongside her and she will be sorely missed. We know you will want to join us in wishing her all the best for her new adventures.



Uniform reminder for Summer Term:

As the weather improves, please can we remind you of uniform expectations. Children are permitted to wear Summer dresses after the break if they wish. Shoes must be closed-toe and sturdy for outdoor play.

All shorts - girls and boys, for school or PE MUST be mid-thigh length or longer.

We will be contacting parents if uniform is not appropriate for school.

Thank you for your support in ensuring children are dressed appropriately for school. We hope that the advance notice will give you time to ensure your child has what they need.

We will be sending plimsolls home for the break so that you can check size and wear. New pairs can be purchased for a small cost if they need replacing e.g. Shoezone sells them for £2.99 a pair. Children are expected to wear appropriate outdoor footwear (not trainers) and indoor plimsolls across the full Summer term and shoes that are worn out of should be replaced.

Dyslexia SEND Coffee Morning

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 29th April at 8:45am**. The focus for this session is to look more closely at what dyslexia is and how parents and schools can support children with dyslexia, all while enjoying a hot drink! The session will also give families the opportunity to talk with the Educational Psychologist who supports schools around the Didcot Partnership. We hope to see lots of you there.

South Moreton's Got Talent – Friday 24th April

Calling all superstars! Introducing The South Moreton's Got Talent Show! We want to see your amazing skills on stage – singing, dancing, music, magic or anything you love to perform!

If your child would like to take part, please complete a registration form by Friday 17th April and hand it into the school office. (Registration forms will sent home with your child in the coming days)

- * **When:** Friday 24th April, 3:30–4:30pm
- * **Where:** Sports Hall
- * **Entry:** £2 suggested donation – pay on the door.

Don't miss out on a fun-filled afternoon celebrating the incredible talent of our children! Come along, cheer them on, and support our amazing young superstars, you won't want to miss it!



Important changes to booking and payment systems - **all parents please take action**

Thank you for ensuring you are ready for the change in booking system from Parentpay to My Child At School. Parents should now have downloaded the app and know how to login. Thanks to those who sought support over the past weeks to do this, and we appreciate your patience in working through these first steps.

From today:

Parents to use 'My Child At School' to book and pay for all school dinners, wraparound care, extra curricular clubs and trips. All payments will be taken through MCAS from now on, and Parentpay access will be removed. It will no longer be possible for the Office to make bookings for you.

Payment for wraparound care continues to be possible with childcare vouchers. Parents can select 'CV' in the MCAS checkout, which allows you to place the order while arranging the voucher transfer.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need any help. We recognise that change can pose challenges and are very happy to support.

If you are still catching up on Phase 1:

Please log in to 'My Child At School' via the online website or app using the login detail sent to your email address. You can alternatively add your email address and select 'forgot password' for a reset email to be sent to you.

The app can be downloaded from [Google Play](#) or [App Store](#) here.
The website is here www.mychildatschool.com

*****Booking for club and wraparound care is open now, and parents need to book within MCAS.**

*****Booking is also open for next term's school dinners.**

We will no longer be managing bookings via the School Office.

Term 6 Club bookings now open within MCAS

Please do ask if you need any help.
Bookings for clubs can no longer be made with the Office.

Day	Club offered	Club offered	Cost (6 weeks)	Collect at
Monday (5 weeks, due to Bank holiday)	Hockey All <i>Build teamwork and stick skills in fast-paced, fun matches and drills.</i>	Curling All <i>Try this unique precision sport and develop strategy, control and teamwork.</i>	£42.50	5pm
Tuesday	Coding All <i>Create, problem-solve and bring ideas to life through exciting digital projects.</i>		£51.00	5pm
Wednesday	Lego Masters All <i>A creative wonderland of Lego and construction challenges designed to develop critical thinking, teamwork and technical skills!</i>	Chess and board games All <i>Challenge your thinking, strategy and decision-making in friendly competition.</i>	£51.00	5pm
Thursday	Soft Rounders KS1 <i>A fun introduction to batting and fielding with lots of teamwork in the fresh air</i>	Rounders KS2 <i>Develop skills, tactics and teamwork in this energetic and competitive game.</i>	£51.00	5pm

Moki Band fun!

Children at South Moreton continue to be active and busy every day, making the most of our beautiful site indoors and outdoors!

Our School total steps this week is 870,699 - equivalent to walking from South Moreton to Dundee!



House averages:

Ravenclaw - 11034 Gryffindor - 10387 Hufflepuff - 9684 Slytherin - 9431

Class averages:

Puffins - 11454 Swallows - 11299 Wrens - 9947 Herons - 9616 Red Kites - 6078

READING NIGHTS AT SOUTH MORETON

**We don't set homework at South Moreton
(research says it's not impactful for Primary pupils, and
parents told us they agree)**

BUT - we do expect children to read at home.

1 night of Reading = 1 "Reading Night"

15 minutes R / KS1, 20 mins KS2

Recorded in their Reading Diary

4 nights = 1 point to win prizes

**Reading is the single biggest way parents can support their
child's academic success.**

HOW WE MEASURE

Engagement in reading at home forms part of our assessment of your child. Those that don't read, fall behind.

Children should read at home every day Monday - Thursday. Reading diaries are checked on a Friday.

Those with 4 Reading Nights will be entered to win prizes for their House and Class.



Pupil Premium eligibility - help us to support your child

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and a variety of other financial supports, and school receives additional funding to support your child's teaching and learning. Please help us to claim this funding by contacting the Office if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Don't forget to join our **@SouthMoretonPrimary** Facebook page!
 We welcome you to search and 'like' so that you get the best insight into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
www.facebook.com/SouthMoretonPrimary



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Top Tips for ... KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM CYBER CRIME

We all want to continue being informed and inspired by the ever-expanding capabilities of the internet. But we also need to be able to safeguard ourselves against the growing amount of online hazards. Knowing what is fact, understanding what dangers exist and taking appropriate steps can go a long way towards protecting yourself and your family. National Online Safety has collaborated with the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit to compile 10 pointers to help you keep your children safe from cyber crime.

- 1. Spot Phishing Bait**
 Phishing messages are untargeted mass emails asking for sensitive information (e.g. usernames, passwords, bank details) or encouraging recipients to visit a fake website. It's safest to learn the warning signs of phishing and increase your child's awareness. Too good to be true? Spelling or punctuation errors? Odd sense of urgency? These are all red flags. Don't click on links or follow demands if you're unsure, contact the official company directly online to enquire further.
- 2. Don't Over-Share**
 Is your child sharing too much on social media? Do they post things about their private life, upload images of your home, or discuss their friendships and relationships online? Criminals will gather this information and may try to use it for identity theft or other offences such as fraud. To combat this, ensure your child's privacy settings mean they are only sharing information with family and close friends. Use parental controls where appropriate.
- 3. Encourage Strong Passwords**
 Weak passwords make it faster and easier for someone to gain access to your online accounts or get control of your device – giving them a route to your personal information. For a strong password, national guidance recommends using three random words (e.g. bottlegangepylons). Consider paying for your child to access a password manager. Encourage them to have a separate password for their email account. Ensure the whole family uses two-factor authentication where possible.
- 4. Stay Updated**
 People often put off installing updates to apps or software because they don't feel it's necessary, it can be time consuming, or could cause problems with programmes they rely on. But updates help protect users from recently discovered vulnerabilities to malware. You can usually set them to run automatically – encourage your child to select this option. Ensure updates are installed as soon as possible after you're notified they're available.
- 5. Back up Your Data**
 Some cyber attacks can lead to the theft or deletion of important (and possibly sensitive) data or loss of files (like photos and videos) that can't be replaced. Backing up your data to the cloud – or to another device – will help prevent data loss if you ever become the victim of a cyber attack. Where possible, set your child's devices to back up automatically. Also encourage them to back up their data prior to installing any updates.
- 6. Be Wary of Public WiFi**
 Free public WiFi is commonplace – but it's often not secure and sends unencrypted data via the network. A hacker on the same network could access personal data (like financial information) without you even realising they'd done so. To avoid this, suggest to your child that they use their 3G or 4G mobile data when they're out and about, rather than free WiFi. Consider purchasing a VPN (Virtual Private Network) where possible.
- 7. Take Care When Chatting**
 Criminals may look to manipulate others online and coerce them into using their talents or cyber skills for unethical means. Try to get your child to be open about who they are talking to online. Communication tools such as Discord are popular among gamers – but be cautious of the other people using them, and ensure you know who your child is chatting with.
- 8. Recognise Warning Signs**
 Often, budding cyber experts will relish the challenge of testing themselves or earning recognition from peers for their exploits. Even principled 'white-hat' hackers will look to test their skills online. If you think your child is interested in hacking, try to understand what their motivation is. You could encourage their participation in ethical competitions such as bug bounties.
- 9. Understand Their Motivations**
 Those being influenced online to use their skills unethically may display certain key warning signs. Sudden evidence of new-found wealth (unexplained new clothes or devices, for example), secrecy around their online behaviour or boasting of new online friendships are all causes for concern. If in doubt, refer through to your regional cyber crime team.
- 10. Know the Consequences**
 Many young people may feel that hacking is essentially a light-hearted prank, and not especially serious. So make sure your child is aware of the implications of a conviction under the Computer Misuse Act – not only the possibility of a criminal record, but also lifelong travel restrictions and damage to their future career or educational prospects.

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