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

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# Family Newsletter
# 17th September 2026

*Dear Families,*



*It has been a wonderful week at school, filled with great energy, focused learning and collaboration across all year groups.*

*Our Year 5 pupils have officially taken on an exciting new responsibility as our playground **Sports Leaders**. Using our refreshed playground markings, they have been organising **inclusive games** that bring children from different year groups together, ensuring everyone enjoys **active, joyful play** every day. We are very proud of the thoughtful care, planning, and resourcing Year 5 have put into these sessions—their **leadership** is already making a noticeable difference to our school day.*

*On the theme of active fun - we are thrilled to announce that **Skate Day** will take place again this year! We will be using it to reinforce teaching on **Growth Mindset and resilience**, taking our learning outside the classroom to learn challenging new skills and tricks! The day will be kindly funded by our wonderful PTA, and I'll send more info next week!*

*Mrs Sanchez*



**Parent Teacher meetings and SEND reviews ***booking now open**

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November, with appointments between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Meetings in person will also allow you to see your child's work, although Zoom meetings are also possible if preferred.
SEND reviews will also take place during this time.

Please use this link to let us know your time preferences. Booking closes Friday 9th October with appointments sent out by Monday 16th October.

**Sustainability Action!**




This term, our Eco Council have been helping to shape our School Sustainability Action Plan, which will help us reduce our environmental impact and encourage our whole school community to make more sustainable choices.

This week, our young leaders presented their first whole-school assembly, focusing on waste and recycling and encouraging everyone to think about the impact of our everyday choices.

What happens next? New recycling bins have been ordered, and the Eco Council will help design labels, encourage correct recycling and help us monitor how well our new recycling system is working.

Recycling is just the beginning! The Eco Council will help lead future projects across areas including energy, food, biodiversity and outdoor learning

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and sense of responsibility the children have already shown. We are excited to see how their ideas develop and the difference they can make across our school.

**Lunch bookings**

We have extended the ordering period for lunches to support you to make bookings. Lunch orders can now be placed **until 8.30am on the day.**

This means that there will no longer be an option to pay for lunches in arrears. **Any children without a lunch booking by the cut-off time are asked to bring a packed lunch.** We hope this makes bookings more straightforward for parents whilst still allowing us to ensure enough food each day.

**Non-Uniform Day**

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd October to raise money for the school. A donation of £2 will be added to MCAS or children can bring coins in a labelled envelope. Thank you for your support.

# 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.



**Dates for your diary**
**Highlight = new since last week**

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| **Wednesday 14th October** | Skate Day! | *Linked to Growth Mindset and resilience learning. Kindly funded by the PTA.* |
| **Friday 16th October** | Y5/6 girls football tournament | *Information emailed to parents* |
| **Friday 23rd October** | Non-uniform day | *Fundraiser - cost £1* |
| **Monday 2nd November** | INSET day | |
| **Tuesday 3rd November 3.30pm - 5.30pm** | Parent Teacher Meetings and SEND reviews | *Information to follow* |
| **Wednesday 4th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm** | Parent Teacher Meetings and SEND reviews | *Information to follow* |
| **Monday 9th November** | Individual photos | *Information to follow* |
| **Monday 16th - Friday 20th November** | Anti-Bullying Week | *Information to follow* |

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. bottlegaragepylons). 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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