

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought that I would take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to the Mason Moor Primary School community. It has been wonderful, slowly getting to know you over the past few months, although the whole Covid-19 situation has meant that the parent-teacher interaction has not been what we would like it to be. Hopefully things will change in the New Year and then we can forge ahead with our plans of making Mason Moor Primary School the school of choice in our area.



I have been fortunate to teach all over the world and I am absolutely delighted to be one of the Assistant Headteachers at Mason Moor. Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome that I have received. The professional staff, hardworking children and welcoming parents have meant that making this latest transition has been easy for me.

Having taught at so many different types of schools, it has been interesting to draw comparisons between our school and some of them. Let me state a few of these here:

- The staff at Mason Moor strive to always work tirelessly and professionally to ensure behaviour is at least good across the school.
- The behaviour at Mason Moor for the most part is extremely good. As with every school, there are instances where behaviour is not what we would expect, but everyone works together to identify the cause of the behaviour, rectify the behaviour and also administer the appropriate consequences.
- We thank the parents at Mason Moor for being very supportive of the school and support us when we call regarding issues involving their children.
- Bullying is becoming a 'go to' word and most people do not understand the difference between bullying and hurtful behaviour. We have looked at this in anti-bullying week and often talk about it in our PSHE lessons.

At Mason Moor Primary School, we are trying to instil a positive self-image in all our children. By doing this, we hope to create an environment where our children know that the hurtful words are not true and believe that they are worth much more than the words said.

As a parent, you can assist us in doing this by instilling a positive self-worth in your children and by reinforcing that being unkind to other pupils is not OK. Many of our staff are parents themselves and we know what it's like when a child comes home unhappy because of something that happened at school. We want to work together with parents to help our children to be friendly to all other members of the school community. We are not asking them to be friends, they should have the freedom to choose their friends themselves, but they can still show kindness and respect to each other.

If schools and parents work closely together and hold each other accountable in a respectful and professional environment, our children will reap the benefits.

Lastly, I would like to say that I cannot wait for normality to resume. I cannot wait to relaunch the house system and get competitive sport up and running again. I cannot wait to meet you all properly.

Yours in education,  
Mr R.Kops  
Assistant Headteacher

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Last day of term**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Virtual parents meetings**

#### NEW END OF DAY TIMINGS

Please see below for the collection times for each year group from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November:**

Year R	3:05pm
Year 1	3:10pm
Year 2	3:15pm
Year 3	3:20pm
Year 4, 5 & 6	3:25pm

**Older siblings need to leave at the younger sibling's time**

Please let us know if you have any issues with the above timings and we will try and accommodate this

#### PARENTS EVENING

Parents evenings will be taking place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021** between **3:30pm and 6pm**. We will be sending out information on how to book appointments in the coming weeks and the meetings will take place over video conferencing.

#### CHRISTMAS

**21 SLEEPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS**





## Christmas at Mason Moor Primary School

<p><b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>LAST DAY for Christmas cards to come into school</b>                  Children are asked to only write Christmas cards for their own class.                  All cards will be quarantined for a minimum of 7 days before being distributed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.                  ANY CARDS BROUGHT IN AFTER Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December WILL BE SENT BACK HOME AS WE WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO QUARENTINE.</p>
<p><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Lunch &amp; Christmas Jumper day</b>                  Children will be making Christmas hats in school to wear</p>
<p><b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Afternoons - Christmas Crafts and Activities</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>2 pm - KS2 - Virtual Christmas Event</b>                  More information to follow of how you can watch this online</p>
<p><b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>10:30 am KS1 and EYFS - Virtual Christmas Nativity</b>                  More information to follow of how you can watch this online</p>
	<p><b>Afternoon – Christmas Parties in the classrooms</b>                  Children can wear Christmas Party clothes all day at school. Please make sure that clothes are age appropriate and that the children are wearing sensible shoes.</p>

### CLASS IN FOCUS – Jeffers (Year R)

This week Jeffer’s Class have been exploring the story We’re Going On A Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. The children have become explorers walking through the different places the characters in the book travelled. They have been coming up with adjectives for different places and adventuring into the world of description. During their Busy Bee Time a group of children decided they needed to make a Bear Trap to catch the Bear. Using the construction bricks they built and planned how they would catch it so that it would not chase anyone anymore.

Christmas magic has been sprinkled over Jeffer’s class this week too. We had a surprise waiting for us on Tuesday as a mysterious calander had appeared on the window. Later the class recieved a letter and it was from Father Christmas. He had the Elves make this lovely calander and for each day leading up to Christmas he has set a fun challenge for the children to complete each day. So far they have been asked to build Christmas items with Lego and asked to try create Christmas words using their phonics knowledge. Jeffer’s class are so excited to see what other challenges Father Christmas sets them next!



### STAR OF THE WEEK

Week ending 27/11/20



- R Jeffers: Jaden
- 1 MiniGrey: Edith
- 2 Lewis: Logan
- 3 Sparkes: Alex
- 4 Kipling: Sonya
- 4 Fine: Ben
- 5 Hargrave: Maggie-Lu
- 5 Magorian: Demarco
- 6 MacKenzie: Josh
- Mian: Joseph
- Headteacher: Lacey
- AHT: Alfie
- AHT: Emily A

### CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you to everyone that participated and donated towards the odd sock and crazy hair day on Friday. We raised £78.81 for Children in Need

### EU Settlement Scheme and You

When the Brexit transition period ends on 31 December this year, the Government will start to roll out a new immigration system.

This means that EU citizens and their family members (who right now exercise rights to live and work in the UK under EU law) need to obtain permission to stay in the UK.

If you or any of your family are EU, EEA or Swiss nationals you will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

Any person who misses the deadline on 30 June 2021 and stays in the UK will be here unlawfully, with no right to work or access public funds. If in doubt – check it out: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

### ATTENDANCE

Jeffers	MiniGrey	Lewis	Sparkes	Kipling	Fine	Hargrave	Magorian	MacKenzie
86.7 %	97.6 %	92.2 %	87.3 %	95.2 %	95.2 %	96.7 %	88.2 %	93.4 %



**A BIG WELL DONE TO MINIGREY CLASS FOR THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!**