



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### Headteacher News | Friday 30th September

**This week your child received a book or rucksack - paid for by the school - a gift to every child at Mason Moor.** We know that families are finding things tough at the moment and being able to ensure they have a secure way of bringing things to school will hopefully help!

The first four weeks of working here have passed by extremely quickly. There's been a lot for me to get to know and understand. But at the same time - there's been lots for us to be excited about:

- **We have a new logo** and are currently waiting for a brand new website to go live.
- **The entire school is being re-decorated in calming greys and blue tones** - a few photos of our transformation follow in the newsletter.
- **Every child now has an exercise book - for each subject - that has been specially made** to help them remember more of their learning over time.

At St. Mary's (the other school I am Headteacher at) we set up a Food Bank in January last year which helps families with surplus food distribution. We are currently working with sponsors at Neighbourly to set up a Mason Moor Food Bank and I will distribute more details in the coming weeks.

As the weather starts to turn colder - please can I ask that parents and carers begin sending their child into school with a coat. Not only does it mean they can stay wrapped up warm for break and lunch - but it means they have that added layer of protection for the walk home.

Finally, it has been lovely to see so many of the new reception children settling in so well at Mason Moor - they have had a fun few weeks of getting to know their new surroundings. Well done each child!

**Mr Constable-Phelps** | Executive Headteacher

### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 3 October** - Parent Forum. 9am-10am - Focus for the meeting is on: behaviour at Mason Moor

**Monday 3 October** - Year 2 Trip London Zoo. Coach leaves at 9:15 for London, returning at 4:50pm!

**Thursday 6 October** - Tapestry Workshop for Reception Parents 9am at the Main Reception.

**Friday 21 October** - Last day of term

## Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Our Target is 96%

Remember: we will not authorise ANY absence during term time. Please make sure your child attends school on-time every day.

# WARNING

## MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 90%

### How do we reward GOOD attendance?



Every 12 weeks, we give away a bike in a raffle of each child with 96% and above attendance.



We also raffle off a scooter to those with 96% and above attendance over the 12 weeks.

### What do all children with good attendance get?



- Attendance Award Certificate given in assembly.
- A choice of: Movie, Bouncy Castle or 100% Party

### Whole School Attendance figures:

	%	Diff from last week
Year R	91%	(+4) %
Year 1	94%	(+1) %
Year 2	94%	(+1) %
Year 3	91%	(-2) %
Year 4	85%	(-5) %
Year 5	85%	(-5) %
Year 6	92%	(-3) %
TOTAL	90%	(-5) %



## Year 1 & 2

Well done to Year 4 children - a brilliant 96%.  
All on track!

Please help us improve our school attendance by sending your child in every day. We are changing SO MUCH at Mason Moor to make our school the very best it can be!

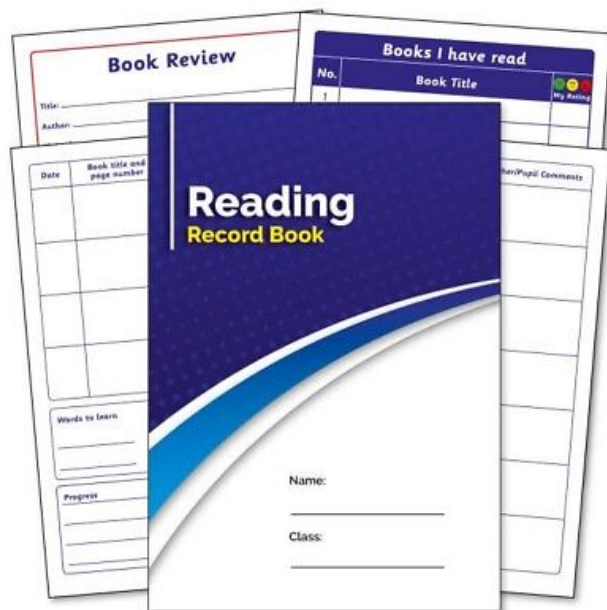
**A reminder: the school does not authorise any holiday during term-time!**

## Reading Expectations - Please help your child!



### Top tips for encouraging reading:

- ☐ **Read yourself!** It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe?
- ☐ **Give books as gifts.** And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- ☐ **Visit the local library together.** It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors.



### What should I write in my child's reading record?

Listed below are some comments which may help you when writing in your child's Reading Record Book to describe how your child has read at home. It is important to record both positive and developmental comments:

- Read familiar words independently
- Able to predict what happens next in the text
- Read with good expression
- Showed good understanding of the text
- Worked out new words independently
- Worked out new words by sounding them out
- Struggled to concentrate
- He/she made a number of errors because he/she was not looking carefully enough



### How often should my child read?

Your child should read every night as part of the home-school agreement and to ensure that they are developing their **fluency** - which is their ability to read with speed, accuracy, expression and precision.

We know that children who do not read every night do not develop a love of reading and this can prevent them from accessing the curriculum and achieving well in life.

**We recommend that children read for 15-20 minutes each day.**



## Mason Moor Golden Book Assembly Winners



# GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

Every Friday children are chosen for the Golden Book - either by a teacher or by their peers. We hold an assembly at the end of the day where children are awarded the Golden Book Certificate for excellent work or demonstrating a Mason Moor value!

Each week we will publish the names of the children in the school newsletter. **This week's children listed below, really are the PRIDE of Mason Moor!**

### Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Matilda
2 Blue	Scarlett
3 Blue	Poyraz

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Leighton
5 Blue	Summer-Rose
6 Blue	Naveah
6 Green	Thomas

## Mason Moor Parent Notices



### School redecoration

We are currently having the entire building redecorated and improved. As you know, some of the internal decor hasn't changed in years! The Main Reception gives you a sneak-peak at the colours across the rest of the school.

Each week we will continue to post photos as more areas of the school are steadily improved.

It was lovely to speak to a Year 6 boy who told me the other day: ***"I really like the new colours and it looks so much nicer - it makes me feel proud of coming to this school."*** His comments sum up the reason we make these changes!



## Mason Moor Parent Notices



### School bag/Book bag for every child

**A new school bag, for a new school year. What did you think about your child's new bag this week?**

We know that the cost of living is having an impact on all families. We hope that providing this for each of you free of charge means they can protect the school books and learning that is brought home.

A reminder that putting your child's name in the inside or on the outside will help them not to get confused.

**We expect the school bag to be brought into school every day.** Please establish a routine for packing the bag, packing away homework and the reading record.



### Year 2 welcomed their new chicks!

**As part of their Science learning, Year 2 had an arrival of eggs in an incubator a week ago. They have been learning about animals and their development.**

I spoke to a child in Year 2 who told me: "It's mad, they just broke out of the shells and now they are massive!".

The chicks will stay with us for another week before they go to a farm to live out their lives. What an exciting week for every one in Year 2 class!



### Rewarding our good behaviour

**We are now sending home Mason Moor Praise Postcards - for those who are caught doing something excellent or being really good ambassadors for our school.**

The postcard is posted home - rather than being sent home with the child - so that they get used to receiving something from the postman!

Please - send in photos of your child receiving their postcard to: [info@masonmoorprimary.co.uk](mailto:info@masonmoorprimary.co.uk)

# Parent & Carer Forum



**MASON MOOR**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**When:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9am

**Focus:** New Behaviour Policy

**Venue:** School Hall

Tea & Coffee available. Children and family members welcome to join you. We look forward to seeing you.



**Come and listen to the senior leadership team talk about the behaviour changes at Mason Moor.**