An Invitation to Cruise Around the Caribbean

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

Since 2004 Molescroft Primary School has held a unique International Festival bringing together our Arts English and Geography Curriculum in a three week inspirational and motivational event for our pupils. In 2004 we toured Europe and in 2005 held an Ambassadors Reception with an intercontinental feast of activities. In 2006 we focussed on Brazil complete with Carnival. Since then we’ve explored India, China, Arabia, Southern Africa, Australia, The United Kingdom (for the Jubilee Year), Mexico, Russia, USA, Spain, Japan and last year The Nordic Lands. This morning I was delighted to announce that this year we are focussing on The Caribbean. I must at this point pass on my grateful thanks to Mr. Williams who has been inspiring the organising committee (D.I.E.D.R.E) since September to prepare for three weeks of cultural and artistic celebration. All classes will be looking at the full region but then Y1 to Y6 will investigate different islands as appropriate. This will include considering the human and physical geographical as well as the art and culture, flora and fauna of this region.

Each year group will engage in a major art project some of which will feature on the International Evening. These include two very famous athletes from Jamaica to be made as always in Year 4 by the children with James Sutton who will be making his annual visit. I know those in Year 5 & 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their work with him in the past and those in younger years will get their turn in years to come.
More on THE CARIBBEAN
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All children will get the chance to focus on specific arts and cultural aspects including the following:
All children will be engaging in some Salsa Dance Moves with Laura Bulless.
There will be a Geography Workshop for every year group led by Mr. Williams.

There is to be a special Carnival Day in which all pupils will make a headdress based on one of their islands to wear on the night.

Each class will enjoy a cultural experience with special guests.

Each class will have a Cooking Experience making their own “Family Meal” based on a Jamaican Recipe.

As always culturally linked art projects will provide a major focus.
FY: Large Scale Art Collage based on the region.
Year 1: 3D Sculpture using recycled material. Giant carnival masks - headaddresses.
Year 2: Working with textiles to create shells
Year 3: Withie: work creating Caribbean fish.
Year 5: Mixed Media: Haitian Shanty Towns.
Year 6: Large scale sculpture reflecting the diverse islands.

As always everyone is invited to the celebrated International Evening.

On **Wednesday 13th February 2019**. This year there is to be an illuminated stage on the South Playground at 5:30pm. The classes will process in their headdresses to a Salsa dance and then there will be performances by the Routines and Urban Dance Groups. These will also be enhanced by sculptures created by our Year 6 pupils to represent the different islands. The school is to be presented on the Festival Evening as a Cruise Ship and the classrooms will be the different islands to visit.

Highlights of the Festival Evening include:
- Pupil Kitchen: Caribbean banana fritters to sample.
- FY Lower Room: Steel Pan Band Have a Go experience.
- Y1: Creating carnival masks and a cricket experience.
- Y2 SP: All things coconut
- Y2 KS: Beach holiday experience. and a limbo challenge!
- Y3 MW: Dry snorkelling experience off Antigua and Barbuda.
- Y3 EW: Spanish galleons/pirates - hunting for treasure on the Bahamas. Also Photo Board, bring your camera.
- Y4 SM: Jamaican music room (Reggae, Mento, Folk, Ska).
- Y4 CC/SHT: The story of the Empire Windrush, and an opportunity to create your own Jamaican national bird; the Hummingbird.
- Y5 SG/BC: Earthquake survival room - Be prepared to take cover!
- Y5 BR: Slave trade memories/messages/memorials/notes.
- Y6 MB: Workshops to make bracelets made from black watermelon seeds, red cornilla seeds and black jaboncilla seeds
- Y6 JW: Mocktails served in a traditional shack.
- MUGA: ‘How far can you get in the time it took Usain Bolt to run 100 metres? Medals will be presented to top children and adults.

The hall is to be the hub of the cruise ship with the Starlight Lounge. On display will be the sculptures made by Year 6 for families to view at leisure. There will be tables and chairs in the Starlight Lounge at which guests can drink and eat. A bar will be serving drinks. There will also be a live cabaret with performances by Moles young and old.

Each child will bring home a passport. This gives the information about the different options and activities available in all of our classrooms. I am grateful to Mr. Williams who has once again taken the lead on the creation of the passport. It probably isn’t possible for everyone to visit everything so families will want to mark off favourites in advance. The activities in the passport are designed to appeal to a wide age range and are particularly created with the family in mind. It is expected that families will want to participate together. The passport gives parents the information they require to support younger children, who will not be able to read the text themselves.
YOUR HELP
Parental contribution requested.

As parents know, these events are not cheap to organise and are significantly subsidised. In these days of restricted school budgets the fact that we are still able to put together this package is quite remarkable and of course is only possible because of the support of parents. I once again appeal to parents to contribute £6 per child to the event. The requested contribution is maintained at £6 which is only £1 more than the cost in 2007! However I must plead with parents to support this and realise the value of the programme. There is a form at the end of this newsletter and sent home as a hard copy.

You may recall that in 2017, I wrote to parents because a significant minority had not contributed. Thankfully this prompted a big response financially and emotionally. So many parents contacted me to express their gratitude in the fact that the school prepares these events and hoping that we would continue to do so.

I also was made aware of a misunderstanding of a few parents that in these three weeks we abandon the Curriculum including Maths and English. I can assure all parents that this is absolutely not the case. We contract the curriculum in terms of hours per curriculum units. English and maths continue regardless, but of course the inspiration of such events must not be underestimated. What we do is emphasise some of the other subjects, but using the hours we have already contracted to them. So there will be a lot of art and geography and probably little science in these weeks, but after half term the balance is redressed. There are no two weeks alike at Molescroft Primary School, this is why our pupils are so engaged and enjoy their education.

Remember the funding helps to pay for the specialist support, special projects, the equipment, staging etc. I am sure that the children are going to have a thrilling time and will enjoy sharing with you the sights, sounds and colour of this Caribbean Cruise on 13th February 2019.

WHO IS HOMING IN ON WHAT

The children in the FY will maintain the focus across the entire region. Other year groups will go on to look at one region in detail.

Year 1:  Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada
Year 2:  Dominican Republic and Barbados
Year 3:  Bahamas and Antigua and Barbuda
Year 4:  Jamaica and Martinique
Year 5:  Haiti and St. Lucia
Year 6:  Cuba and Guadeloupe
THE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT BEGINS WITH A CARNIVAL

Logistics for a great night.

As indicated the International Evening will commence on the South Playground. at 5:30pm with a CARNIVAL OF DANCE AND COSTUME

Parents are invited to gather on the South Playground. ALL children are however asked to go to their classrooms ready to wear their headdresses. Children should enter school from 5:15pm exactly as they would at in the morning for school.

Parents will be able to collect their children from each classroom’s own door after the opening event. We also request that, if possible parents/carers bring along the brightest torch they can find to shine to help create the atmosphere.

At 5:55pm the school will be open.

In order to facilitate your enjoyment of the evening and the safety of all, I ask that you take a few moments to consider the following: Movement around the building can be difficult when so many attend our International Nights. I ask therefore that wherever possible, visitors travel from room to room via the outside of the building. Every classroom has its own door to the outside. After the opening event on the South Playground or on arriving at school consider not coming to the front entrance, but rather enter through any other of the school’s 17 entrances. The South Playground pedestrian gates to the site will remain open all evening, however following a disruption from uninvited teenagers in 2017 the North Gate will be closed at 6:15pm This is to support security arrangements. Please do not bring buggies, prams or push chairs into school but use the outside routes. This is in the interest of everyone’s safety particularly to avoid a fire escape blockage. Please only use the internal routes to get to the Hall and catering options.

The Hall.

After the opening ceremony, the hall “Starlight Lounge” is to be set up with the sculptures made by Year 6. The bar will be open and those buying the Jerk Chicken may like to sit in the lounge and be entertained on board by the cabaret. There is no need to have timed slots to enter the hall. Families can visit whenever they like. However an approximate guide to when different Cabaret Acts are performing will be advertised in advance. There will not be a requirement this year for a one way system into the hall but the Fire Exit will be open for entrance and exit. Catering will be in the Centre Point Room with some further seating provided.

After the opening event, Staff are not looking after children and therefore children must be under the care of a responsible adult. This includes older moles up to and including the age of 15. Moles aged 16 and over can attend alone!

Parking

We all know that parking will be difficult, please be considerate of neighbours driveways.

Tired Children

It is not expected that very young children are still here at 8pm unless of course they have the stamina! I sincerely hope you all have a most memorable evening. Thank you for your support and encouragement and patience particularly if it gets crowded in particular areas.

WHAT TO WEAR

This year we would just like to invite everyone to wear as bright and flamboyant clothing as possible. For the opening carnival, the children will wear their headdresses, so it would be wonderful if they could wear a bright shirt, skirt or dress, over layers to keep them warm.

Basically anything goes, but the brighter the better. The children will know the colour scheme of their headdress if they WISH to coordinate.

I have also noted that a bright tartan is common on some islands and bright waistcoats. If all else fails, adults could always come as a Pirate though this wouldn’t work with the children’s carnival headdress.

ONCE A MOLE!
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MOLES WHO HAVE LEFT AND CURRENT PUPILS.

For any moles who are now at secondary school or beyond and would like to be involved, there is a role for them.

We are looking for children willing to perform a song at the Cabaret. They will be given a slot to perform. They should dress for a glamorous night on a Cruise Ship and will need to provide a backing track in advance, ideally emailed to Mr. Loncaster. Performers should note that they will be in a Cabaret Setting and the audience will be milling about and it will not be quiet, however they will have a microphone.

THIS OFFER IS OPEN TO CURRENT MOLES AS WELL.
All those interested, please contact Mrs. Trowsdale and indicate what you would like to sing.
KEVIN’S DIARY
It’s a school dog’s Life

I have had an exciting start to the New Year. I have moved puppy classes and now I am in a class with three Labradors. We have so much fun. This month at training I have learnt to sit and wait patiently, how to wipe my paws when I’ve been for a muddy walk and also to leave things I am not meant to touch. I am getting much better at these however I still need to practice them all the time. One thing I have been practising is my recall. This is so I come back when my family let me off my lead which means I get to go to the playing field and play with my tennis ball and other dogs. Apparently I am now a teenager which means I can be a bit mischievous. The other evening when we were out walking, my family were talking to some friends we met on our walk. Whilst they were talking I chewed through my lead. I was in trouble and we had to go and buy new lead the next day!

GRAND FINALE
COME AS A PIRATE DAY. OHH AHH!

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2019
Everyone is invited (no charge) to come dressed as a Pirate for the last celebration assembly and review of our learning on 15th February 2019. Some I know will have full outfits, but please do not buy one, a simple headscarf is all that is required. It will be a bit of fun on our last day before the holiday and will be teamed up with a Pirates Lunch at Crofty’s Restaurant.

SEE CROFTY’S RESTAURANT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.
Continuing our International Journey of culinary delights “Around the World on a Plate” we have some specials, which our children can look forward to.

Tu 5th February Chinese New Year
Sweet and Sour Chicken with Noodles followed by Jelly and Fruit

We 6th February New Zealand Day
New Zealand Burger and Chips followed by Kiwi Fruit and Ice Cream

Th 14th February Valentine’s Day
Chicken Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread followed by Chocolate Heart Cookie

Fr 15th February Special Meal at Crofty’s Restaurant celebrating our International Festival. A PIRATES LUNCH!
Mango chicken, sweet potato wedges
Pineapple with lime and vanilla syrup & ice cream.

Anyone wishing to know the details of any allergens in any of our meals provided can get the information from the school kitchen.

Please telephone the normal school number 01482 861762 in order to be transferred.

School Meals are Excellent Value.
Any Parent/Carer or Grandparent who would like to come to school and enjoy dinner with their children is welcome to do so. Just telephone the office before 10:00 am. on or before the school day* to reserve a meal. Please bring photo ID with you. Adult meals cost £3.50. A child’s meal costs £2.50. (A full week offer of £10 is available.) It is excellent value, and by educating children away from a diet of crisps and processed food we are together building a lifetime of good eating habits and healthy hearts. **DINNERS MUST BE PREPAID, no more than £2.50 will be accepted in arrears.** Money can either be paid on line at School Money or be sent to the classroom in a labelled envelope. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND LOOSE MONEY.** Each room has a post box through which letters and money (providing it is in a labelled sealed envelope) can be sent to the school office. Meals are advertised on the website and there is always the salad with two wraps option. Children can self serve salad, vegetables and fruit salad and can have Second portions.

* Please note; there are occasions e.g at Christmas during the show week, and on sporting tournament days when it is not possible to accommodate extra adult guests at lunchtime. The same applies for the first five school days in September when the priority is to reestablish systems for our pupils particularly our new starters.

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SNOW POLICY: IMPORTANT
The following is taken from the school’s Safeguarding Policy and should prepare parents/carers for what to expect when it snows.

The school will only close without prior notice as a last resort. The Head Teacher or his representative will remain on site until the last child is collected.

Policy in Practice
What the school does to assist in the event of icy weather conditions.

It is not practical to grit the entire site, but as part of the gritting policy, safe routes round the site and across the South Playground have been identified and will be gritted before giving access to the site, thereby minimising the risks to children parents and visitors. The car park will also be gritted.

Children are not allowed to make slides on the playgrounds. Playgrounds are gritted if practical before 8:30am and when not, by morning break. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the senior teacher on duty in conjunction with a member of the Senior Management Team.

Children may not throw snowballs on the playgrounds. However if the field is covered by thick snow pupils may be allowed to play on the field in the snow, make snowman and throw snowballs. Those not wishing to throw snow (or indeed be hit by snowballs) should stay on the playgrounds. The school believes that playing in and throwing snow is part of a child’s life experiences.

In extreme cases the Headteacher may decide that there is no option but to close the school if there is presented a severe health and safety risk. This done, the Chair of Governors will be informed and parents via text message. A severe Health and Safety Risk would be presented if insufficient staff could reach the school or indeed the health and safety of staff meant that they should leave early. Due to the location of the school it is expected that the school will be able to remain open. Closing a school at short notice including closing mid way through a day poses considerable difficulties for parents and will only be taken as a very last resort.

A complete heating failure in the winter and/or a loss of the water supply would however result in the school having to close.

Good communication is essential. Parents receive a copy of specific instructions during the autumn and winter months via the monthly newsletters and the website. Children have the processes explained to them in the classroom. It is expected that parents adhere to these instructions and pass all relevant information to friends and relatives who may also come to school to bring and fetch children. Parents/Carers are asked to be responsible and plan more time for their journey, suitable footwear for having to walk further, wrapping up to keep warm etc....Parents should not expect to be able to park close to the school at these times!

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Snow Policy and Procedures - information for teaching and support staff
In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

It is expected that all staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of school time.

In the event of severe weather, a decision to close the school for pupils will be made by 7am. The Head Teacher will make arrangements for PARENTS TO BE INFORMED BY TEXT IF THE SCHOOL IS TO CLOSE.

In the event of the normal timetable being suspended, a programme of activities will be organised for pupils who arrive at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be delegated to supervise these activities.

Rather than a full closure it is more likely that the school will remain open on a reduced capacity. In such an event, parents/carers will be asked if it is possible to make alternative arrangements for pupils. Where this is not possible the school will remain open for those who need to come to school or for those who cannot go home in the case of an unexpected early closure. As the number pupils remaining decreases, they will be moved to other classes or the hall.
Book Cafe
with complimentary hot chocolate

Escape the cold winter evenings for an hour after school.
Come and relax with your book and enjoy a free hot chocolate whilst you read.
Swap the books you have finished with at the Cafe Book Exchange.

Monday 3:30 to 4:30 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Our Partnership Moles

We are extremely grateful to our Business and Community Partners who are working with us to provide the best education, facilities and experiences for our pupils.

If you would like to find out more about becoming one of our Partnership Moles please contact: molescrotch.primary@eastriding.gov.uk

Thank you
CLUBS: Making More of Molescroft
FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING: Monday 28th January 2019

As always, I am indebted to the staff and volunteers who give up so much to offer extra curricular activities to our children. Below is a list of Clubs which operate at school. **Clubs in bold indicate a change.** Clubs in italics are provided through the Extended Schools Initiative, are NOT staffed by Molescroft, have a booking form AND usually incur a small fee.

**CODE** indicates the location of/ changing for club e.g Y5SG = Y5 room Mrs. Grainger / (Y6JW) = Y6 room Mr. Williams

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As always, I am indebted to the staff and volunteers who give up so much to offer extra curricular activities to our children. Below is a list of Clubs which operate at school. **Clubs in bold indicate a change. Clubs in italics are provided through the Extended Schools Initiative, are NOT staffed by Molescroft, have a booking form AND usually incur a small fee.** *(CODE) indicates the location of incl. changing for the club e.g Y5SG= Y5 room Mrs. Grainger / (Y6JW) = Y6 room Mr. Williams*

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**SOUP KITCHEN CONTINUES**

On sale Morning Break

From Wednesday 9th January we welcomed the return of the morning soup kitchen.

Children are selling the homemade vegetable soup every morning break from the Friends’ Garden. 30p per cup.

**FAIRTRADE FRIDAY**

On Fridays however we sell Fairtrade Hot Chocolate at the same price in the same place.

Milk Shakes continue to be available at Lunch Times.

**IN ADDITION** following a special request, yoghurts are available every morning break for 30p.
There is nothing like a cold January to lead us to thoughts of Summer Holidays. The following advice reminds parents of their responsibilities under government policy and the impact of taking holidays in term time.

Family holidays/school holidays
Children have 13 weeks annual holiday from school and school holiday dates are published well in advance. As such, all parents/carers are expected wherever possible to plan and take their family holidays at this time so as not to disrupt their children’s education. Education law states that parents do not have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time. Only in exceptional circumstances may a headteacher grant permission for leave; and it is the headteacher’s decision on whether the absence is exceptional and how many days to approve. This decision is taken according to the strict guidelines and very limited criteria set out by the Local Authority.

Further information can be found on the school website, in the Attendance Policy. https://molescroftprimary.net/overarching-policies/

Parents/carers who take their child out of school without the absence being agreed and authorised prior to departure with written permission from the school can be issued with a penalty fine.

Why is high attendance important to my child's education?
As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

• a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
• a child with 90% attendance every year, will by the end of Year 9, have missed one full year of schooling. This is why when children’s attendance drops below 90% the school and or Educational Welfare Officer will make contact.
• 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all.
• poor examination results limit young people’s options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable.
• 7.5 million school days are missed each year through unauthorised absence.

GCSEs may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child’s learning. This in turn can:

• mean that they fall behind in work
• affect their motivation
• affect their enjoyment of learning
• lead to poor behaviour
• affect their desire to attend school regularly
• affect their confidence in school
• mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences
• affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Responsibilities as a parent
By law, all children of compulsory school age (normally five to 16) must receive a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you have a legal responsibility to make sure this happens – either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements to give them a suitable, full-time education. Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. This means your child should not have sessions of unauthorised absence.

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines parent as:

• all natural parents, whether they are married or not;
• any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person;
• any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Having care of a child or young person means that a person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child, is considered to be a parent in education law.
YEAR 1 BACK IN THE WILD AREA

Year 1 wildlife afternoon

As part of our Big Bird Watch the children made their own tally charts to survey the birds found in our school grounds.

James - "we do the big bird watch so we can see which birds are most common and to see which birds might need our help."

Thea - "we used the binoculars to look at the birds."

Sofia - "the blackbirds were eating the apples."

WOOL AND FABRIC
We need your off cuts.

Every classroom collects wool and fabric for textiles work. Each class has a different colour so that the textiles are pre sorted. Classes then collect all the boxes as required. Some of our boxes are running low so if you have any unwanted wool or materials we will be delighted to receive them.

This is where to send the wool and fabric, or alternatively send it to the office and we will do the sorting. In relation to mixed colour fabrics, select the predominant colour

Mr. Williams Pink & Purple
Mr. Britton: Orange and Peach
Mr. Rowsell: Green
Mrs. Crofts/Grainger: Yellow and Cream
Mrs. Cameron / Henderson-Tucker Blue
Mr. Morton Red
Mr. Wood: Grey
Miss Wright: Grey
Miss Power White
Miss Spencer White
Mrs. Charlton Black
Mr. Trowsdale Brown and Beige

Following the Pom Pom and knitting craze sweeping the Tea Club we are even more in need of wool.
FRIENDS OF MOLESCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL
LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

Saturday 2nd February 2019
IN MOLESCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
7:30pm - 11:30pm
with
RELOADED

Tickets £15 including Pie, Pea and Mash Supper.
Licensed Bar and Disco
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MOLESCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL
St. Leonard’s Road, Molescroft, HU17 7HF
01482 861762
and FRIENDS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Advance Warning

Dates for your diary

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June

**Su 2nd** Coronation Day 65 Years ago today
**Mo 3rd** School Reopens
**We 5th** Danish National Day Lunch
**We 5th** 7pm Meeting for Parents/Carers of children due to start school in SEPT Hall
**Th 6th** Sweden National Day Lunch
**Mo 10th** Portuguese National Day Lunch
**Tu 11th** 9:15am Y2 Handball Tournament
**We 12th** Russian National Day Lunch
**We 12th** 4pm - 6 pm Induction Evening for new FY incl. Buffet, balloons and uniform
**We 12th** 9am – 12 noon Y3/Y4 WORLD CUP CRICKET TOURNAMENT
**We 12th** 1pm to 3:30pm Y5/Y6 WORLD CUP CRICKET TOURNAMENT
**We 12th** 6pm Meeting for Parents/carers for the 2020 RESIDENTIAL VISIT
**Th 13th** 4pm - 6 pm Induction Evening for new FY incl. Buffet, balloons and uniform
**Fr 14th** Dinner Dates for Sept FY children to 21st June 2019 at 11:30am
**Su 16th** Fathers Day
**We 19th** Woodmansey Sports at Molescroft
**We 19th** 6pm Full Governing Body Meeting
**Fr 21st** Times Table Rock Stars
**Fr 21st** 3:30pm FOMS Summer Fun Evening
**Mo 24th** Reports Published this week year group at a time
**Mo 24th** Commonmole Games am KS2
**We 26th** Commonmole Games am KS1
**Th 27th** 4:15pm – 7:00pm EXHIBITION OF WORK EVENING
**Fr 28th** All Indoor After School Clubs Close tonight except Theatre Club
**Sun 30th** to Fr 5th July Show Get In. PARISH CENTRE CLOSED UNTIL FRI 12th July
**Mo 1st** - Fr 12th July Festival of Summer Salads

July

**Th 4th** 3:30pm Theatre Club 1st Rehearsal on Stage
**Fr 5th** Sports Day Reserve
**Fr 5th** All Outdoor clubs Close Tonight
**Sa 6th** 1PM TO 5PM Soloists rehearsal on stage
**Su 7th** 1PM TO 5PM Dress Rehearsal for musical
**Tu 9th** 1:30pm Theatre Club Performance to School Y1 to Y6
**We 10th** 7pm MUSICAL
**Th 11th** 7pm MUSICAL
**Fr 12th** 7pm MUSICAL
**Tu 16th** 8:50am Special Assembly for sports awards
**We 17th** 8:50am Special Assembly for end of year non sporting presentations.
**Fr 19th** 9:00 10:30 am LEAVERS CONCERT to KS1 & FY & Y3/Y4
**Fr 19th** 10:30 am LEAVERS CONCERT to Y5 & Parents and Carers of Y6
**Fr 19th** 12:00 noon LEAVERS Lunch
**Fr 19th** 1:45 pm FINAL ASSEMBLY.
**Fr 19th** 3:10 pm approx return to classes
**Fr 19th** 3:20pm Procession of Y6 pupils applauded out of the school by other pupils.
January

We 23rd
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL BEGINS
Fr 25th for Su 27th
Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly at 2:45pm
Mo 28th
5:30pm Governors’ Safeguarding, Health & Safety & Premises Committee
6:30pm Governors’ Finance and Personnel Committee

February

Sa 2nd
7:30pm Friends Live Music Night with “Reloaded”
Mo 4th
Governors’ Curriculum & Quality Assurance Committee
Tu 5th
Chinese New Year: Year of the Pig Special Lunch at Crofty’s Restaurant.
We 6th
Celebration of Queen’s Accession to the throne. 65 years today.
We 6th
New Zealand Day Lunch
We 13th
5:30pm – 8:00pm International Evening:
Th 14th
Valentine’s Day Lunch
Fr 15th
Come Dressed as a Pirate Day and Special Meal at Crofty’s celebrating our International Festival
Fr 15th
3:30pm Break up for Half term
Mo 25th
8:50am School Reopens
Mo 25th
Fairtrade Fortnight to 8th March

Yours sincerely

Michael Loncaster
Head Teacher
CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
Parents/Carers please return this form to school
PLEASE REFER TO THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS

Name of child(ren) __________________________ Year Group _________
________________________  ______________________
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I am able/unable* to pay £6 per child towards the cost of the CARIBBEAN International Workshops, activities and facilities for my child(ren).
(Those in receipt of income support can claim remissions from the school)

I enclose £ _________ towards the cost of this year's International Festival or
I have paid £ ________ online at School Money.
Please make cheques payable to Molescroft Primary School.

Signed _________________________________ Parent / Carer

* Please delete as appropriate

Thank you for your support, without it we cannot continue to offer these
amazing extra activities and events.
Together we make a difference.

M.A. Loncaster
Head Teacher