

MARCH NEWS

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Shakespeare's Forgotten Masterpiece!

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

The Annual Theatre Club has become one of the most eagerly anticipated events in the Molescroft Primary School calendar. Recent productions of Annie, Bugsy Malone, Cats, Into the Woods, Starlight Express and last year's amazing We Will Rock You have been huge successes and I know the children have been trying to second guess this year's production.

As always it is not easy. It is often a surprise to parents that a primary school is treated in the same way as a West End Theatre. We have to apply for performing rights, pay royalties, hire scripts/scores, sign contracts and choose from within the narrow band of shows actually available for production. Generally speaking most shows being produced professionally in the United Kingdom are off limits to amateurs.

So I am thrilled that the rights have been secured to present a show we first produced in 2008, before the days of the big stages which we create these

days. It is the Rock and Roll crowd pleaser **Return to the Forbidden Planet**

The children from Y4 to Y6 are invited to join Captain Tempest and his fearless crew on their journey into hyperspace... and beyond!

This winner of the 1990 Olivier Award for Best Musical bursts with red hot rock and roll hits, including Great Balls of Fire, Good Vibrations, Teenager in Love, The Young Ones and The Monster Mash. So fasten your seat belts, set your ray guns to stun and get ready for a cosmic adventure of meteoric proportions!

Bob Carlton's smash hit West End musical takes the 1956 film, with plot taken from Shakespeare's The Tempest, raids the Bard's other plays at will (and not always absolutely verbatim) and sets it to a score of great pop hits from the 1960s and 70s.

The Story: On a stormy night way back in the winter of 2009, mad scientist Doctor Prospero worked late in his laboratory, aided only by his wife, Gloria, as he developed the elusive formula with which he would change the world. The apparently faithful Gloria, however, duped him and sent him off into hyper-space in an old spacecraft. Unknown to Gloria, her infant daughter, Miranda, slumbered peacefully in the craft and was now catapulted light years into the future in her father's company. Fifteen years later, a routine survey flight under the command of the chisel-jawed Captain Tempest leaves earth's orbit with a new Science Officer aboard - a hard and bitter woman. As a shower of meteorites hits the ship, the Science Officer flees, and the craft is pulled inexorably towards the planet D'Illyria - the Forbidden Planet. The adventure begins

Monday Night is Theatre Club Night Continued from page 1.

Theatre Club provides a "glue" in the fabric of the school as the end of the year approaches.

There are fantastic opportunities for singing, dancing and acting for all our Year 4 to Year 6 pupils. As in the past Y4 to Y6 male and female Urban Dance Clubs will be preparing some spectacular routines for the show. Now is the time to get back into the dance.

Rehearsals for Theatre Club will be held largely on Monday evenings after school from 3:30pm and up to 6:30pm though there may be some on other evenings for soloists.

The first meeting for everyone interested will be on Tuesday 12th March from 1:15pm. At this rehearsal the story will be explained, and numbers looked at so that chorus groups can be arranged. Most importantly arrangements will be made to support those in Year 5 and Year 6 who wish to take on a solo role. This show is very much full chorus driven, there are far fewer solo parts than in previous years. There will be a lot of involvement for the chorus members as we're all on board the space ship together. This is going to be a magical adventure for all those who wish to participate.

Whereas I realise that performing on stage is not everyone's "cup of tea", I do hope the children will once again want to be part of a great Molescroft tradition. Last year over 130 took part in We Will Rock You.

Monday 18th March 2019 will be the main audition session from 3:30pm to 5:00pm for Year 5 and 6 only. This will be to audition singing talent and the ability to tell a story through song. **NEW this year, children will audition by singing at least part of a song of their choice. This may be with a backing track or unaccompanied** There may be recalls Final decisions will not be announced until after a public performance in assembly on Friday 29th March 2019.

Eventually there will be a rehearsal schedule meaning that children will not have to attend every Monday evening or indeed for the full Monday evenings. It will be important though that every child involved does attend when required and that once a commitment is made it is expected that everyone will see the project through to the end. **Children will be able to make a decision on whether they wish to remain with the production up to Thursday 4th April 2019, when final lists will be published.** *Meanwhile work starts this month in lunchtime dance clubs.* I realise sometimes children have other commitments on Monday nights. We may be able to get round these if individuals see Mr. Loncaster. **Pupils however MUST be available for each night NO**

EXCEPTIONS. This is a commitment to the team effort, the show, friends and the school. Following the disappointing clash with the Little Mix concert last year, parents will be asked to sign to indicate that they are keeping the three performance nights and dress rehearsal free.

Children may bring a snack to the club to be eaten at a scheduled break time. The first rehearsal will be on Monday 29th April 2019. Due to the late Easter, the rehearsal period is going to be extremely tight.

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY 4th July 2019 3:30pm to 6:30pm First Rehearsal on the stage for everyone.

Saturday 6th July 2019 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Soloists only rehearsal on the stage.

Sunday 7th July 2019 1 pm. to 5 pm. Full Dress Rehearsal for everyone.

Monday 8th July 2019 Final Rehearsal **Performance Nights 7 p.m.**

Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July 2019.

Costumes will largely have to be provided by members but support and advice will be offered. Some items will be prepared in school **for which there will be a charge.**

SOME OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS

Gloria, Captain Tempest, Prospero, Miranda, Ariel (a robot), Navigation Officer, Cookie, Bosun Arras and Damage Limitation Officer

A very important section for parents about the audition process.

On occasions I receive letters and emails from parents, not expressing disappointment in the casting decisions but rather attacking the school for not selecting their child for a main part. The process of auditioning is competitive. The best person for each part is selected by at least five members of staff. This will include acting ability, projection and also the ability to sing with confidence the songs in the range in which they are written. It may be that one child who may be ideal for one part in one show is not at all well matched for a part in Return to the Forbidden Planet. There are also few solo parts this year. This is, I guess "Show business"!

What we do, which is quite remarkable is offer every child who wishes, the chance to be in a full length West End show with all the lights, costumes, music and effects. Even if all 180 in Year 4 to Year 6 want to participate, somehow I will accommodate them. That is being inclusive. We will not however select a child to perform in front of 150 adults if the child cannot sing in the range and consequently would struggle. That would be cruel.

So Parents/Carers I ask you please to prepare your sons and daughters for the likelihood of disappointment in the search for stardom. There are normally up to 50 children wishing to audition for a main part. There are not 50 solo parts. In addition though, I respectfully ask parents to prepare yourselves for that situation when your son or daughter doesn't get a main part. Stepping forward for audition is a brave thing to do, but for the majority it will end in a degree of disappointment.
M.A. Loncaster

Following the disappointing clash with the "Little Mix" concert last year, parents will be asked to sign to indicate that the three performance nights and dress rehearsals are being kept free.

I hope you understand. With thanks Mr. Loncaster

GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH: Richard West

Having spent time introducing all our governors to you, governors are now reappearing, but this time explaining their role and responsibilities. Next to feature is Richard West.

As well as being vice chair of the governing body, one of my roles as governor is 'Chair of the Safeguarding Health & Safety and Premises Committee'. A bit of a mouthful but basically anything that is concerned with keeping the pupils, staff and visitors safe.

So, what does that entail?

Under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 the school has a responsibility to safeguard, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of the school employees, visitors and pupils. My role is to oversee and ensure that the school complies with this.

The best way to do this is each term I accompany Mr Loncaster and Mr Platten on a full 2-hour tour of the school and grounds. We assess every 'nook and cranny' looking for anything that could potentially pose a danger, general fire safety, waste disposal, housekeeping, maintenance, repairs, you name it we look for it, there isn't a place in the school that I haven't seen or been in. The safety of our pupils is paramount so by checking the grounds of the school we can ensure that the parameter is secure ensuring no access can be gained or preventing a child from escaping. Following that and over a cup of coffee we then go through the accident books to see if there is a pattern emerging or whether the accidents could have been prevented. I am glad to say that the category of accidents we have are minor bumps the majority caused by overzealous pupils during playtime or lunch. If problems are identified it is my role to ensure that the school address them. I am glad to report that over the years the list of matters arising has got smaller and smaller which is testament to Mr Platten and the team.

More recently a selection of Year 6 pupils had the experience of accompanying us on the school tour. They provided several new sets of eyes looking at it from a different level - to Mr Platten's delight the eagle-eyed pupils did a great job and witnessed what it entailed.

As well as the visits I chair the termly meetings with the other members of the governing body. During this meeting we go through the findings of the visit as well as examine the 'Single Central Record' to ensure that anyone who visits the school in a teaching or supervisory capacity has the relevant and up to date clearance checks and/or training. We also consider the school's travel plan, school clubs, e-safety, behaviour, attendance and child protection.

During my time in this role i have had the pleasure of visiting the Y6 pupils whilst on their residential in Derbyshire. Health & Safety isn't just within the school but also for all the trips the school provide. On both the trips I attended I was very impressed with the steps Mr Loncaster and his team had taken to ensure the pupils were safe and protected.

That is a brief overview of what I do in my role as chair. It involves a lot of commitment but is something I enjoy doing. Having had two daughters attend Molescroft I strive to provide a safe environment for other children to experience like mine did.



A focus for our Easter contemplations

Easter Garden The centre piece to our Easter Celebrations

Despite the fact that Easter is at the end of our holiday, we shall continue our annual tradition of creating an Easter Garden celebrating renewed life and hope again. The garden will be a focus for our attention in assemblies for the final week of term. Children are therefore encouraged to bring a small arrangement of spring flowers to school on Monday 1st April 2019. Loose flowers should be in a plastic vase e.g. a

cut down plastic bottle. **Preferably though, a small potted plant such as a spring pansy or primula may be brought. All potted plants /bulbs are transferred to our grounds and bloom there for weeks and many return to bloom each year. All the Spring bulbs around our site came from previous Easter Gardens!**

The flowers will be brought into assembly, hopefully they will then continue to blossom through to our final assembly of the term on Friday 5th April 2019.

Our Friends need YOU AGM and TEA PARTY: Friday 8th March 2019 3:30pm in the Hall

It is that time of year again and like last year we would like to invite you to a tea party straight after school on Friday 8th March 2019 at 3:30 pm in the school hall. Everyone is invited to find out just what we've been up to this year, how much has been raised and what we are now saving up for. There will be refreshments served and children are also welcome. It won't be long and the 'boring' bits of the AGM will be kept short. **We have lots of plans for the year ahead so we need your support.**

This will be a good opportunity to meet the current team and find out what they do and that it is quite fun being a Friend of Molescroft Primary School. It will be fast, fun, filling and informative. All over by 4:15pm at the very latest!

I am once again indebted to the Friends Association for their hard work and dedication across a very busy year. Rebecca Chapman leads her team with amazing energy and commitment. The Friends have once again had an amazingly successful year and have funded a further 35 iPads. We are well on the way to having 1 iPad per child in KS2. The children have also requested table tennis tables for outdoor play use.

Here is what you, through the Friends have provided for the school.

- 120 iPads
- Adventure Playground
- £8000 Maths Mastery Scheme - all of it!
- £7000 guided reading books
- Hall Conference/Theatre Curtains
- Fitted Pupil Kitchen
- Tony Knight Centre
- Playground Painting
- FY Carpet



Introducing Becky Chapman Chair of the Friends of Molescroft Primary School

I am Rebecca Chapman and I am the Chairperson of the Friends of Molescroft School (FOMS for short). Being chairperson of the FOMS committee makes it all sound very formal but this is not the case. The FOMS are a



The Friends Committee over the years has funded the most amazing investment into this school. The impact can not be over stated. **Your children benefit from the work of the Friends every day they are here.**

Nominations forms for chair and committee membership are available from the office and should be returned to the School Office by 3:30pm on Friday 8th March 2019 at the latest. They must be in an envelope addressed to Mr. Lancaster : Friends A.G.M.

registered charity so have to abide by some legal obligations, such as having a committee and keeping minutes from meetings. However, once the formalities are met, the FOMS are a group of parents, grandparents and carers who come together to hold events which raise money, which is reinvested into the school so every pupil benefits.

I first became involved with the FOMS when my daughter started at Molescroft School (she is now in Year 3) as I wanted to give something back to the school, which was providing my daughter with an excellent education.

The FOMS hold a wide range of activities and events, for example the second hand uniform stall, making refreshments at school productions and sports days, running school discos and cinema nights for the pupils, Christmas and summer fayres and an Easter Egg raffle. We make sure that we have fun whilst we run the events and we are always open to new ideas of how to raise money, for example in 2018 we entered 18 mummies and 6 teachers into the Hull Marathon and raised £1500 in sponsor money. Also, recently we held a live band social evening, which raised about £1500.

All the money made by the FOMS is reinvested into the school. Over the years we have purchased the pupils kitchen, the adventure playground, iPads for the pupils and the Tony Knight Centre. We have also paid for black out curtains in the hall (which creates a feeling of a theatre during school productions) and invested into the

schools mathematic programme (which has seen pupils maths improve and has been so successful the programme is adopted by other schools). We want all the children to benefit from the items funded by the FOMS.

I work full time but I manage to help the FOMS when I can. The FOMS don't need a formal commitment or ask anyone to sign up to a set amount of hours to help, we just ask people to help at our events as and when they can. So even just helping at one event during the school year is perfectly acceptable and greatly appreciated. With more help, we can hold bigger and better events.

So if you would like to get involved with the FOMS, please leave your details with the school office. If you want to find out more about what we do or to just have a chat to discuss joining the FOMS, please come to our AGM Tea Party after school (in the main hall) on Friday 8th March. You can have a cup of tea and a slice of cake whilst we chat!



FRIENDS ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING

Bags to School

The next bags to school collection is organised for Thursday 14th March 2019. If you have any unwanted clothes, belts, handbags, shoes which you need to get rid of then this is your chance. We are paid by weight but please note we have now been informed that they can NO LONGER ACCEPT BEDDING, BLANKETS, TOWELS OR ANYTHING WITH BADGES AND THAT ALL DONATIONS NOW MUST BE ABLE TO BE REUSED. You will have received an empty bag via book bags. Once you have filled them please bring them to school on the Thursday morning and throw them over the fence onto the grassed area at the end of the school car park by 9am please. **PLEASE AVOID PUTTING THE BAGS ON THE DAFFODILS WHICH ARE GROWING ALONG THE FENCE.** A FOMS member will be in attendance. Unfortunately, we do not have any storage facilities so bags cannot be brought before then. Should you run out of bags, any type will do.

Easter Egg Raffle

The popular Easter Egg raffle is back again this year. We hope to have a large display of eggs and the raffle will be drawn at the assembly on Thursday 4th April 2019. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 11th March 2019 and will be 50p a strip to be sold in school at lunchtime by the pupil secretaries. Of course, in order to make it a success we are appealing to your generosity and asking for donations of Easter eggs, large or small. As usual all donations will be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the decorated trolley in the foyer. There will be mention of the activity in assembly and pupils will be reminded to consider carefully how much they think wise to spend on the raffle. I ask parents to have a similar conversation at home.



Also see the adverts following for our FY & Y1 to Y3 Disco and Y3 to Y6 Cinema Night

LIFE IN A BOX

Return of guests from Germany and Poland

Some years ago we were engaged in a project with Keldmarsh Primary School, the University of Hull, East Riding LA, Wilberforce House, Südschule in Lemgo, The Hexenburgermeisterhaus in Lemgo and the Kreis-Lippe Gemeinder to develop an understanding of migration, origin and trade between our communities. One of the most lasting things to come out of the project was "My Life in a Box". Every year our Y5 pupils put together in a box a representation of their life. They then share this with pupils internationally. Once again, students from Bremerhaven in Germany and from communities in Poland will be visiting us and sharing their lives with our Year 5 children.

In addition, a development we introduced will be completed in Year 6, whereby each class will produce just one box representing either, My Town in a Box or My Country in a Box. The point being, there is only one small box, so what really is important to go in and what can be left out? A bit like Room 101.

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6



HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3

FRIENDS PUPIL CINEMA

Monday 11th March 2019, 3:15pm - 5:30pm

Entry by pre booked £4 refreshments ticket. Other Refreshments available

**Film chosen by pupils for the
"FRIENDS CINEMA NIGHT"**

For Y3 to Y6 Pupils U certificate

Children will leave the school at 5:30pm through the exits they use normally at the end of a school day, not from the front door.

**Parents do not need to take pupils to the Disco.
Children may bring a change of clothing for the Cinema.**

In Sony Pictures Animation's Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation, join our favourite monster family as they embark on a vacation on a luxury monster cruise ship so Drac can take a summer vacation from providing everyone else's vacation at the hotel. It's smooth sailing for Drac's Pack as the monsters indulge in all of the shipboard fun the cruise has to offer, from monster volleyball to exotic excursions, and catching up on their moon tans. But the dream vacation turns into a nightmare when Mavis realises Drac has fallen for the mysterious captain of the ship, Ericka, who hides a dangerous secret that could destroy all of monsterkind.

FY, Y1, Y2 & Y3 **FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**



Monday 25th March 2019
3:15pm - 4:30pm

Admission £4 including Refreshments Package

Admission ticket includes a hot dog,
crisps, bun and unlimited juice.
Children do not need to bring
any money to the disco.

PLEASE NOTE:

Children will leave the school at 4:30pm
through the exits they use normally at the
end of a school day, not from the front door.

Parents do not need to take pupils to the
Disco. Children may bring a change of
clothing for the Disco.

HAVE YOU ANY BINOCULARS TO SPARE?

We would love to make use of them.

Although we have some binoculars in school, they are rather basic. The children love to watch the wildlife during their "Really Wild Afternoons" but during the recent British Bird watch we realised that they are not powerful enough. If anyone has any binoculars which are unwanted, we will be happy to give them a new home.

WELCOME TO SPRING As the weather steadily warms up, so do our Clubs.

The following outdoor clubs are already in full swing and are free to all.

MONDAY

12:30pm - 1:10pm Netball Y3 Y4 with Miss Spencer

TUESDAY

12:30 - 1:10pm Basketball Y4/Y5/Y6 boys and girls with Mr. Rowsell

TUESDAY IS MOLESCROFT SOCCER ACADEMY CREATING TEAMS

3:30pm - 4:30pm Boys and Girls Football Y3 to Y6 with Mr. Morton, Miss Wright, Mr. Trowsdale

THURSDAY

12:30 noon - 1:10pm MULTI SPORTS Y1 & Y2 with Mrs. Charlton



IN ADDITION THESE SPORTING CLUBS CONTINUE £2.50 a session with external coaches

TUESDAY

3.40pm - 4.35pm Gymnastics Y1 & Y2

4:35pm - 5:35pm Gymnastics Y3 to Y6

& Advanced Both Head Coach of Meridian Gym

WEDNESDAY

3:30pm - 4:30pm Badminton Y3 to Y6 Tigers Sport Ed Trust

4:30pm - 5:30pm Badminton for girls Y3 to Y6 with Mr. I. Brice

THURSDAY

3:30pm - 4:30 pm Netball Club Y5 & Y6 with Mrs. Mitchell-Smith

3:30pm - 4:15pm Zumba with Street Dance Y1 & Y2 with Mrs. P. Rimmer

4:30pm - 5:15pm Tennis FY to Y2

5:15pm - 6:00pm Tennis Y3 & Y4 Both with Advantage Coaching

FRIDAY

3:30pm - 4:30pm Zumba with Street Dance Y3 to Y6 with Mrs. P. Rimmer

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2019

Time to raid the dressing up box again!

One parent will be very happy to read this article as he or she requested in the annual parents' survey that we recognised World Book Day and joined other schools letting children come to school dressed as any character from a story.

As we are focussing on "Loving Reading" in 2019 it

A WAY WITH WORDS

Congratulations to Daniel W. His entry to the East Riding Festival of Words Poetry Competition was short-listed for a prize.

Daniel attended a prize winners' event at North Bridlington Library on Saturday 26 January 2019 at which the winners were announced.

Daniel won £50 in the Primary Category.



seemed a good opportunity to have a special day this year. There will be a very special feel to the day and teachers and pupils will have a lot of opportunity to share great fiction.

Dressing up is obviously a big part of this annual tradition, but please do not go to great expense. There are plenty of stories about children in different circumstances ... and you all already have a pirate outfit!



Matilda, Charlie Bucket, Danny Champion of the World, Farmer Boggis, Bunce, or Bean ... all simple costumes from Roald Dahl Books.



Kev' loves the beach and the sea!



KEVIN'S DIARY

It's a school dog's Life

I hope you all had a lovely half term. I had a wonderful half term with my family and spent a lot of time outside as the weather was so nice and sunny. I played in the garden and went for lots of long walks. My favourite place was Fraisthorpe where I got to swim in the sea and chase my new ball, it is shaped as a frog and bounces like a bouncy ball so I'm never sure where it is going to land.

I have started my new group at training as I have passed my "advanced puppy". I am now completing my Kennel Club Bronze Award which is more intense and I will have to complete a test at the end to get my certificate.

I am enjoying being back at school and Mrs. Jameson says I have come back to school much calmer. I have enjoyed seeing everyone and hearing all about your half term activities.



OUR TARGET: AN OLYMPIC and/or COMMONWEALTH MOLE BY 2032.

CAITLYN S Another top swimmer

Caitlyn has done very well with her swimming lately. Recently she passed her Silver Advanced Swimmer Award which consisted of her having to swim 4 lengths in under 2 minutes, 16 lengths within 10 minutes and an individual medley amongst other challenges! She really

has worked very hard and has always given her best effort in her lessons which she has been taking since the age of 3.

Keep it up Caitlyn, remember we are waiting for our first Olympic or Commonwealth Mole!

COMIC RELIEF
"Eurovision" Joke Contest and "Where did you get that hat?"

Friday 15th March 2019

We generally only engage in Charity Fundraising during the special fortnight in November. The exception is the annual Sport / Comic Relief day. This year it is Comic Relief.

There is no particular theme this year so I suppose anything goes within reason!

On Friday 15th March therefore, pupils (and staff) may come to school with a comic relief nose, **and/or some interesting headgear!** Each class will also during the week leading up to the

MOLESCROFT S.T.E.M WEEK 2019
 Our S.T.E.M. Week is fast approaching at Molescroft Primary School.

On Monday 4th March our young scientists will be delighted to know that Professor Brainstorm is to return. The professor has visited our school during S.T.E.M Weeks for the last eight years and performed amazing Science-based shows. This year he will be presenting a range of new and exciting productions.

The shows are differentiated across the formats to appeal to the different age groups and match the children's Science experience.

big day have a competition to choose their entry into the "Eurovision" Joke Contest to be held in Assembly at the end of the day. The winning joke from each class will be judged by a team of "experts" and the winning entrant will receive the Red Nose Trophy.

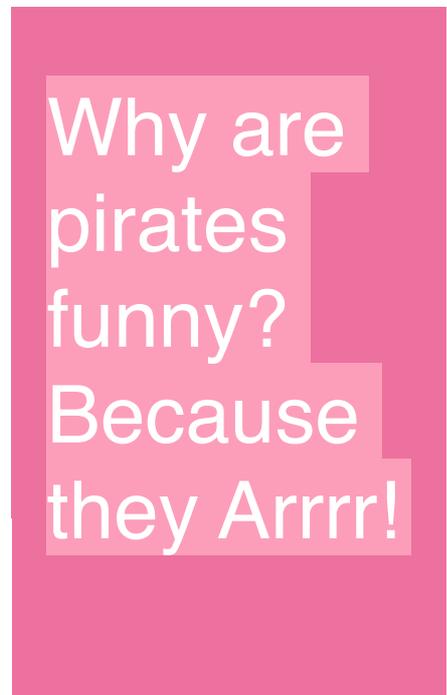
There will be a Comic Relief Bucket which will tour the school for donations. There will be no specific sponsor form this year.



A donation of £1.50 per child will be much appreciated. This will partially cover the cost of Professor Brainstorm. Please send in a marked envelope on Monday 4th March 2019

Our theme this year is "Journeys" in line with British Science Week

In addition all the children will be enjoying some great S.T.E.M activities led by special guests from the "real world" many of them parents of our children being role models for our future scientists and engineers. This includes Brad Gibson, Professor of Astrophysics, Hull University. Diane Kelly and Laura Castley



both from Reckitt Benkiser, Mr Finn, engineer working on maths problems, Submarine Commander Walker, and a treat



for the whole school **The Red Arrow Engineers**

Thanks to Mrs. Crofts and Mrs. Cameron for all the arrangements.



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! Parents and visitors are expected to use the gritted paths rather than walk across the snow and ice.

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.



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.

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.

Updates will be posted on the Twitter section of the school's website.

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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.

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.



ACKLAM'S



Thank you

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

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National College for
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CLUBS: Making More of Molescroft

FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING: **Monday 4th March 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

Day	Time	Club and location/changing	Age Groups	Leader
Daily	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Lego Therapy (IC)	(by invitation)	Mrs. Iveson
Monday	12:00 - 12:35pm	Urban Dance (Y5SG)	Y5	Mrs. Bulless
	12:00pm – 12:30pm	Chess (Y6JW)	KS2 all levels	Mr. Williams
	12:30pm - 1:10pm	Netball (Y2KS)	Y3 Y4	Miss Spencer
		ON THE NEW SPORTS PITCH		
		In light rain the club will continue outside. Please pack a towel		
	12:35pm - 1:10pm	Routines Dance (FY)	Y1	Mrs. McClarron
	12:35pm - 1:10pm	Routines Dance (Y2SP)	Y2	Miss Power
	12:35 - 1:10pm	Urban Dance (Y5SG)	Y6	Mrs. Bulless
RETURNS IN OCT	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Book Cafe with Hot Chocolate (hall)	Y3 4 5 & 6	Mr. Britton
	3:30pm - varies	Theatre Club (see schedule)	Y4 to Y6	Mr. Loncaster
		ATTENDANCE ORGANISED BY REHEARSAL TIMETABLE from MARCH 2019.		
Tuesday	12 noon - 12:35pm	Urban Dance (Y5BR)	Y3 girls and boys	Mrs. Bulless
	12:30 - 1:10pm	Sewing Machine, Knitting and Sewing Club (Y4SM)	Y5 & Y6	Mrs. Koder & Mrs. Fisher
	12:35 - 1:10pm	Urban Dance (Y5BR)	Y4 girls and boys	Mrs. Bulless
	12:30 - 1:10pm	Basketball (Y5BR)(Y4 SHT)	Y4/Y5/Y6 boys and girls	Mr. Rowsell
		ON THE NEW SPORTS PITCH		
		In light rain the club will continue outside. Please pack a towel		
	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Craft Club (Y3 EW)	Y2 ONLY	<i>Miss Wright, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Whincup</i>
	12:30pm – 1:00pm	Christian Club (FY)	All	Mrs. McClarron, Mrs Hulse
		<i>Please note this is a religious/faith club; in the style of a 'Sunday School', Parents/carers should inform the school if they wish their child not to attend</i>		
		TUESDAY IS MOLESCROFT SOCCER ACADEMY CREATING TEAMS		
	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Boys and Girls Football	Y3 to Y6	Mr. Morton, Miss Wright, Mr. Trowsdale
		Boys change in Mr. Morton's Room, Girls change in Miss Wright's Room		
		In light rain the club will continue outside. In heavy rain an indoor activity will be provided in Mr. Morton's room.		
	3.40pm – 4.35pm	Gymnastics (FYCP)	Y1 - Y2	Head Coach of Meridian Gym
	4:35pm – 5:35pm	Gymnastics (FYCP)	Y3-Y6 & Advanced	“ “ “
Wednesday	12:35pm – 1:10pm	iPad Club (Y6MB)	Y6	Mr. Morton, Mr. Britton
	12:30pm - 1:15pm	<i>Frenchtastic next steps (FY)</i>	Y2 to Y6	<i>Mrs. McKie</i>
		WEDNESDAY IS TIGERS TRUST SPORTS ACADEMY returns in May		
MAY	11:55 - 12:40pm	Handball (Y2KS)	Y1/Y2/Y3	Tigers Sport Ed Trust
		<i>Children change in their own classrooms at 11:55, then take clothes to Miss Spencer's Class at 12 noon</i>		
		ON THE NEW SPORTS PITCH		
		In light rain the club will continue outside. Please pack a towel		
MAY	12:30 - 1:15pm	Hockey (Y3MW) (Y3EW)	Y4/Y5/Y6	Tigers Sport Ed Trust
		<i>Children go for an early lunch then change straight after lunch in Mr, Wood's and Miss Wright's Rooms.</i>		
		ON THE NEW SPORTS PITCH		
		In light rain the club will continue outside. Please pack a towel		
<i>Continues</i>	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Badminton (own classrooms)	Y3 to Y6	Tigers Sport Ed Trust
MAY	3:30pm – 4:20pm	Football Coaching (FY)	FY TO Y2	Tigers Sport Ed Trust
		<i>Children to change in FOUNDATION Room. from 3:10pm. Parents are no longer required to help the children change.</i>		
		In light rain the club will continue outside. In heavy rain an indoor activity will be provided in the changing room.		
MAY	3:30pm – 4:20pm	Cricket (Y5BR)	Y4 TO Y6	Tigers Sport Ed Trust
		In light rain the club will continue outside. In heavy rain an indoor activity will be provided in Miss Spencer's classroom. Members to go to change straight from assembly in their own classrooms then take clothes to Mr. Rowsell's Room.		
		Note the above to switch to CRICKET in the Summer		
<i>Continues</i>	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Badminton for girls (PC)	Y3 to Y6	Mr. I. Brice
		PLEASE NOTE ALL EVENING CLUBS: THE COLLECTION POINT FOR PARENTS IS THE SCHOOL FOYER and THE FOUNDATION STAGE COURTYARD. CHILDREN WILL LEAVE CLUBS VIA THE FOUNDATION STAGE COURTYARD. AFTER 4:15PM THERE IS NO ACCESS FROM THE SCHOOL RECEPTION INTO THE SCHOOL.		
		ADULTS WATCHING THE OUTDOOR CLUBS MUST LEAVE THE SITE VIA THE SOUTH GATE ONTO THE CUL DE SAC		
		Staff will unlock the gates to enable an exit.		
		To spectate at clubs, adults must be on site at the start of the club. Access is not available after the club has begun.		

CLUBS: Making More of Molescroft

FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING: **Monday 4th March 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 incl. changing for the club e.g Y5SG= Y5 room Mrs. Grainger / (Y6JW) = Y6 room Mr. Williams

Day	Time	Club and location/changing	Age Groups	Leader
Thursday				
	12:30pm - 1:15pm	<i>Frenchtastic for beginners (FY)</i>	FY to Y2	Mrs. McKie
	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Choir (Y6MB)	Y3 - Y6	Mr. Britton / Mrs. Cameron/ Mrs. Walker
	12:30 noon - 1:10pm	MULTI SPORTS	Y1/2	Mrs. Charlton
ON THE NEW SPORTS PITCH ONLY A CHANGE OF FOOTWEAR REQUIRED				
	3:30pm - 4:30 pm	Netball Club (Y6JW)	Y5 & Y6	Mrs. Mitchell-Smith
	In light rain the club will continue outside. In heavy rain an indoor activity will be provided in			Mrs. Tippett's Room.
JUNE	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Table Tennis (Atrium)	Y6	Mr. Trowsdale
	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Enthusiastic Artists (Y3EW)	Y5/Y6	Mrs. Ripley
FROM 7th March	3:30pm - 4:30pm	S.T.E.M CLUB (Y4CC)	Y3 to Y4	Mrs. Cameron
	Places are limited and must be booked in advance			
	3:30pm - 4:15pm	<i>Zumba with Street Dance (Y1 JT)</i>	Y1 & Y2	Mrs. P. Rimmer
	4:30pm - 5:15pm	<i>Tennis (Parish Centre)</i>	FY to Y2	Advantage Coaching
	5:15pm - 6:00pm	<i>Tennis (Parish Centre)</i>	Y3—Y4	Advantage Coaching
Friday				
	12:00 - 12:35pm	Urban Dance (Y4SM)	Y3, Y4 & Y5 boys	Mrs. Bulless
	12:35 - 1:10pm	Urban Dance (Y4SM)	Y6 boys	Mrs. Bulless
APRIL	12:00pm - 12:35pm	Gardening Club	Y4	Mrs. Goff
	12:30pm – 1:00pm	Guitar (Y6MB)	Y2 - Y6	Mr Britton
NEW	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Friday Fun for Foundation MUGA & ROUTINES DANCE (FY) FY Team & Y6 Volunteers		
	FY Children will be offered the chance to participate on a rota by the staff team on each Friday			
	See Below for more information			
	12:35pm – 1:10pm	Stamps (Y5SG)	Everyone	Mrs. Whincup
	2:15pm – 3:05pm	Orchestra (Hall)	By invitation	Mrs. Walker
	3:30pm - 4:30pm	<i>Zumba with Street Dance (Own Classrooms)</i>	Y3 to Y6	Mrs. P. Rimmer

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FOUNDATION YEAR CHILDREN

NEW FOUNDATION YEAR CLUB Friday Fun for Foundation

Some of our Y6 pupils have come forward wishing to offer the Foundation Year Children the chance to experience Routines Dance in the classroom and Sport on the MUGA.

After meeting with the Foundation Team Staff, who will be supervising the activities, it has been agreed

that every Friday, 15 FY children will be able to have a Routines Dance Club and 15 will be able to go on the MUGA.

The next week the remaining 30 children will get their chance. This will continue to rotate, week on week.

The children will not need any special equipment or clothing.

Involvement is optional.

Green Mole

FAIRTRADE STEERING GROUP MINUTES

The following is taken from their recent meeting

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 We will be focussing on Cocoa Farmers; looking at where chocolate comes from and the unfairness at the heart of one of our favourite treats. We will also address the struggle to pay for basic needs (food, clean water, housing).

Action plan Fairtrade assembly. Cocoa powder art. Unfair football match. Calling all chocolate fans to Bake A Difference. Quiz.

New Recruits Welcome to Charlotte, William and Molly from Y5

Stock We are running low so we have picked some new stock from the Traidcraft online shop and Mrs Hemphill will order: Glitzy mirrors, notebooks, glitzy photo frames and chocolate bars for prizes during FTF. The chocolate raisins are still not available.

Fair Achiever Award Is up for renewal in May so we will be submitting our evidence soon.

MEANWHILE FROM THE REALLY WILD CLUB COMMITTEE

The following is taken from their recent meeting:

It was suggested that all of the existing compost bins could be emptied and the pile of compost then planted with pumpkins; as pumpkins are very greedy they will definitely thrive there. This could then be a permanent 'Pumpkin Patch' feature. Lots of old pallets which could be used to contain the compost in the corner of the veg garden are to be sourced.

The original compost bins will be relocated in the vegetable garden and they will be carefully monitored so we have layers of varied compostable material.

- *It was agreed that we would try the **Hugel Kultur** composting method.*
- *We must make sure that compost does not reach the fence.*
- *Compost bins will be moved to the end of the raspberry plot.*
- *We will try and source a brown bin to put fruit compost in.*

*Our **binoculars** are a little basic and it was decided that Mr Loncaster will put a plea out to see if any parents have binoculars they don't use and would like to donate to school.*

Vegetable Plots

Before the vegetable plots are planted up this year it was felt that they need approx. 20 bags of topsoil dug in.

It was decided that the PPA sessions could focus on the following ...

Y1/2 - Salad beds

Y3/4 - Potatoes (using a variety of recycled pots/bags etc)

Y5/6 - Arch way over the veg beds with hose pipe for beans/peas to grow over.

Lots of pumpkin, tomato seeds and runner beans have been saved from last year's crop for planting in the spring as well as lots of bulbs and plants.

It is often difficult for the children to dig plants into the tubs and borders as they are full of roots – it was suggested that the borders all need mulching and feeding as they are lacking in nutrients.

It was also suggested planting some pumpkins around the inside edge of the veg plot fence as they take up too much room in the plots.

It was decided that we need some good quality plant food and hardy plants (herbs) for the Friends Garden.

Sports Mole

Molescroft Face Yorkshire Champions

English Football League Y5/6 County Cup

Having been successful at recent Beverley tournaments, Molescroft put forward two teams to the County Football Cup qualifiers. The competition was an unknown quantity, especially as it became clear that the teams taking part were not from the immediate Beverley area. During the initial briefing, we discovered that last year's Yorkshire champions were in our group! However, undeterred by this and the bitterly cold weather, the Molescroft teams took to the field.

Within 10 seconds of the kick off, it became very clear that our teams were playing at a higher level than they ever had for the school before. The number 10, (probably the best player I have seen at this level) rounded an exceptionally good Molescroft B midfield 3 and from 20 yards buried the ball into the bottom corner. It turned out he plays for Hulls Academy and is on Manchester City's radar! Slightly shell shocked from two early goals, Molescroft B re-grouped. Showing fantastic skill and determination they drew level with Daniel M and Henry V, driving the team forward. Sadly, in the last few seconds, the opposition grabbed a third. In the second game, Molescroft B attacked consistently but could not find a killer finish. Once again, they were unfortunately beaten by a sucker punch goal in the final seconds. The third game, was against the County Champions. They had skilful players and were exceptionally committed in the tackle. Molescroft B

"The team performed heroically"

matched fire with fire, with Charlie S in his favoured midfield role and Matthew L defending resolutely. The game ended in a very credible draw. The confidence from this result and performance, spurred the team on ending the tournament played 6 W2 D2 and L2.

In the words of Mr Wood "Molescroft A, performed absolutely heroically". The team; Ben P, Max B, Luke H, Adam T, Liam R, Dominic F, Madison J and Lucas H, never gave up. With the level of football and quality of the opposition, it was a challenging tournament for both teams. Till the end, Molescroft A continued to throw themselves into tackles and defend resolutely. Well done!

The Molescroft teams really grew into the tournament, getting better with each round. Experience that the Year 5s gained, will stand them in good stead for the future. It was a pleasure to see our teams playing so well. Mr. Wood and Mr. Morton were exceptionally proud of how the Molescroft players equipped themselves. A fantastic learning experience.

Finally, a big thank you to the parents, families and carers who ventured out on such a cold night to support the squads. It was very much appreciated by the players and staff. Thank you.

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Could You Be A Teacher?

We are recruiting trainees now.



- *Have you thought about a career in teaching?*
- *Are you a graduate or graduating in 2019?*
- *Would you like to train directly in schools in the East Riding of Yorkshire or neighbouring areas?*
- *Would you like the benefits of combining your training with the University of Hull?*
- *Would you like a PGCE qualification with credits towards a masters degree?*

YES!

***Come along and find out more at our
"TRAIN TO TEACH OPEN MORNINGS".***

Friday 8th March 2019 at

Molescroft Primary School HU17 7HF

9am to 12 noon

Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at

Snaith Primary School DN14 9RE

9am to 12 noon



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Advance Warning

Dates for your diary

Please be aware however that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances.

May

We 1st	May Pole Dancing Day
Mo 6th	May Day Bank Holiday
We 8th	AM Class Photographs being taken
Th 9th	Europe Day Lunch: Poland
Mo 13th - 17th	Y6 SATS COMMENCE & OPTIONAL SATS (up to half term)
Tu 21st – 24th	ENVIRONMENT WEEK & Y6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO DERBYSHIRE
Fr 24th	School Closes for Half Term

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.

LUNCHTIME UPDATE



A revamp of our Lunchtime Provision As announced last week.

I have been taking soundings from the children about the meals and arrangements at lunchtime.

It was also the agenda of the Pupil Council this Month. It has been very interesting. What was particularly interesting was what the children didn't know.

As a result of this a strategy meeting was held with our catering team and we have agreed a number of changes and clarifications. Some will take immediate effect and others are to be trialled on the week commencing 4th March 2019.

If successful and following a chance for parents to give feedback we will aim for a permanent change after the Easter holiday.

Meanwhile, may I thank all the users of our Lunchtime Restaurant. Whether it's a free KS1 meal or paid KS2 meal, both provide the funding to cover the costs of staffing not only for the kitchen but for the lunchtime staff in general.

If we do not break even on this, the schools budget has to subsidise the deficit. They are not separated. Parents may be surprised to learn that as Head

Teacher I have one pot of money for everything from teachers to pencils, to heating to roof repairs. If we have a budgetary crisis the money has to come from within and that usually impacts on staffing. It is thanks to the continued success of the Teaching School, the canny financial management of our Business Manager, Mrs. Jameson and the tremendous generosity of parents/carers supporting our initiatives such as the International Festival and the Friends Events, that we have not suffered deeply from the cuts that have been sweeping across education.

Myth Buster

It was amazing what the children didn't know.

"I can't have as many vegetables as I like."

Oh yes you can!

"I can't have as much salad as I like."

Oh yes you can!

"I like the salad but I would like the potatoes as well."

You can have the potato, rice or pasta dish of the day with your salad.

"I can't go back to the counter for a second portion of vegetables or salad."

Oh yes you can!"

"I cannot have salad with the hot meal"

Oh yes you can!

I am gluten free and I can't eat a school dinner.

Oh yes you can, but your parents must register this with the school first, the same applies to vegetarians.

Common requests

The children had many suggestions and requests, some of which we can look at and others not as we have to work within the Local Authority Standards.

"Older children should have larger portions."

Mr. Loncaster says:

"Portion sizes for younger children used to be smaller, but some years ago these were increased to match the older children's not the other way round. Psychologically, this is a factor though and I think that we should take into account that whereas, obesity is a national issue, it is not a problem at Molescroft and also that our children are very active and probably older children do need a larger portion."

"Why can't we have two hot options."

Mr. Loncaster says:

"We used to have a hot choice menu. However to guarantee the choice for every child we would have to make a lot of food which would be thrown away. A judgement has to be made as to demand. Consequently a lot of children at the last sitting did not have the choice

they wished for. We have to remember that meals are made in batches of for example 24. That said there may be something we can do here."

"We like the Roast Dinner, but not the pork."

Mr. Loncaster says:

"We do have some flexibility on roast dinners, so for example we could use ham (which is popular) instead of pork and savoury mince (which is also popular) instead of roast beef. Roast chicken remains a favourite as do roast potatoes and Yorkshire Puddings."

"Could we have sandwiches instead of wraps."

Mr. Loncaster says:

"Yes, we could, but we did this before the wraps were introduced and they were not popular. The Wrap option remains very popular and many would be disappointed if it wasn't there."

"We love pasta especially Lasagne, Macaroni Cheese, Tuna Pasta Bake and Spaghetti"

Mr. Loncaster says:

"We cannot have pasta everyday, but it can be on the menu every week. Lasagne can certainly make a return ... with garlic bread of course."

"Could we have a jacket potato option with different fillings?"

Mr. Loncaster says:

"Yes, this could be possible."

"We really love the Mega Buffet."

Mr. Loncaster says:

"This is recognised. Maybe we can increase the frequency."

"We like Fish Friday"

Mr. Loncaster says:

"I know and it will stay!"

"Can we have the puddings on the menu board?"

Mr. Loncaster says

"I'm sure Mr. Wood will do this for us."

"Can we have tacos, bagels and pitta bread somedays as an alternative to the Wraps?"

Mr. Loncaster says:

"We could certainly try this."

Additional non food requests included the showing of films or cartoons on the screen.

Mr. Loncaster says: "Mealtime should be a social time for friends to meet and chat. I will however further look at the ambience of our restaurant to promote good conversation not replace it"



"Seats in the hall are closed down too quickly."

Mr. Loncaster says:

"We will ensure no tables are closed down until the last dinner is served."

"Could we have ice cream with toppings?"

Mr. Loncaster says:

"We will move away from ice cream in pots to ice cream scooped out. Children could then add fruit slices to this from a selection provided. We cannot provide the Pizza Hut model with ice creams covered in every confectionery known to man."

"Can we have build a burger?"

Mr. Loncaster says

"I'm afraid this would not be possible."

"Can someone please ensure we use our knives and forks properly?"

Mr. Loncaster says:

"We do try to do our best to encourage proper etiquette at the dinner table, but we also have many other jobs to do to get 300 children through the dining, all in 90 minutes. I think I need help from Parents and carers on this one."

"More stickers please"

Mr. Loncaster says:

"I know you like our stickers for clean plates. I'll try and ensure we have a good supply."

THE PROPOSAL

With immediate effect

- Older children will be asked at the serving point if they would like a larger portion of the main meal.
- The older children may also request this.
- Roast Pork will be replaced by Roast Ham.
- Savoury mince will replace the roast beef.
- There will be a pasta dish every week with a rota between lasagne, spaghetti bolognese, macaroni cheese and tuna pasta bake, amongst others.
- Puddings will feature on the menu board.
- Fish Friday will remain (but it cannot always be guaranteed to be a Friday). Please check the menu on the website.
- Seats will not be closed down until the last person having a school meal has taken his or her seat.

THE TRIAL

Week commencing 4th March 2019

- In addition to the hot menu and the salad wrap options, jacket potatoes will also be offered every day.
- Children will register for either a Hot Dinner ✓, Salad/Wrap **S**, Jacket Potato **J**, Packed Lunch **P** or Home **H**.
- The Jacket Potatoes will be offered every day with cheese, tuna, coleslaw and baked beans and the children can self serve if they wish, mixing and matching their toppings.
- With the jacket potato, children can also self serve from the salad and vegetable counters and also take their choice of dessert.

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO COME AFTER EASTER

These will be subject to further consultation.

- Ice cream will be served scooped with diverse fruits available to add to the bowl. There will not be a separate fruit salad this day.
- On months where there is no "special" an **extra** mega buffet will be offered.
- Different bread options to be offered with the salad i.e bagels, or pitta bread.
- Stickers to be available every day.
- Different special "themed" features in the dining hall in addition to the romantic candles, mirror ball and music.
- Mr. Loncaster personal waiter service. *Only joking, that is in just to see if you are concentrating!*

Parents and Carers are invited to email Mr. Loncaster with any constructive feedback to the proposals and particularly following the trial week from 4th March 2019.



HOT & HEARTY OUR VEGETABLE SOUP MORNING WARMER

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



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.

Crofty's Restaurant Around the World on a Plate

Continuing our International Journey of culinary delights "Around the World on a Plate" we have some specials, which our children can look forward to.

Fr 1st March St. David's Day

Welsh Sausage and Mashed Potato followed by Welsh Cinnamon Cake and Custard.

Mo 4th to Fr 8th March: New trial extended menu

Mo 11th March Commonwealth Day featured country Malaysia

Malaysian Chicken and rice followed by Malaysian Butter Cake

Th 21st Hindu Festival of Holi Vegetable Curry with Naan Bread and Rice followed by Jam and Coconut Cake.

Th 28th March Mega Buffet

Th 4th April Easter Special Dinner

Roast Chicken with Stuffing and Roast Potatoes followed by Easter Chocolate Crunch

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.

Meals are advertised on the website and there is always the salad with wraps option. Children can self serve salad, vegetables and fruit salad and can have second portions.



PLEASE PIN THIS PAGE TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD NOTICEBOARD.

March

Fr 1st	St. David's Day & Dinner
Fr 1st	Theatre Club Announcement in Assembly / Newsletter
Mo 4th	S.T.E.M Week
Mo 4th	Fairtrade Fortnight continues
Mo 4th - Fr 8th	TRIAL RUN OF NEW MENU ARRANGEMENTS
Mo 4th	8:50am Governors Spring Visit Week: Focus on Reading
Mo 4th	Professor Brainstorm
We 6th	Visit from Students from Bremerhaven (Germany) and Poland.
Th 7th	World Book Day: Pupils may dress up as a Story Character
Fr 8th	Open Morning "Train to Teach" (see advert in the newsletter)
Fr 8th	FOMS AGM Tea Party
Mo 11th	COMMONWEALTH DAY & Dinner featured country Malaysia
Mo 11th	12noon, Easter Egg Raffle Tickets go on sale.
Mo 11th	3:15pm to 5:30pm FOMS Y4 to Y6 Cinema Night
Tu 12th	1:15pm Preliminary Theatre Club Meeting
We 13th	6pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Th 14th	8am - 9am Bags2school - FOMS unwanted clothes collection
Fr 15th	Comic Relief: The Eurovision Joke Contest and come to school in interesting head gear!
Mo 18th	3:30pm Theatre Club Audition night
Th 21st	Hindu Festival of Holi Special Lunch at Crofty's Restaurant.
Mo 25th	3:15pm to 4:30pm FOMS FY to Y3 Disco
Fr 29th	BREXIT Day
Fr 29th	Theatre Club Live Auditions in Assembly
Su 31st	Mothers Day

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Mo 1st	10am Create an Easter Garden in Assembly
Mo 1st	3:30pm Consultation Evening. ATC in FY
Tu 2nd	Toddler's Easter Treat
We 3rd	1:00pm – 3:30pm Enthusiastic Artists Club making Easter Bonnets at Beverley Grange
Th 4th	FOMS Easter Egg Draw
Th 4th	12noon Easter Dinner at Crofty's Restaurant
Th 4th	3:30pm Consultation Evening. ATC in FY
Fr 5th	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER
Mo 22nd	EASTER MONDAY
Tu 23rd	School Reopens for Summer Term
Tu 23rd	St. George's Day Dinner
Tu 23rd	Y3 Swimming Programme begins
Th 25th	Italian Liberation Day Lunch
Th 25th	PM Theatre Club Soloists Rehearsals.
	Note switches to a Tuesday in June
Mo 29th	Theatre Club recommences
Mo 29th	Japanese National Day Showa Day Lunch
Tu 30th	6pm Governors & SMT Safeguarding Meeting

Yours sincerely



Michael Loncaster
Head Teacher



CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Parents/Carers please consider returning this form to school if you haven't already done so.

PLEASE REFER TO THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS

Name of child(ren)	_____	Year Group	_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____

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

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Together we make a difference.



M.A. Loncaster
Head Teacher