

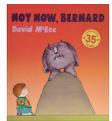


A big Moorgate welcome to parents, carers and children!!

The head teacher, Mrs McDonagh, will give a talk for parents about our ethos and curriculum and any questions you may have on Tuesday 3rd October from 5.30-6.30pm. Please let Mrs Rimmer know if you can come and how many people are coming so we can make sure you get a seat!

Housekeeping

- Please remember to send your children in old clothes or school uniform, we are training the children to wear aprons and rain suits to protect their clothes but playing is fun-and messy!
- Please make sure your children have easy to get off clothes and shoes and that they are all labelled with your child's name, we need to make them as independent as possible.
- Please check on your children's pegs for any wet or soiled clothing to take home, at the end of the week dirty clothes will be disposed of.
- We do have a shortage of socks, knickers and leggings, if you have any to donate we would be very grateful.
- All lost property will be kept for one half term and then taken to charity.
- Please bring in any of your recycling materials for junk modelling, please only clean items, no medicine boxes, frozen food boxes etc



Moorgate Library and Library Bags

Once your child has received their library bags they can start using the Moorgate Library!

The Moorgate library is located in reception. If your child would like to borrow a book, simply let them pick which one they would like to read and write the title in the file against their name. The file is in alphabetical order under the child's surname. Once your child has finished with the book please return it and change it for another one. Every child that reads five or more books in a half term will receive a certificate presented at circle time. Mrs Bell is in charge of the library so if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact her.

Forest School: Once children have settled in to nursery we will travel to Forest School. I have been asked by various parents for the dates so they can either book time off work to volunteer and help us or so their child does not miss these sessions. Last year we were not able to go very often to the woods. It is a most valuable experience for the children and research has proven the more times children attend the more outstanding their progress is in all areas of the curriculum- plus it's a lot of fun! If we are unable to attend the woods we will endeavour to have a fire in our nursery garden but it is proven that a place different from the children's usual setting is more special. Please volunteer and sign up on the forms that will be on the Forest School noticeboard in the entrance. We need to know in advance if we can go because it takes a lot of setting up for staff, travelling to and from the woods with equipment and supplies early in the morning and clearing up again after the sessions. We really appreciated you giving your time and help and I know you will really enjoy yourselves. We have booklets for you to borrow, these are located in the entrance hall under the display.

We will be planning our activities and classroom environment using the EYFS curriculum document 'Development Matters' as guidance. You can find it on this link:

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>

We use the 'Letters and Sounds' document to plan for Communication, Language and Listening Skills and Early Phonics. You can find the document on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letters-and-sounds>

All our plans and objectives are specific for different children's needs and a lot of our teaching happens during our interactions in play. We set up the nursery environment and garden according to the children's needs interests and through the year we will let you know the topics or interests of the children and ways you can help them at home. Any special activities that you photograph can be sent to your child's Key Person for them to share at group times with their friends.

Email addresses so that you can keep in touch with your child's key person:

- jillgillard@moorgate.lancs.sch.uk
- amandabell@moorgate.lancs.sch.uk
- clairerjaveondja@moorgate.lancs.sch.uk (SENCo)
- head@moorgate.lancs.sch.uk

Dates for 2017:

- Tuesday 3rd October: New Intake Meeting 5.30-6.30pm
- 9th- 20th October : Parents meetings
- Wednesday 18th October: Fire in the garden
- Wednesday 13th November : Forest School
- Tuesday 21st November: Forest School
- Friday 17th November: Children in Need
- Wednesday 29th November: Forest School
- Thursday 7th December: Forest School
- Friday 15th December: Forest School and Christmas Feast and Wear your Christmas Jumper to Nursery and the Forest!
- Monday 18th December: Nativity dress rehearsal (am)
- Tuesday 19th December: Nativity performance (am)
- Wednesday 20th December: Nativity performance (am)
- Thursday 21st December: Christmas Party (am) (Last day)



(This is an overview, all dates are subject to change and the Christmas details will be given out closer to the time.)

