

Weekly Bulletin

Moon Hall School, Reigate

11th January 2019

Finding Your Superpower!

Dear Parents and Families of Moon Hall School Reigate,

Welcome back! I hope you have had the most wonderful break over Christmas and New Year and all return feeling rested for the new term ahead.

Pupils have settled very well into the start of term so far, behaviour has been good as has their motivation and work ethic in lessons. Uniform has been generally good overall, however, form tutors are reporting slight slips in pupil's presentation mainly through not wearing appropriate footwear to school. It is essential and also part of our uniform policy that all pupils must wear appropriate and "black leather school shoes". (Please see later in the bulletin for the extract from the school website for clarification on uniform.)

I understand that on specific occasions there may be a need not to wear school shoes, for example due to an injury or a medical issue, however in these circumstances a letter must be provided to the school. We do expect all pupils to adhere to our school policy on all aspects of our uniform expectation and I would ask all parents to ensure they are supporting the school with this also. The new uniform looks fantastic and it is essential that this high standard set in September continues. Pupils must also remember to bring a change of footwear for break times to enable them to play outside on the grassy areas.

Today I am hosting an Open Morning event for our current Year 6 Parents in preparation for their move into the senior school. Next Friday we will have our Year 6 Dorking Parents visit and then after this I will be advertising some dates to invite all of our current Parents into school to meet with key staff and to see the school in action so please look out for these ParentMails.

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Resilience is often a term that is used regularly in schools; promoting and encouraging our children to be resilient is essential. Resilience in our pupils has to be particularly strong, especially when they find things difficult and it would be so much easier to give up- this is where the encouragement of our teaching staff is pivotal into ensuring our pupils' successful learning. Here is an interesting article I read recently on how to help your child be resilient which you may find of interest.

https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2019/jan/05/six-ways-to-raise-a-resilient-child?CMP=share_btn_link

I realise our FOMHSR and our school Facebook page have recently shared this video from Made By Dyslexia, however I thought I would also provide the link- always another good excuse to watch Orland Bloom in Action!



Listening to Orlando speak about dyslexia and what we need to do to encourage pupils in school resonates highly with us here at Moon Hall, and honestly, I think we are doing a pretty fantastic job! We are always looking to help find that special trait in every pupil here, finding that superpower, the thing that they excel in is so important.

<https://www.facebook.com/madebydyslexia/videos/735409070170188/>

Kind wishes for a lovely week ahead

Michelle Catterson

Acting Head

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Typing Practice!

Well done to those students who completed touch type practice over the holidays; they will be receiving house points for their efforts.

Just a reminder about the touch type software that students can access from home. Students have one typing lesson per week, but daily practice can make a real difference to their speed and accuracy.

TypeQuick: this is the software we have purchased for students to work through; students are encouraged to practice at home and to redo any lessons that have low scores.

<https://kbdlessons2.appspot.com/tfs.html>

Typing Club: this is a free typing website that breaks down a typing programme into very manageable steps; some of our students are using this as they prefer this approach.

<https://www.typingclub.com/>

Any questions, please feel free to get in touch!

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Minibus Reminder

During the colder months, please make sure your child has a winter coat with them when you drop them off for the school bus. Thank you.

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Speech and Drama (LAMDA)

There are a few places left in the Speech and Drama groups this term. Throughout this term we will be working on acting in pairs and speaking skills for the summer examinations. Groups run for both Senior and Junior students on Thursdays. Senior student sessions take place during first break, and Junior sessions are available during lunch break or after school between 4-4.30pm. If you are interested in booking a place or would like more information, please contact Mrs Aiken at kaperformingarts@btinternet.com.

Dance

A reminder for all students taking part in Dance Divisions that there will be a rehearsal in school on Sunday 20th January from 10am-1pm.

Uniform

Students must wear school uniform during the school day including the school blazer. They are expected to look neat and tidy at all times with shirts tucked in, top buttons done up and ties correctly tied. Girls are not permitted to wear nail varnish of any colour or shade. There should be no jewellery, wrist bands or friendship bracelets. No body piercing is permitted, other than ear lobes. If a student does have pierced ears, they may wear one pair of small ear studs only but they must be removed for PE and Games. No other types of earring are allowed since they pose a health and safety risk. No extreme hair styles will be permitted; girls with long hair must tie it back. Gel is not allowed in school. Any hair dyes or tints must be close to the student's natural colour.

Shoes must be black leather: please note no trainers or material shoes.

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Diary Dates

14th – 20th January 2019

Monday 14th January

Business Studies Mock Exams
Junior Hockey & Football vs. Warlingham (Away)

Tuesday 15th January

History Mock Exams
ICGSE Maths

Wednesday 16th January

Maths Mock Exam
Senior Boys' Hockey vs. Box Hill (Away)

Thursday 17th January

History Mock Exam
Geography Mock Exam

Friday 18th January

Science Mock Exam
Year 6 MHSD Parents Tour
BTEC Sports Trip to Surrey Sports Park
Junior Boys' Hockey vs. Duke of Kent (Away)
Junior Mixed Hockey vs. Aberdour (Away)

Sunday 20th January

Dynamo Dance Division Choreography Rehearsal

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Autumn Term Menu - Week 1

Everyday

Daily Selection of Mixed Leaves, Tomatoes, Cucumber, Grated Carrot, Sweetcorn
Tuna, Eggs and Grated Cheese
Selection of Breads and Rolls
Accompaniments include; Pickles, Sauces, Dressings, Croutons, Seeds & Olives

Monday

Breaded Bean Burgers in a Seeded Bun
Quinoa & Falafel Burgers on Tomato Slices & Rocket
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Sweet Potato & Potato Wedges
Apple Crumble & Custard, Fresh Cut Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt

Tuesday

Pork Sausage 'Toad in the Hole' with Onion Gravy
Roasted Red Onion & Rosemary Sausage 'Toad in the Hole'
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Steamed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Onion Gravy
Beetroot Brownie & Crème Fraiche, Fresh Cut Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt

Wednesday

Minced Beef Chilli
Sweet Potato & Vegetable Chilli
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Grated Cheese, Nachos, Sour Cream, Steamed Broccoli
Pancakes, Berries & Cream, Fresh Cut Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt

Thursday

Chicken Pasta Bake
Roasted Vegetable Quiche
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Green Beans, Roasted Celeriac, Garlic Bread
Cheesecake, Fresh Cut Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt

Friday

Breaded Haddock, Spicy Chicken Strips
Lentil & Butterbean Stuffed Mushrooms
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Croquette Potatoes, Grilled Tomato, Pepper & Onion
Chocolate Chip Tray Bake, Fresh Cut Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt