



A huge thank you to MOFFS and all of the families who supported our Colour Dash on 18.07.24. The event was a huge success and together **we raised an impressive £2,474!** This is an event we hope to repeat this academic year and we welcome feedback at our next **MOFFS meeting on Wednesday 09.10.24 at 3pm** in the school hall. All welcome with no obligation to take on a role or do a job!

Primary and Secondary School Admissions

Parents can now apply online for their child if they are due to start primary school or move to secondary school in September 2025 – simply Google 'Lancashire school admissions'.

The **closing date for secondary applications** is **Thursday 31st October 2024** and **Wednesday 16th January 2025** for **primary applications**. Call the school (850736) to book a tour.




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Phone & WhatsApp: **07942 391188**
Email: **schools@northlancashirecab.org.uk**

Cakes and Sweets

Due to the increasing number of **complex dietary needs** and **allergies**, and advice regarding food labelling, unfortunately, we are unable to hand out birthday cake and treats. Please can parents ensure that they **do not include nut-based products** in their child's packed lunches due to a severe nut allergy in school.



MOFFS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

MOFFS (Mossgate Friends, Families & Staff) will be meeting at **3pm** on **Wednesday 9th October** in the **school hall**. This is an opportunity to find out about the events we have organised, how much we have raised, what we've spent the money on in school, and share ideas for the coming year.

This meeting is open to all with no obligation to take on a role! Children are welcome to attend also and refreshments will be provided.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 16th October

Don't forget to book a five-minute face-to-face appointment using our School Spider app. If you are having difficulties accessing the app, please contact the school office who will assist with usernames and passwords. Teachers will share with you:

- how your child has settled into their new class
- friendships
- behaviour and effort with their learning in class
- attendance and punctuality
- home reading



(Please note that the parents' evening in February will focus on academic achievement and progress.)

Children with an identified **Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)**, can book a longer appointment with their child's teacher on **Wednesday 9th October, 3-5pm**.

Parents can also view their child's art work if they were unable to attend on Wed 25/09.24.

Costs for visits and visitors

Historically, we have met most of the costs associated with local visits, Outdoor & Adventurous Activities (OAA) and the use of visitors we bring into school. However, due to increasing costs, we will have to ask parents to contribute so that these exciting and enriching activities can continue.

To support parents in managing their finances, we will aim to provide as much notice as possible by making these events visible in ParentPay so that you can pay little and often to clear the final amount. If you are struggling to make financial contributions, please meet with me in confidence, and I can look at how we can work together to support you and your family.

Autumn Themed Lunch – School Census Day

On **Thursday 3rd October**, we will be having our special Autumn themed lunch. Children can choose from:

- Sausage in Yorkshire pudding with mashed potatoes, garden peas and gravy – vegetarian option available
- Cheese & tomato pizza with tortilla chips and salad
- Cake and jelly

KS2 children can order a themed lunch on Parent Pay for £2.50 per child. As you know, all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a universal infant free school meal (UIFSM) everyday, which is paid for by the government. Currently, a small number of families send their child in with a packed lunch instead for a range of reasons. On themed lunch days, we will be encouraging packed lunch children to try a school dinner which we will order. If you still want to send them in with a packed lunch, then please do and they can hopefully eat from both the school meal and their packed lunch. Any questions, please contact the school office (850736) or private Facebook message.

Volunteers Needed

We have a small group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers who either volunteer weekly or as and when they are available, but we always need more! Depending on your interests and availability, volunteers listen to children read, help with classroom resources, support school trips and help to look after our vegetable beds and borders by weeding and planting.



If you have any time available to volunteer at our school, please do get in touch by either phoning the office or sending a private Facebook message. All volunteers will need to complete a criminal record check and undertake an induction visit to comply with our safeguarding obligations. Thank you in advance.

Jewellery and Make-up

If your child has pierced ears, small stud earrings - not hoops, are allowed as part of our school uniform. On PE days, including Y5 swimming on a Friday, children should come to school with earrings removed to minimise the risk of injury from increased physical activity during PE / swimming lessons.

A polite reminder that no make-up, nail varnish, false nails, jewellery (including smart watches) or fashion statements (large hair bows etc) are allowed and children will be asked to remove these by their class teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office to arrange to speak to me.

Supervision before and after school

A reminder that children are only supervised by school staff from 8:20am when the school bell rings and the doors open. If your Y6 child walks to school on their own, they can arrive from 8:00am and enter their classroom through the external door by the bike shed.

Due to our new wraparound childcare **after school**, the **school gates** will **close at 3:10pm** daily. Please can parents ensure that children have left the adventure play area and playground promptly. Thank you for your support and understanding with these new routines.



Please can I also ask that you do not cut across the car park and stick to the footpaths provided. In assemblies, we have been reminding children about safety inside and outside of the school building and appreciate your support in reinforcing these measures. Many thanks for your support.



Messages & information for the class teacher

When the doors open at 8:20am, class teachers and teaching assistants are busy welcoming the children and supporting them with their learning. Please can parents go to the school office with any messages or information so that Mrs Attwood or Miss Turnbull can record the information on our school system and share with staff when they are not teaching.

Medical Appointments

I understand the difficulties parents can have in making medical appointments, but please book these outside of the school day so that your child's attendance doesn't suffer. If your child has had any historical attendance concerns, medical evidence will be required for the absence to be considered as authorised.

Did you know? If your child has an unavoidable appointment during the morning or afternoon, they can still get their attendance mark if they are in school for the registration session. In the morning, this is between 8:25am – 8:30am, and in the afternoon, between 12:45pm – 12:50pm for the infants and 1:00pm and 1:05pm for the juniors.



Curriculum Newsletters – Autumn 1 2024

Curriculum newsletters for this half-term have been sent by School Spider and email. They are also available on our website, under 'Curriculum'. Our curriculum newsletters detail the key areas of learning by subject area. If you have any questions about what is being taught, please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

Mon 23/09	Y1 Phonics Meeting for Parents at 2:30pm
Wed 25/09	Mossgate Art Gallery at 3pm
Thurs 26/09	Reception Phonics & Early Reading Meeting for Parents, 2.30pm & 5.15pm
Mon 30/09	Harvest Assembly and Foodbank Appeal – details to follow
Tues 01/10	Young Leaders Training for Y5
Thurs 03/10	Special themed lunch and census day
Mon 07/10	Y5 D&T – cooking & nutrition
Wed 09/10	Y5 Leighton Hall visit
Wed 09/10	Y2 climbing at Salt Ayre
Wed 09/10	MOFFS AGM at 3pm, school hall
Wed 09/10	Parents' Evening for children with SEND, 3-5pm
Mon 14/10	No clubs this week
Wed 16/10	Parents' Evening, 3-7pm
Fri 18/10	School closes for October half-term
Mon 28/10	School re-opens following half-term – no clubs this week
Thurs 31/10	School photos with academy Photography
Tues 05/11	MOFFS Halloween Disco: Infants 5-5:45pm / Juniors 6-6:45pm
Mon 11/11	Remembrance Assembly
Fri 15/11	MOFFS Chocolate non-uniform day and Children in Need fundraising
Mon 18/11	Y2 History of Morecambe Tour
Thurs 21/11	Y1 Toys and Y4 Ancient Egypt Workshops with The History Man
Wed 27/11	Y4 The Dukes Theatre Visit
Thurs 28/11	MOFFS Christmas Bingo, 5-7pm
Thues 28/11	Deadline from MOFFS Secret Sanat Gift Room
Mon 02/12	Santa's Grotto, 3-5pm, this week – details to follow
Mon 09/12	No clubs this week
Mon 09/12	Rec & Y2 Panto Visit
Wed 11/12	KS2 Christmas Concert for parents, 1:30-2:230pm
Wed 11/12	Christmas jumper / t-shirt / dress day
Wed 11/12	Chirstmas School Dinner
Thurs 12/12	KS2 Christmas Concert for parents, 6-7pm
Fri 13/12	Rec singing at Kingsway Court
Mon 16/12	No clubs this week
Tues 17/12	Infant nativity to parents, 1:45pm
Wed 18/12	Infant nativity to parents, 1:45pm
Fri 20/12	School closes for Christmas
Mon 06/01	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tues 07/01	School reopens for children



A selection of photos from the recent Y5 Tower Wood residential w/c 02/09/24.

Apologies for my log first email. I hope the advanced notice of dates is help. Regards, Mr Smith