



MOORTHORPE NEWS - NOV 2023

I hope you've all had a lovely half term holiday and the pupils are refreshed and ready for the next couple of months – it's a busy half term and a late break up!

Whole school attendance for last half term was 94.52% and Mrs Norman's Year 4 class were the best attenders with 97%. Congratulations to the 99 pupils with 100% attendance and to all those who have greatly improved attendance. Keep it up!

Parents/carers in school

Parents evening

It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents evening and listen to you discussing how your child(ren) is/are settling into their new classes and how we can support them together to reach their potential. If you were not able to make it, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternate appointment.

Coffee morning

Our November coffee morning will be Thurs 23rd Nov at 8.50am. We have EmmaJane Hurdiss from the Early Help Hub with us to talk about all the support and advice available for parents and children. We hope to see you there!

Inspire

By popular demand, our Inspire sessions are back! We know how much you value coming in and joining your children in their lessons. These start with Year 6 on Fri 24th November, 9-10am. Watch class dojo for further dates!

Staffing

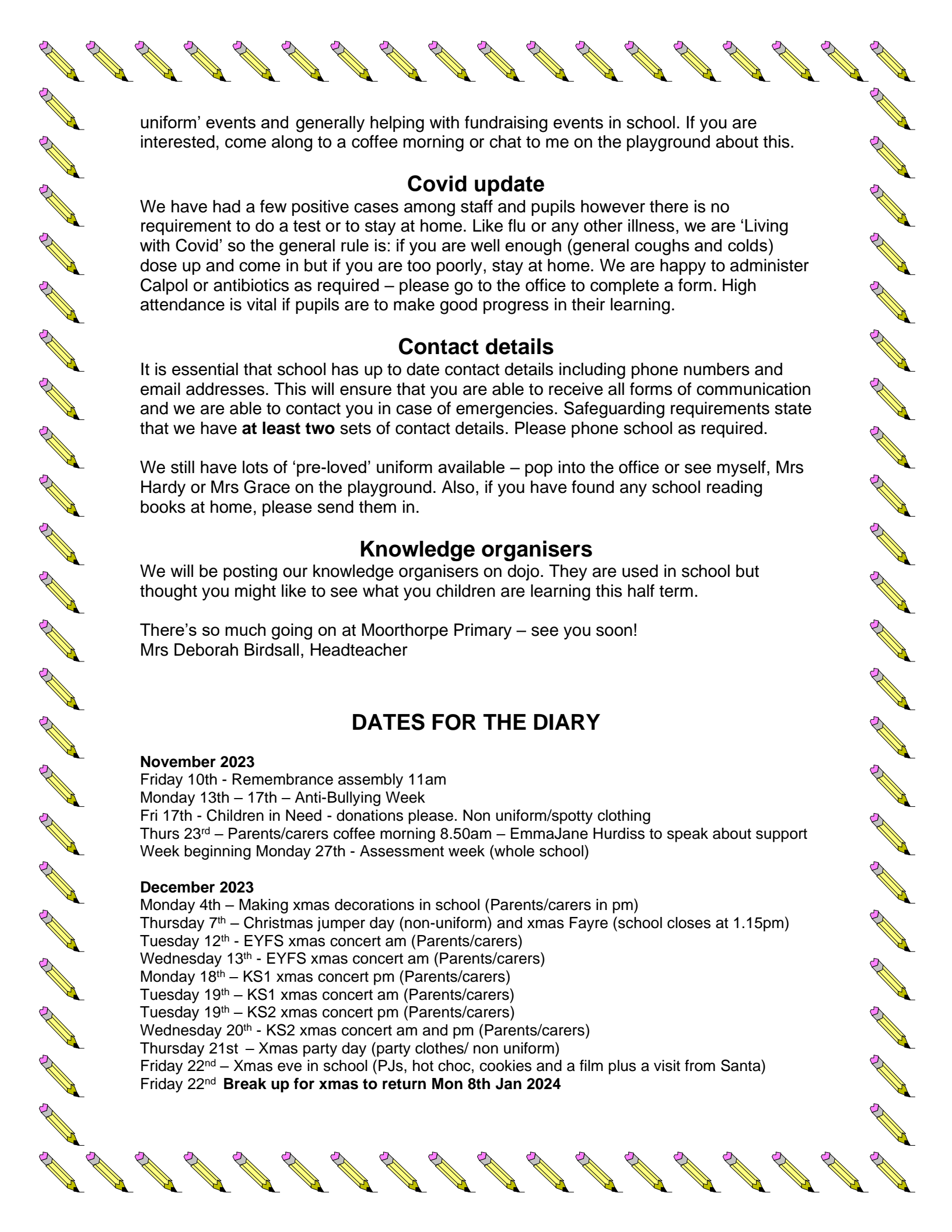
As I have already posted on dojo, sadly Mr Thorpe will be leaving us at Christmas. We thank him for all his hard work as a teacher and in his many roles as Assistant Head. It is a credit to him and the school that he has secured a headship role at another school in Wakefield and we wish him well. Mrs Field, who is an excellent, experienced teacher, Maths leader and designated safeguarding officer will be joining us and taking over the Year 5/6 class. She will be visiting Moorthorpe next half term to meet her class and begin preparing for her January start.

School dinners

For those who order dinners at home, please do this with your child wherever possible. If a pupil tells us in the hall they do not like/want the dinner, we cannot just give them an alternative. Firstly, we have to send them to the office for staff to phone home and get permission for this, which means they can get upset and not eat with their friends but also there may not be enough of the alternative choice. Thank you for your support.

Fundraising

Some parents have asked us to bring back the Friday tuck shop. Mrs Grandidge is happy to 'head this up' but we'd would love to set up a PTA. We are keen to speak to anyone who feels they have something to offer. This may include organising 'pre-loved



uniform' events and generally helping with fundraising events in school. If you are interested, come along to a coffee morning or chat to me on the playground about this.

Covid update

We have had a few positive cases among staff and pupils however there is no requirement to do a test or to stay at home. Like flu or any other illness, we are 'Living with Covid' so the general rule is: if you are well enough (general coughs and colds) dose up and come in but if you are too poorly, stay at home. We are happy to administer Calpol or antibiotics as required – please go to the office to complete a form. High attendance is vital if pupils are to make good progress in their learning.

Contact details

It is essential that school has up to date contact details including phone numbers and email addresses. This will ensure that you are able to receive all forms of communication and we are able to contact you in case of emergencies. Safeguarding requirements state that we have **at least two** sets of contact details. Please phone school as required.

We still have lots of 'pre-loved' uniform available – pop into the office or see myself, Mrs Hardy or Mrs Grace on the playground. Also, if you have found any school reading books at home, please send them in.

Knowledge organisers

We will be posting our knowledge organisers on dojo. They are used in school but thought you might like to see what you children are learning this half term.

There's so much going on at Moorthorpe Primary – see you soon!
Mrs Deborah Birdsall, Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November 2023

Friday 10th - Remembrance assembly 11am

Monday 13th – 17th – Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 17th - Children in Need - donations please. Non uniform/spotty clothing

Thurs 23rd – Parents/carers coffee morning 8.50am – EmmaJane Hurdiss to speak about support
Week beginning Monday 27th - Assessment week (whole school)

December 2023

Monday 4th – Making xmas decorations in school (Parents/carers in pm)

Thursday 7th – Christmas jumper day (non-uniform) and xmas Fayre (school closes at 1.15pm)

Tuesday 12th - EYFS xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 13th - EYFS xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Monday 18th – KS1 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 19th – KS1 xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 19th – KS2 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 20th - KS2 xmas concert am and pm (Parents/carers)

Thursday 21st – Xmas party day (party clothes/ non uniform)

Friday 22nd – Xmas eve in school (PJs, hot choc, cookies and a film plus a visit from Santa)

Friday 22nd **Break up for xmas to return Mon 8th Jan 2024**