



Moreland Primary School

Reaching higher than I dreamed, becoming the person that I want to be,
doing the best I can for the world and for me.

16th September 2016

Executive head teacher's news

Welcome back to the new school year and a warm welcome to our new children, families and staff. I hope you will soon settle into Moreland and be very happy. The year has certainly got off to a flying start. I am pleased to see that the children have settled so quickly. We had a busy six weeks summer- you can see that the new school is almost finished! We move in on the 15th November. I literally cannot wait to show you all how beautiful it is. The children look lovely in their new blue sweatshirts. I would like to sincerely thank Level 3 situated in the large building opposite in Moreland Street for providing every child with 2 sweatshirts. We used school money for the new book bags- please encourage lots of reading at home.

Attendance and punctuality- new school year, fresh start:

Please do your best to get your child to school on time every day. Current government guidelines insist that children should only be absent if they are very ill because children over 5 years are legally entitled to their education. I have already spoken to the children about co-operation with their bedtime and morning routines on school nights. Please also think about what activities children do during the week. Some children told me this week that they attend additional classes 3 or 4 nights a week. Children work really hard at school and much as they need to do their reading, learn their times tables and some additional learning outside of school, they do need to come to school on time every day fresh and ready to learn- there were some tired eyes this week. We are no longer allowed to authorise holidays in term time because Islington schools as a group have the lowest attendance figures in the country. You are welcome to see Mo, Miss Young, myself or any of the staff if you need help with getting your child to school or if you have any questions about attendance.

Parking and stopping outside the back-gate on Kings Square Estate:

Please remain vigilant in this area. Thank you for not dropping children off by car/ stopping and for not parking outside Rahere House, residents really appreciate this. It is important that we keep children safe in this area.

Learning:

We are continuing our positive 'Mind set' drive. This is all about a positive attitude to learning where we encourage children to embrace challenge within a culture of hard work and consistent effort. The approach we use is very enquiry based asking why, what, how, when, what if- lots of questioning and thinking which nurtures interest, independence, perseverance and resilience- qualities children need to develop which will see them through life. You will have received a list from your child's teacher about what they will be learning this term which is useful. Please see the website for an explanation of what your child is expected to learn by the end of this year. I ask that you actively encourage them to talk to you about their learning, if you don't already do this, especially if your child is naturally quiet- some