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Dear Parents/Carers.

As we approach the half-term break, we would like to remind you that school will close on Friday 24th October, and children will return on Tuesday 4th November. Please note that Monday 3rd November is an INSET day, during which staff will be working with the West End Schools' Trust.

For families in receipt of Free School Meals, vouchers for the half-term break will be available to collect on Friday.

We would also like to take this opportunity to kindly ask that you check your child's hair regularly for signs of head lice. This is a common issue among young children and can spread easily in school settings. Please remember, it is not a reflection of cleanliness and can affect anyone.

As always, attendance and punctuality remain a high priority for us. We truly appreciate the continued effort families are making to ensure children arrive at school on time and attend regularly. Learning starts the moment children walk through the doors, and a prompt start helps set a positive tone for the day. Likewise, we kindly ask that children are collected on time at the end of the school day.

It is currently Harvest Festival time, and each year we, as a school, support our local food banks to celebrate the growth of crops and the availability of food both locally and around the world for the benefit of all. If you would like to contribute, please consider donating sealed, packaged, tinned, or boxed food. Donations can be brought into school by the end of the week. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.All food will be distributed during the half-term break.

Lastly, we would like to share our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Miss Cusack, who will be leaving Moorside at the end of this week. She has taught and supported so many of our children and families over the years, and her care and dedication have made a lasting impact. She will be greatly missed by children, staff, and the wider school community. We wish her every happiness in her well-deserved retirement and with all her future plans.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 4th November.

Yours sincerely,

L Hall

Mrs. L Hall Head Teacher