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**MOTO THURROCK
HOSTS KIDS CHRISTMAS CHARITY DANCEATHON**

East Tilbury Primary School in East Tilbury are set to entertain customers stopping at Moto's Thurrock service area on the M25/A1306 near Thurrock with a charity Dancethon.

On Monday 18th December a group of children aged 5-11 will be encouraging customers to get into the festive spirit with a non stop dancethon accompanied by the school choir. The fun will start at 10.30am and will conclude with a special visit from Santa to thank the children for their efforts.

East Tilbury Primary School has been adopted by Moto Thurock as part of their charity activity for the Moto in the Community Trust. Motorway service area giant Moto launched its own charity in 2005 aimed at helping the communities that surround its 48 sites.

The Moto in the Community Trust is a natural extension of the charity work carried out by staff at individual Moto sites over the last five years, which has already raised close to £1 million.

Brian Lotts, chairman of the charity –“We are very proud of the work we do with our adopted schools around the UK. We have adopted over 10,000 children under the scheme, and we want to support our schools in as many ways as we can. We have formed a great relationship with East Tilbury School, and it's great to hold an event like this that entertains our customers as well as raising money for our charity”

Funds raised by the Dancethon will be granted by the Moto in the Community Trust to East Tilbury School.

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NOTE TO NEWS/PICTURE DESKS:

You are invited to send a reporter/photographer to cover this event which will take place at Moto Thurrock on Monday 18th December – 10.30 Noon. Journalists should make themselves known to Maria Case.

NOTE TO EDITORS

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