



MOORTHORPE NEWS - MAY 2024

As I write this (Monday) the sun is shining and for the first time in ages we have all been playing on the field at lunchtime – hooray! Let's hope the good (dry) weather continues! May is such a busy month in schools with year 6 SATs and then June brings Phonics screening and Year 4 multiplication tests so continue to push for high attendance, especially at this time so the pupils do not miss any vital revision/preparation sessions. It is a key time to ensure our children are fully prepared and feel confident to do their best.

ATTENDANCE

As well as affecting learning, poor attendance has a negative impact on a child's confidence, social skills, friendships and general happiness in school. If you have any issues with getting your child into school, please phone the school office or speak to Mrs Hardy/ Mrs Grace for support.

CLASSES AND STAFFING NEXT YEAR

Staffing and classes are still being finalised for next year. We plan to do plenty of transition in June/July so children are fully prepared. Next year in main school, there will be 9 classes overall – no mixed year classes (hooray!)

In Early Years: Morning nursery and one reception class.

In Key Stage One: A Year 1 class and a Year 2 class.

In Key Stage Two: A Year 3 class, a Y4 class, a Year 5 class, and two Year 6 classes.

PENALTY NOTICES

Penalty Notice fines for school attendance are changing. There is a new framework for Penalty Notices which comes into effect from 19th August. Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR:

- Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days
- 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

FIRST OFFENCE:

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE: (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early). Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution.

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.

UNIFORM

Correct PE kits please – no bright coloured tops or large branded logos/slogans. A reminder to ask at the office or tell your child to ask if they need any pre-loved uniform.

Also, if you have uniform in good condition that your child has outgrown, please send it in, thank you.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Keep an eye on Dojo – both class pages and the main school page, for up-to-date information! Also, our school website has all the curriculum information you need:

<https://www.moorthorpeprimary.co.uk/>

Best wishes
Deborah Birdsall

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May 2024

Friday 3rd – Year 6 photo

Monday 6th – Bank holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 13th – Friday 17th May

Thursday 16th – Litter picking day (more details to follow)

Friday 17th – Pyjamarama Day (Book Trust) – wear your pyjamas all day!

Friday 24th - School closes at 3.10pm for Whitsun holiday

June 2024

Monday 3rd – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 4th – school reopens

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week commencing 4th June

Year 1 Phonics screening – Week commencing 10th June

Monday 10th June – Y2 trip to RSPB

Wednesday 19th – Head of year (MCC) visits Y6

Tuesday 25th – Y1 trip to Hornsea (to be confirmed)

Wednesday 26th – Induction day at Minsthorpe and transition to new classes in school (All about me day – non uniform)

Friday 28th - SPORTS DAY Y1-Y6

July 2024

Tuesday 2nd – Foundation stage sports morning (nursery and reception)

Friday 5th – SUMMER FAYRE AND PICNIC ON THE FIELD from 1.15 (Collect pupils from cloakroom doors)

Wednesday 7th - Sports day contingency (if the 28th June is wet!)

Wednesday 10th – Y5/6 Samba drumming concert for parents

Friday 12th – Year 6 trip to Lightwater Valley

Tuesday 16th – Y6 Leavers concert (details to follow)

Thursday 18th – Nursery graduation

Thursday 18th – Y6 Prom 4.30pm (details to follow)

Friday 19th – Leavers assembly, rewards assembly

Close for the summer break – Friday 19th July at 3.10pm.

Inset Day – Monday 22nd July

THE DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER AND SENIOR PERSON FOR SAFEGUARDING IS MRS DEBORAH BIRDSALL, THE DEPUTY CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS ARE MRS JANET HARDY, MRS STEPH FIELD AND MRS JO REASBECK.