



MOORTHORPE NEWS - APRIL 2024

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break. Welcome to the summer term and Eid Mubarak Wishes to our Muslim families.

The spring term was a very busy one! As well as our 'GOOD' Ofsted report and our usual curriculum lessons, we've had Bikeability, trips to Eureka and the church, a netball match, Young Voices choir, samba concert, many visitors including the mobile farm plus our well attended INSPIRES.

It has also brought continued good attendance with the school average for the term being 94%. We can do even better though!

Well done to all those who received certificates before Easter:

- for 100% (bronze for the spring term)
- for 100% (silver for the autumn and spring terms)
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Who will get a gold certificate and prize for 100% for the year I wonder?

OFSTED

Our Ofsted report from 7th/8th February 2024 is now live on the Ofsted website <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50242281>

We are very pleased with it and continue to work hard to ensure all curriculum areas are equally strong.

ATTENDANCE & SATS

Y6 will be completing their SATs tests in May (see dates below). The tests are carried out altogether at the same times, although some children may be given extra time, rest breaks, a reader/prompter or a scribe depending on their academic/emotional needs. There will be a Y6 breakfast club that week to get them fully prepared (more details to follow). We are very mindful of not putting extra pressure on the children but encourage them to focus fully and to do their best.

We continue to push for high attendance, especially at this time so the pupils are fully prepared. 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.

For Y2 SATS are no longer statutory, therefore we will not be administering these in May as in previous years. We plan to use the materials as we see fit as part of our teacher assessments in mid/late June for some pupils and will just call them independent booklets and do our best to make things as normal as possible for the children.

PSHE/RSE

We have been developing and renewing our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Policy and schemes of work. Schools have the right and obligation to teach RSHE topics to prepare children for life when they leave school. These lessons will be taught during the summer term in Y2, Y4 and Y6. The vast majority of the content is compulsory, there is one lesson in Y6 where pupils may be withdrawn. The curriculum information is on our website but a letter will be coming out soon with further details.



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

Summer Term

April 2024

Monday 8th – school reopens

Monday 15th – Living eggs arrive in EYFS

Tuesday 16th – Parent/carer coffee morning – school nurse in to share headlice information

Tuesday 23rd – Y1 INSPIRE – Mrs Currie’s class 9-10am

Friday 26th – Y3 trip to coal mining museum

Friday 26th – Jungle Book performance in school for all pupils (except Y3)

May 2024

Friday 3rd – Year 6 photo

Monday 6th – Bank holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Thursday 16th – Littering 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

Wednesday 26th – Induction day at Minsthorpe and transition to new classes in school

Friday 28th - SPORTS DAY

July 2024

Friday 5th – Sports day contingency (if the 28th June is wet!)

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

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

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

Inset Day – Monday 22nd July

Date for Year 6 trip to Lightwater Valley coming soon!

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.