

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have a lot going on in school this week for a number of reasons:

- Our Year 6 children are off to Durham University to celebrate the success and participation in the Brilliant Project. This was a project that has seen them work with a PHD student and University Professor over a number of weeks to write an essay which has then been marked in line with university guidance.
- Across this week it is Children's Mental health week and our Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in activities linked to the Melva Platform (further details to be sent).
- Our Key Stage 1 Children will celebrate Mental Health week linked to Kindness which is one of our core values.
- It is also safer internet day on the 6th February – watch out for our quiz and film linked to this.

We look forward to your support with all of these activities.

#Moorsideproud

We are introducing a new hashtag to our social media platforms linked to our core values. You will see this appearing over the coming days and weeks. We would love for you to tag us in things where children have shown our school values of kindness, respect, hard work, aiming high or staying safe using the hashtag **#Moorsideproud**. We will also have a number of events linked to this across the years so please look out for them.



Respect



Stay Safe



Kindness



Aim High



Work Hard

Staffing

We are delighted that our staffing is now in place with Mrs. Charlton having joined us following the Christmas break as our Assistant Headteacher and Miss Sinnamon having joined us as our new Year 1 teacher. Miss Wigham has also joined us as our EYFS teaching Assistant. All are settling in well and look forward to working with you.

We still have a vacancy for a cleaner and application forms are available from the front office.

Behaviour Outside of School

Can we remind all parents that they are responsible for the behaviour of their children outside of school and must provide adequate supervision regardless of whether children are playing outside or online.

Please ensure you know where your children are and what they are doing at all times. We have had a number of incidents involving unkindness over gaming devices and WhatsApp groups over the last couple of weeks. All of these events have happened outside of school but have then taken up valuable learning

time as children bring them into school for staff to sort due to children being upset or angry in relation to what has happened.

Please ensure you know who your children are online with, what they are playing and what they are saying to others. Once things are online or in group messages etc. they cannot simply be deleted. Please ensure you are adhering to all age limits on social media platforms and have privacy settings in place. Should you require any support with this information please let us know.

As a school we have the highest expectations of behaviour at all times and there are consequences for children who choose not to display these behaviours. If we have concerns in relation to your child we will contact you to arrange an appointment as soon as possible.

Where children access before/after school clubs we expect the same standards of behavior. If this is not displayed, you will be asked to collect your children and they may not be allowed to attend any further clubs to ensure the wellbeing and safety of others.

Can I remind all parents and carers:

- No adults or children should be using inappropriate language on the school site. If an adult uses inappropriate language, we will ask them to refrain from entering the site for five days and if it continues, it could ultimately lead to a ban from the site.
- Once you have collected your child from the class teacher you are responsible for supervising them. They should not be climbing on equipment, playing football on the yard or running the grassed areas. The last thing any of us want is an accident due to a lack of supervision.
- Bikes must be pushed to the bottom gate and children must not ride on them whilst on the school site. Can we also ask that they are stored neatly in the bike racks provided rather than thrown on the floor.
- Where children are walkers and do not leave the site sensibly and appropriately, we will ask parents to collect.

Please help us to make our school a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Staying safe and respect are two of our core values.

Uniform

Can we remind all parents of our expectations in relation to uniform. If you are struggling in relation to this please let us know and we can support. We have a number of children wearing various hoodies not in line with the policy. We also have a number of children not wearing plain black shoes. Please note our policy is for children to wear plain black shoes.

On PE days they should wear either their PE purple hoodie or school jumper with their PE kit. Football kits should **not** be worn.

On other days children should be in full correct uniform as follows:

Our school uniform colours are in purple and grey as listed below.

- Tartan or grey skirt/pinafore dress/purple and white summer dress in summer

- Grey trousers/shorts in summer (not leggings)
- White shirt
- Purple & grey tie (available from the school office)
- Purple knitted jumper or cardigan (with logo available from the above website)
- Plain black polishable shoes

PE Uniform

- Plain black shorts
- Plain t-shirt in your child's team colour (you will be notified of the colour)
- A pair of plimsolls (indoor) or trainers (outdoor)
- Plain black/grey jogging bottoms and school jumper/hoodies for outdoor lessons in cold weather- elasticated joggers are essential for younger children

Please note that extreme hairstyles such as tramlines etc., nail varnish and earrings are not part of our school uniform policy and therefore should not be worn for school.

Attendance

We will continue to follow up all attendance on a daily basis and where contact is not made we will carry out home visits to ensure children are safe. Please note that the government has recently reviewed all information and guidance in relation to attendance. Where attendance falls, we are keen to work with parents to ensure it falls back in line with government target of 97%. Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – ***pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.***

The government expects all schools and local authorities to:

- promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence
- ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled
- act early to address patterns of absence
- parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly
- all pupils to be punctual to their lessons

Diary Dates

Tues 6 th Feb 2024	Safer internet day – Workshops with Parents (from 2pm) *
Wed 7 th Feb 2024	Year 6 to Durham University trip
Tues 13 th Feb 2024	Parent drop in session (from 2pm) *
w/c 19 th February 2024 FEBRUARY HALF TERM	
Return to school on 26 th February 2024	
Wed 5 th March 2024	Years 1,2,5 and 6 trip to Discovery Museum
Wed 6 th March 2024	Reception Assembly from 2:45pm *

Thurs 7 th March 2024	World Book day
Fri 8 th March 2024	Mother's day lunch and assembly *
Tues 12 th March 2024	Years 3 and 4 Trip to Segadunum
Fri 15 th March 2024	Year 1/2 Assembly for parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Fri 22 nd March 2024	Year 3/4 Assembly for parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Tues 26 th March 2024	Year 5/6 Assembly to parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Wed 27 th March 2024	Parents Evening (Face to face) Top 25
Thurs 28 th Mar 2024	Team treat (AM) Easter Stay & Play (PM) *
Fri 29 th March 2024	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
w/c 1st April 2024 & 8 th April 2024 EASTER HOLIDAYS Children return to school 15 th April 2024	
Mon 6 th May 2024	May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 10 th May 2024	EYFS Stay&Play – Gross and Fine Motor Skills (1:30-2:30pm)*
13 th – 17 th May 2024	KS2 SATS Week
20 th – 25 th May 2024	KS1 SATS Assessment Period
Tues 21 st May 2024	Parent drop in session (from 2pm) *
w/c 27 th May 2024 MAY HALF TERM	
10 th – 15 th June 2024	Y4 Multiplication Check Period
Fri 14 th June 2024	Father's Day Lunch *
Fri 5 th July 2024	Non-Uniform – Summer fair donations
Wed 19 th June 2024	EYFS Stay & Play – Teddy Bears Picnic (11:45am)*
Thurs 11 th July 2024	Moving up day in school
Fri 12 th July 2024	Summer Fair (Running from 1:30pm) *
Mon 15 th July 2024	EYFS Sports day (10:30-11:30) * R-6 Sports day (2pm-3pm) * Key Stage 2 Performance (5pm) *
Tues 16 th July 2024	Leavers disco (3:30-5pm) Top 25 (AM)
Wed 17 th July 2024	Parents Evening (Face to face from 3:30pm) * Team Treat (PM)
Thurs 18 th July 2024	Reception graduation (Running 9:15-10:15am) * Leavers Assembly (Running 10:30-11:30am) *
Fri 19 th -Tues 23 rd July 2024	PD Days- SCHOOL CLOSED
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
w/c 2 nd September 2024 - Return to school!	

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely