



## Moorlands Primary Academy

# NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Mr Freeman

As we approach the end of this half term, the school year is running away from us. Just one half term left before the summer holidays does not seem possible.

This half term at Moorlands, we are really starting to see the impact of our new curriculum. To walk around the classes and see the wonderful work across a wide variety of subjects is a joy to behold. The staff have worked so hard to implement an entire new curriculum in one go - they really do deserve a thank you and a pat on the back. Their hard work really is making a difference to every Moorlands child.

### Facebook Update

Have you spotted that our Facebook page has been very busy lately? We have started to share lots more posts about daily life in school. We have posted a variety of wonderful work from across the school, showing off the children's art, mathematics and English. We will continue to share as much as we can so that you have a clear picture of what your child is up to during the week.

### Survey Results

A few weeks ago we asked you to complete a parent survey. Here is a brief summary of the results:

My Child is happy at school	-	Positive - 92%	Negative - 8%
My child feels safe at school	-	Positive - 96%	Negative - 4%
The school makes sure pupils behave	-	Positive - 89%	Negative - 11%
Bullying is dealt with effectively	-	Positive - 89%	Negative - 11%
Concerns are dealt with effectively	-	Positive - 83%	Negative - 17%
The school has high expectations	-	Positive - 89%	Negative - 11%
My child does well at school	-	Positive - 89%	Negative - 11%
I would recommend this school	-	Positive - 89%	Negative - 11%

These results are broadly positive, but not good enough. So what do we plan to do about it? For September (or earlier in some cases), the following things will happen:

- A new behaviour policy with a clear behaviour pathway
- A new homework policy to ensure consistency across classes
- A new approach to marking and feedback in lessons to ensure every child is pushed and supported in their learning.
- A whole school focus on curriculum content and delivery, ensuring that every lesson is an unmissable learning opportunity.

### Swimming!

You will be pleased to know that Moorlands has restarted swimming lessons! With the use of the Peterhouse minibuses, we have been able to get classes to the Phoenix swimming pool in Bradwell so that we can offer the full National Curriculum expectation for PE. This term our year 6 children will have lessons to ensure that this is complete before moving to high school. From next academic year, it will be our year 5 children that receive a block of swimming lessons each year (we will complete one final catch-up block for next year's year 6 children so that no one misses out).

## Managing Concerns

If you have a concern or complaint about Moorlands, please follow these steps for a speedy resolution:

1) If possible, speak to the class teacher first - lots of problems can be nipped in the bud if caught early.

2) Speak to Mr Siddles and ask him to look into the issue for you. The majority of problems can be solved at this level.

3) If you are not happy with the response, or the problem is not improving, you can write to Mr Freeman (email available from the school office) and ask for the issue to be fully investigated. You will be given full verbal and written at this stage.

4) If your concern is still unresolved, you can write to the Governing Body and ask for an independent panel to review your complaint.

## Governors

Would you be able to spare a little time to help the school become a better place? If so, you may wish to consider becoming a Governor. You do not need to have any particular skills or experience, as training will be provided. If you would like more information, please ask at the school office and someone will contact you for a chat.

## Jubilee Celebrations

The children of Moorlands have had great fun learning about our Queen and the events in history during her reign. Here are a few photos of the highlights from the last few weeks:



## Notices

- Children return on Monday 6th June
- The last day of the academic year is Friday 22nd July and children return after the summer break on Tuesday 6th September
- Sports Day this year will be on Tuesday 28th June
- Please ensure you have the ParentMail app as this **is our primary form of communication**. Please remember to let the school know should any of your contact details, **especially your mobile number**, change

**We hope you have a great half term and enjoy the extra Bank Holiday!**



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