

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
KEEPING IN TOUCH #15



17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

Well - what a year!

We have built half a school, moved a whole school, closed a whole school, opened half a school... (there are some fractions in there (!)...) and this feels like a very strange way to end the Summer term, without a production, a 'real - life' Leavers' assembly, a Strawberry Fair or a Sports Day.

I feel robbed of time with our children this year, especially with our Year 6's, who will no longer be Moorside pupils in September. However, we have learnt such a lot about how our community can pull together in a crisis and for that, I am very grateful. We have been humbled by the kindness and support that members of our school community have shown, both inside and outside school, which has helped us to put the safest possible plans in place to ensure good educational provision remotely, as well as on site.

There have been no perfect solutions given to us - we have listened to your views through regular communication and views from our staff to make difficult decisions on difficult days, depending on the changing national guidance, with the safety and welfare of our staff and children always coming first. This will still be the case when we re-open in September. We just hope that the new guidance for the Autumn term remains in place, and that we can once again have all children back in school in their new 'bubble groups'.

We did achieve a huge amount as a school before lockdown - we had a new Library, went on some great trips, had some fabulous Christmas productions, assemblies, showcases and sporting events, attendance was in line with National figures, our exclusion rates had dramatically reduced, our Nurture provision supported children with SEMH in accessing learning in the classroom successfully, our building was (almost) finished and our children were making great progress in building on their knowledge and skills across the curriculum. We know that we can regain our standards and build upon our successes with a great 'Team Moorside' effort in the Autumn term, delivering our full curriculum in a safe environment, if we work together to support our children and families.

We say goodbye to the lovely Mrs Moss today, but will hopefully see her on supply with us next year. We say farewell to a fantastic group of Year 6 children, who have made us so proud of them for their achievements during their time with us, but especially with the way that they have dealt with the challenges that they have faced this year. They are certainly ready for the adventures that await them at Secondary school. We also say farewell to Owen, Evie, Jude and Eden and wish them well in their house moves and new schools. We hope that you will all keep in touch and that Moorside will always have a special place in your hearts!

To you all - please have a restful Summer break.

Please keep safe and healthy and we really look forward to seeing you in September. We will be in touch with any up to date information for the start of term during the holidays.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher