# MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a busy week in school! The Year 6 children have been simply amazing in their attitude to taking on their SATs tests and we really appreciate the support and flexibility of the whole school team so that they had peace and quiet! It just shows what a great team we have!

It has been Mental Health Awareness week this week – I hope you have found the Facebook updates useful, sharing our strategies and support in school for making mental health and well-being a priority. It is threaded throughout our curriculum and daily routines, and is part our vision, 'nurturing children to succeed and achieve'.

#### **Platinum Jubilee**

Next week, we will be pulling together our plans for our Jubilee event on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Our FOMS are playing a pivotal role in supporting with this and have taken charge of a number of things, including the TOMBOLA! Please see the flyer attached with a request for Red (Nursery/Reception), White (Y1, Y2 and Y3) and Blue (Y4, Y5 and Y6) prizes. We are really looking forward to this whole-school event.

Don't forget....we are having a ROYAL BAKE OFF competition and would LOVE to see/taste your cake and biscuit creations on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> May for judging at 12 noon. Cakes will be sold at the cake stall in the afternoon.

We have had a brilliant commemorative tea towel designed with all children's faces and names from Moorside for the Platinum Jubilee. We LOVE all their drawings (and their pictures of the staff too!). I am sure you will agree – it looks great!

We will be selling these at our event for just £4 each or 3 for £10.



## Attendance

We are striving for at least 96% attendance each week and know that the children really benefit from attending school regularly unless they are ill. Please be aware that we cannot authorise holiday requests without the evidence required, otherwise holidays should be taken outside of term time.

This week's attendance has been 95.32%. A HUGE well done to Year 6 with 100% attendance. Keep it up!

### **Transition**

Transition to and from school can be really challenging for some children – they find it hard to leave parents in the

Transition support



morning and can sometimes become emotional at the end of the day, especially if they are tired. We do have a transition support booklet on our school website that we would be happy to print for you if you would find this useful. <a href="Moorside-Primary-School-and-Nursery-Transition-Support-1.pdf">Moorside-Primary-School-and-Nursery-Transition-Support-1.pdf</a> (moorsideschools.org.uk)

Please can I ask that before and after school, parents supervise their children on the playground, so that they are SAFE and maintain positive behaviour. Staff are handing over children and then attending meetings with other parents or teachers at this time. If you would

like any support with this, please contact Mrs Price. We will always work with our families to ensure that handover is as smooth as possible. We really appreciate your support with this.

#### **Forest School**

There is NO Forest School on Wednesday next week. Year 5 have now had their last session for this term. Year 2's will have Forest School on Friday next week (20<sup>th</sup> May). They will need to wear Forest School clothing on that day.

# **Teddy Bear's Picnic**



We are really looking forward to welcoming our Early Years parents to our Teddy Bear's Picnic on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. Fingers crossed for lovely weather! See you there!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend ahead. As always, if you have any concerns at all about your child's well-being or learning, we are just a phone call or email away. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **Reading at Home**

Just a couple of reminders...

Reading Plus (KS2) and Reading Eggs (KS1 & EYFS) are fantastic online reading resources and should be used at least 5 times per week. We do use it in school, but it will really help children to progress if they access at home too. Just 20-30 minutes twice/three times per week would make all the difference! https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login

https://readingeggs.co.uk/

On our homework page on the website we have recommended books pitched at the appropriate age, stage and challenge for each year group: <a href="https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/home-learning-and-websites/">https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/home-learning-and-websites/</a>

We recognised from our reading survey that they are 'hidden' on this page!

With very best wishes,

#### **Mrs Rowett**

Headteacher

## **Diary Dates:**

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Y1 Phonics Screening Test Meeting at 3.20pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	EYFS Teddy Bear's Picnic
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Y4 Multiplication Check Test Meeting at 3.20pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Break-up for Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Re-Opens after the Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 Leaver's Trip to London