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Weekly Update

Dear parents and carers

This is the final update for the school year. However, we will issue some reminders during the holidays. It has certainly not been the school year that any of us would have expected.

Thank you

Prior to the lockdown there were many highlights and indeed these have continued in a different way, largely through the work on Seesaw, thanks to the work of the teachers and the response from the children. The children, who have been attending school, have also been a delight and I would like to thank them for their patience, good humour, resilience and understanding as routines have been adapted as the months have gone by.

I would like to thank you, the parents, for your ongoing patience and support over the past few months. It can't have been easy juggling your own work as well as supporting your child's home learning throughout a period of national and maybe personal uncertainty. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff of the school for their work to keep learning going for the children and for keeping them safe. A big part in this has been played by the cleaning and site supervision team. Very important has also been the flow of information co-ordinated by the office team.

Thank you on behalf of all the staff for the kind words, cards and gifts we have received.

September

As I promised last week, further details would follow this week. One key point to bear in mind is that the first day back, September 2nd, will be slightly different in its arrangements than the following days.

2nd September

Y1, Y3, Y6 – 8.50am

Y2, Y4, Y5 – 9.00am

Please ensure your child arrives in their class line by this time. Remember they are going to their old lining up place for this year. All year group names relate to the year group from September.

3rd September onwards

To ease congestion in the corridors our older year groups will be able to arrive and go into the building during an arrival 'window' just as they were doing in the few weeks prior to the lockdown.

Y6 can arrive and go into the building between 8.40 and 8.50am

Y4 and Y5 can arrive and go into the building between **8.50am and 9.00am**.

Once **Y3** have settled into KS2, we will let them do the same from WB 7th September ie **8.40-8.50**. We may extend this to Y1 and Y2 further in the term.

Hygiene and safe routines

Accompanying this letter is an information sheet advising parents about routines for September. A copy of our general risk assessment for September is available on the school website. This is a working document supplemented by lots of smaller and more detailed protocols shared with individual teams in school.

School activities, visits and residential

At the time of writing, day visits are allowed (based on Government guidance), but school residential visits are not. In a normal year, we run residential visits to the following places:

York, Y5 in November/December (approx. cost £160)

Malham, Y1 in December (approx. cost £85)

Hawse End (Lake District), Y6 in March (approx. cost £360)

Grizedale, Y4 in May (approx. cost £85)

France (Y4-6) in June (approx. cost £365)

It is uncertain which of these visits will be able to go ahead. However, we wanted to share with you broad timings and costs as once restrictions are lifted, we maybe on a short time-scale for making arrangements and requesting payment. As the visit to York is the earliest trip, we are looking at the possibility of moving that to June. We are still waiting for advice about school swimming for Y3 and brass lessons for Y5.

PSHE and Sex and Relationships Education

Several weeks ago, I mentioned that we had planned to make available a draft version of policies we were developing. We had also planned to share examples of learning resources we might use, along with some parent workshops. However, because the Government have relaxed the timetable for implementation, we have decided to delay our consultation with parents until the new school year. This is because we would like to invest the amount of time a consultation deserves to ensure it is carried out well.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will re-open on Wednesday 2nd September for Y1-6. The organisation will match that of the rest of the school with children in year group bubbles within it. Please bring your child to the main entrance where they will be met by a member of the Breakfast Club team. Breakfast Club for new Reception children will begin on Monday 14th September (booking forms will be available from the school office from 3rd September).

Food donations

Thank you to everyone who donated food. The donations are being collected today.

Letters over the summer

As a rule, we don't send out letters over the summer holidays. However, this is not a normal year by any stretch of the imagination. At this point, we plan to send out one letter towards the end of the holiday with reminders about timings, routines and hygiene. Letters will be available via Parentapp, the school website and Facebook. In keeping with the routine we have been following, this will be on a Friday.

Thank you and best wishes

Roger Shone (on behalf of everyone at Moorside)

Headteacher