

Parent Update **Summer 2020 Pt. 1**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you are all safe and well. The summer term has been an extremely challenging time for all of us and we know that you might be feeling worried or anxious about a return to school in September. Please be reassured you that we will continue to support you and do all we can to ensure a smooth transition into 2020-21. Therefore, on this last day of the academic year, we would just like to share with you some updates regarding the academy. We have separated this into two parts, the second of which will outline the current plans and safety measures in place for September.

Y6 Leavers 2020

As a staff, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and positive attitude to learning shown by all of our Y6 children this year, throughout the many challenges they have faced. Overall, they have conducted themselves fantastically well and been a credit to parents and the academy. We also need to acknowledge the fact that they were in line to achieve our strongest ever set of SATs results. The strength of their final tests in March and internal progress data is a real credit to their dedication and hard work. We welcomed the majority of this cohort to Morley Place in Y3 and it has been a real honour and a privilege to oversee their journey all the way through school and into Y6. We hope that they enjoyed their leavers' gift bags- I know that a lot of thought & care was put into these by the Y6 team and others that helped to pull them together. Throughout their time with us, the year group have been a pleasure to teach and we all wish them the very best of luck for the future. However, we don't wish for this to be a final goodbye just yet, as we have plans for a Leavers' Celebration to take place in September, so we are able to see them one last time and gather together to give our farewells.

Morley Place Staffing

As the school year draws to a close, we will be saying goodbye to a few members of the Morley team. Class Teacher and PE lead Mr Finch left earlier this term, moving on to an exciting opportunity at another Primary school across the Doncaster border. Under his guidance, we achieved the 'School Games Gold Award', placing us in the top 10% of the country for our sports provision. Quite the legacy! Class Teacher Mrs Costello is also moving on to pastures new and will be taking up post at an academy closer to home in September. As an advocate of art and foreign languages, we thank her for her contributions to the academy. We would also like to thank our Head Cook of 9 years, Mrs Maher for her hard work & dedication to the school, always making sure that our children were well fed and raring to go every afternoon! We wish her the very best of luck for the future and hope she has a happy retirement. On behalf of the entire school team, children & families (both past & present!), we would like to say a massive thank you for all of their hard work & commitment to Morley Place- they will be missed!

At the start of next year, we will be welcoming Mr Crofts into Y3 and Miss Watts in Y5. They both have already introduced themselves to children this term and have been a part of training with the staff team in preparation for September. We are looking forward to working with them both.

Our congratulations to Vice Principal Mrs Penny, who welcomed a beautiful baby girl in June. We hope that she has a lovely summer and enjoys spending it with the new addition to her family

A special thank you also to all of the school team, who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and given so much above and beyond for our pupils. This has been especially pertinent from March onwards, with many staff working tirelessly (often behind the scenes and without credit) throughout, including during what would have usually been school breaks and bank holidays. Without their dedication & commitment to the children & families of our community, we would not have been able to function under such difficult circumstances.

Start of Term 2020-21

The new academic year will commence for pupils from **Wednesday, 2nd September 2020**. For details of all of the current control measures and guidance for our full re-opening in September, please see part 2 of this update.

For those wishing to have a school dinner, these will be £2.30 per day / £11.50 per week (the first weeks payment will be 3 days at £6.90), paid via ParentPay please. Our Breakfast Club (7.30a.m - 8.30a.m) will restart from Monday, 7th September and can be booked from the first day back.

DELTA Uniform

Uniform is an important part of our academy identity- it reinforces who we are as a community and helps pupils to feel pride in their school. As it is so important, we would like to ensure that all children are in the correct uniform from September please. Uniform is available online at www.sptuniforms.co.uk Just follow the instructions from the home page to register for an account & click to select our academy from the 'primary school' tab. The Academy guidelines are as follows;

- **Plain white shirt / blouse / polo-shirt**
- **Royal Blue jumper / cardigan (V-Neck jumper with academy tie for Y6)**
- **Black trousers / pinafore dress / skirt / shorts / blue checked dress (summer term only!)**
- **White, black or grey socks**
- **Plain, all black shoes**

The expectation is that all of our children are in the correct uniform at all times and that we have a note from home on any occasion when they are not able to do so. Please may we also ask that children's names are written in all clothing to help ensure any misplaced items can be returned to their rightful owner! Our thanks in advance for your support for the high standards we wish to uphold.

Children, Parents, Carers & Families

On behalf of all of the Morley Place staff team, I would like to express our thanks and gratitude for your ongoing patience and support during this last term. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback and thanks we have received from families. The way in which you have adapted to the changing provision, supported online learning and communications has been fantastic. The children that have been able to attend school have also been amazing- they behaved exceptionally well in difficult circumstances and always maintained a positive attitude, doing all that was asked of them. Those efforts, alongside those of the staff team has made me exceptionally proud to be the Principal of Morley Place Academy. Thank you.

We look forward to a successful start to the new academic year in September and hope that we able to return to a better form of normality. Our best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P. Rust
Academy Principal