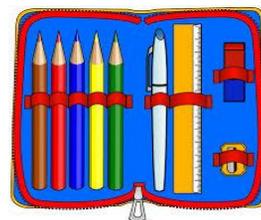




# Moor Allerton Hall Primary School

May 2017 - Summer Newsletter



## Message from Ms McKay

This has been, as always, a packed term with the national assessments for Year 2 and Year 6, and our visitors from OFSTED. The final inspectors' report is still with the inspection team, but we will publish it when it is released.

In between all of this, Reception have been to Temple Newsam farm, Year 2 have visited The Deep in Hull and Year 4 have been to two contrasting public gardens and had good weather on both days! We have also been involved in a range of sporting events in May, which you can read more about below.

Behind the scenes, school staff are preparing for the expansion of school in September when we will be welcoming 90 reception children and opening a 3<sup>rd</sup> reception class. You can read more about the expansion project later in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a relaxing week off. There's another exciting half term still to come.



Finally, in the context of the recent attack in Manchester, I am proud of the focus our school has upon respect and community. Moor Allerton Hall is a place where children and their families can make friends across the barriers that some would want us to form between our different cultures, religions and life experiences. As I shared with the older children on Tuesday, we combat this terror with defiant acts of kindness.



## Dates For Your Diary

Thu 25<sup>th</sup> May – Break up  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – Training day  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June – Back to school  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June – Shakespeare week  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Health week  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports day  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June – Book fair  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June – Bedtime stories  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July – FOMAH Bridlington beach trip  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July – FOMAH Summer fayre  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July – Pupil reports home to parents  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 performance  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Weds 26<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery closure days  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July – Break up

## Debating competition

We are delighted to report our huge success at the Leeds Primary Debating Competition. Both of our Year 6 teams stormed through the heats and it was a Moor Allerton Hall vs Moor Allerton Hall final. Our children were outstanding in all of their rounds and blew the judges and audience away with the quality of their arguments and amazing delivery. Well done debaters! We look forward to doing more debating with upper school next year.



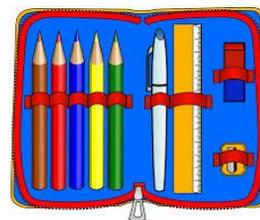
## Expansion project

We have informal plans for the building work which needs to be done over the summer. As soon as we have proper drawings, we will give families a chance to look at these. The main idea is for a new prefabricated block to be installed for Year 6. All of the year groups from Year 1 will move up a base in the school building to release the current Year 1 classrooms so the bigger reception intake can expand into that space in September. For health and safety reasons, the building work will not happen until the summer holiday, however, there will be a lot of movement throughout school towards the end of term. We will let you know of any disruption to normal routines as soon as we are able to.



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## May, the month of sporting events

### **Moor Allerton Hall local football champions:**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May both of our Year 5 and 6 football teams took part in the interschool primary football tournament at Roundhay High School. Both teams played well with Year 5 just being pipped at the post (literally with a cross bar bounce) to get into the semi-finals. However, Year 6 teamwork shone, winning 9 out of 9 games and becoming Year 6 Tournament Prize Winners 2017. Well done to all who took part.



**Kwik Cricket:** 8 lucky boys and girls had the chance to represent school at the Drax Kwik Cricket competition held at Alwoodley cricket ground on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**Live for Sport Event.** On 16<sup>th</sup> May, all of year 6 attended the Living for Sport event, Run by Sky Sports, to learn more about healthy lifestyles and enjoy a range of sporting activities at the John Charles Centre for Sport.



**'This girl can':** 10 of our year 6 girls had the opportunity to attend the Sport England 'This girl can' event on 18<sup>th</sup> May, getting their teeth into lots of physical activity.

**Multi-sports taster day:** A group of twenty-eight Year 4 children represented school at the Multi-sports day at Leeds Beckett university on 24<sup>th</sup> May. They received expert coaching in different sports including a choice of: basketball, American football, lacrosse, dodgeball, netball, squash, tennis, badminton, table tennis and athletics.

## Changes to staff

After half term, we will be pleased to see the phased return of Miss Richardson who is now recovered from her treatment and is excited to be returning to class 6. We are also delighted to welcome back Miss Kiernan, who returns from maternity leave, she will be taking over from Mrs Hyde in class 5 for the rest of the summer term. Mrs Hyde will be concentrating on school leadership as we prepare for expansion.

## Summer sun protection

As we enter the hotter months of the year, please can we remind all families to take serious skin protection for their children in the sunshine, regardless of your child's skin colour. We will be holding an assembly in June led by Yorkshire Cancer Research to inform children further about how to protect themselves, but we ask families to make sure their children have suitable hats, suncream and water bottles and that these are used. Can we also politely remind families that lost coats, jumpers, cardigans and hats are much easier to return to their owners if they are named. This is the time of year when outer clothes are often discarded in the heat and lost.

## Ramadan & Eid

We wish Ramadan Mubarak to all of our Muslim families at the important month of fasting which begins at the end of this week. We would like to remind you that only year 6 have permission to opt to fast in school during Ramadan. The days are too long at this time of year for younger children to take part. Any Year 6 children who want to fast need to get parental permission, see our Ramadan letter for more details. Can I also take this opportunity to remind families that children are only authorised to take two days off for religious reasons during the school year. Those who have already taken 1/2 religious days in the Autumn term - bear this in mind.