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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy academic year and we have had much to celebrate. Our children continue to be happy, resilient and keen learners and our school achieved our ‘good’ grade in our Ofsted inspection. Children have benefited from accessing lots of after-school clubs and visits outside of school due to our minibus being back on the road.

We continue to develop our children’s speaking and listening skills and understanding of key vocabulary and these will remain key priorities in September.

Our last day at school will be **Friday 19th July** **2024.**

Children will return to school on **Tuesday 3rd September** **2024.**

Punctuality and attendance are still vitally important and we will continue to monitor each child and their absences in line with new DfE guidance now and more so on our return to school in September.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new teachers Miss Szelejak who will be teaching in Year One and Mr Watson who will be teaching in Year Four. Also, Mrs Velastegui-Cortez our Finance Officer/Business Manager.

We would also like to say a fond farewell to some of our current staff.

Mrs Mallaburn will begin early retirement due to ill health. She has suffered with ongoing heart problems for a number of years. More recently, she has been diagnosed with Huntington’s disease. This is a challenging condition that stops parts of the brain working properly over time. To raise further awareness of the disease our next fundraising event will be linked to this.

Mrs Mallaburn has worked at Moorside for eighteen years and will be hugely missed by staff and children.

Miss Gaddes is leaving to teach in a school closer to home and we wish her well. We would also like to say good luck to Miss Gibson and Miss Tree who also have new jobs.

All children across the school are taking part in our transition week to get them ready for their classes in September. This is proving to be very successful and children appear to have settled well. Please note there is a lot of time and thought put into this and although one or two children will appear not to be happy as they are not with a friend this does work out in the end. Our key purpose is to make sure they get the best education possible and sometimes being with a particular friend does not always support their learning.

PE kits will be sent home on Wednesday and we would appreciate it if you could wash these and send your child back to school with them in September. Could you please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for their PE lessons as they will be unable to participate should there be a safety concern linked to footwear.

Children will need a bag on Wednesday to take their school books home with them and we are collecting book bags into school this year to ensure they are ready in September when we return. We will not be sending them home after Tuesday. They will be stored in school until September and passed on to their new teacher.

Uniform has been recently delivered and is available to buy at the school office. Children must wear uniforms to show that they are part of our school community and feel a sense of belonging.

We are happy to share with you that Governors have agreed for those paying for school lunches, that the school will subsidise the additional costs, meaning that your child will only pay £1.00 for a school meal daily.

Could we also remind you that due to our ‘Poverty Proofing’ policy, children are not required to bring in their own water bottles, pencils or pens and they do not need pencil cases in school. All children will be provided with the necessary equipment at the beginning of the new academic year.

This year as a school we have spent a phenomenal amount of money on spare clothes for children needing to be changed and the clothes have not been returned to school. We cannot continue to do this and we need your support with this.

School vouchers will be available at the end of the week and our summer newsletter and you should get a copy of the calendar for this year with all staff training days and bank holidays.

Family learning workshops and consultations have been very successful this year and we are aiming to continue this in 2024-2025, look out for leaflets and letters explaining what workshops are available to sign up for.

In September all of the work that has been ongoing the last few months should be completed and we are hoping to invite Parents/Carers in to have a look around and to meet staff where possible.

We would like to take this opportunity and wish all of Year Six every success as they move onto their secondary school in September.

On behalf of all the staff and the Governing Body, we wish you a happy and safe summer holiday, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher