



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 17 April 2023

Welcome back to Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the last day of term, I was overwhelmed with the magnificent exhibits that were submitted for the Spring Term Mason Moor Museum. It filled me with so much pride to see pupils beaming as they showed significant adults their work up on display. The purpose of the museum is to enable pupils to demonstrate an aspect of their newly acquired knowledge or skills. We have our final museum exhibition on the last day of the school year – let's make it the best one yet!

Parent Survey

On the last day of term, we asked you to complete parental survey forms to provide feedback on your experience as a family member here. Comparing this to the Summer Term 2022, we have seen a 30-40% satisfaction-rate increase across all but one of the criteria - with over 90% for most areas. 134 forms completed. Thank you so much for your feedback and your continued support - a copy of the results:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	No answer
1. My child is happy at this school.	49%	46%	4%	1%	-	-
2. My child feels safe at this school.	57%	37%	6%	-	-	-
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	43%	48%	9%	-	-	-
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	27%	31%	11%	5%	6%	20%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	45%	47%	7%	1%	-	-
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	34%	46%	7%	6%	1%	-
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (yes or no)	Yes		33%	No		67%
If yes, how strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'	10%	20%	5%	10%	-	55%
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	46%	48%	4%	1%	-	1%
9. My child does well at this school.	53%	44%	3%	-	-	-
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	47%	42%	10%	2%	-	-
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	52%	47%	1%	-	-	-
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	58%	37%	2%	-	-	2%
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	51%	42%	6%	-	-	2%
14. I would recommend this school to another parent. (yes or no)	Yes		87%	No		13%



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Clearly an area of concern for you, and for us to investigate further, is the perception of 'bullying' across the school. It was a surprise to see this given the very-low numbers of reported bullying incidents this academic year – compared to last. In fact, during our PSHE learning we have been investigating, termly, 'feeling safe' with few children expressing concern. Nevertheless, we are keen to work on this to further improve your child's experience.



Mason Moor is pleased to have joined 'The Diana Trust' anti-bullying alliance – with the aim of supporting some of our victims (and perpetrators) of bullying to become 'ambassadors' to help their peers in the future. Teachers and wider support teams also have training booked in May to help identify and classify bullying and we will hold workshops with parents too! We will share lots more information with you.

On our website you can find information about our school's approach to anti-bullying. Including the school's policy, which outlines how we deal with cases and the links to our Diana Trust work.

<https://www.masonmoorprimary.co.uk/page/?title=BEHAVIOUR+AT+MASON+MOOR&pid=36>

A reminder to parents that bullying is not considered a one-off event. Although it is distressing for a child to experience name-calling or physical chastisement – and we are resolute that any incident is dealt with by staff robustly – our definition of bullying is 'the repetitive intentional hurting of one person'. Therefore, if a child has said something to a peer that has upset them and they have come home to tell you – this would not be considered a bullying incident.

What is my child learning? Summer Term Curriculum Maps

On our website, under the 'Parents' tap and in 'News and Newsletters' you can find your child's Curriculum and Learning Journey for the current term. This provides key information related to learning across the curriculum to support your understanding at home.

In addition, for those interested in starting the Summer Museum Project now, we also have published the Summer Term Knowledge Organisers for each curricula area. Again, with useful information related to key vocabulary, significant people and knowledge we want pupils to know and remember.

Staffing Update

Mrs Benfield will be shortly starting her maternity leave. Mrs Benfield will be leaving in the Summer Term but intends to return to us at the end of the Autumn Term (December 2023).

I am pleased to have appointed a new teacher to take over Year 5 – Mr Russell Taylor. Mr Taylor is an experienced Year 6 teacher from Hampshire, currently teaching at a Junior School. He will be leading on Mathematics at Mason Moor.

Mr Taylor will also follow Year 5 into Year 6 – providing them with the best stability possible as they prepare for the transition to the next phase of education.





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Parents and carers of children in Year 4 will also see a new face in May, as we welcome Ms Alana Broomhall as Year 4 Class Teacher. She will replace Mr Blackall who has returned to secondary teaching after providing two-terms of cover. Ms Broomhall is currently working at Highfield CE Primary School, she too has experience in delivering to Year 6 so will be able to utilise her skillset well in giving our Year 4 children the best Quality of Education. To bridge the transition, pupils are being taught by Mr Spiers – who has been co-teaching in Year 4 during the last term.



Mrs Hutchinson (currently seconded to teach at Mason Moor from St. Mary's this academic year) will be shortly leaving us to become a Mum too! I am thrilled for her, and her husband, who have been longing to become parents for as long as I have known them.

Parents Evening – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday 23rd Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 on Thursday 25th may

Advance notice for parents of this term's Parent's Evening. Information will be shared about your child's successes and achievements; you will have the opportunity to see their books and to ask any questions you may have.

Appointments for parents evening will be made via the class teacher at home time. Parents of those with Special Educational Needs may be able to speak to Mr Benfield, the SENCo, to address any questions you have in relation to your child's progress – this will be alongside the class teacher where possible.

I know that is a lot of information to digest – and we will keep you up-to-date in the weekly Newsletter. Which we share on facebook @MasonMoorPrimary, as well as on our website (www.masonmoorprimary.co.uk) and via email.

With best wishes – thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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