

## Head Teacher's Message:



As we come to the end of the academic year I wanted to say a sincere thank you to our wonderful children, our extremely hard working staff, dedicated governors and to parents who help us in so many different ways.

These are very exciting times at Moor Hall School. We are making changes to the EYFS indoor and outdoor area in order to create an environment where the highest possible quality of learning is facilitated. During the holidays work will take place at the entrance to the school so that we have wider path access and most importantly a safer gating system that will allow direct access to the new school office.

The new build is on schedule and provides us with fabulous opportunities. This includes a hall extension, a new library area, our wildlife garden and the opportunity for children to work in a modern classroom environment. The new build has created an opportunity for a vision for Moorhens so that children will be able to access a range of 'zonal areas'. This includes the new library, an enclosed outdoor zone, a play area and the existing ICT suite.

All the structural improvements have received funding from Birmingham City Council and Sutton Municipal Charities. We now have choices to make about how we are going to improve the resources that will go into these beautiful new areas.

Whilst all this is happening, there has been a determination for key events to still take place.

Sports Days were a great success and we enjoyed the lovely sunshine too. Year 6 hosted our annual Community Tea and the PA made the Summer Fair a great success, with £2,000 raised for school equipment. We are all very grateful to members of the PA who work tirelessly.



### EYFS Improvements

If you have any queries or concerns during the time of this work, and whilst school is closed, please do let Honeybourne's know directly on 0121 355 5126 or by email to [info@Honeybourne.uk.com](mailto:info@Honeybourne.uk.com). We will be welcoming our new children into school on Monday 10th September. The rest of the school children are to be back in school on Wednesday 5th September.

### Expansion Update

Balfour Beatty will be bringing in the concrete foundations and putting in the steel frame for the classroom block during the summer holidays. We should really see it taking shape when we return to school in September.

### SATs

Children in Year 2 and Year 6 have now completed their SATs and I am very proud with how they approached the tests. This year, at the end of KS2 children, will be leaving Moor Hall with exceptionally high levels of attainment. They are now ready to move to their new schools and I am thrilled they have been able to demonstrate all that they have learnt during their time at Moor Hall.



Whilst attainment is a key aspect of our vision for the Moor Hall Child, the children have grown in confidence, maturity and have been able to access a range of opportunities during their time at Moor Hall School that promote health and responsibility.

### Reading Challenge

Well done to all of the children who have been taking part in our Reading Challenge. We had a special assembly last week to celebrate this great initiative. During the period of the challenge there were over 2,400 books read.



Finally, I would like to wish you and all our children a relaxing, happy and sunny summer break.

*Andrew Steggall*

## ICT Tip

Always use strict privacy settings on apps and websites that you use. When signing up for a website or app, establish privacy preferences immediately and check them regularly. The default settings are usually not enough for most people. On most of today's popular apps you can control things like who can see what you post, who can contact you, and whose posts you can see. If you're unsure. [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) has some tips on privacy settings to help you along the way.

## Safety over the summer

We would like to take the opportunity in our last newsletter before the summer to raise awareness with parents and children of simple measures to take to help stay safe.

Wrap, Splat, Hat is an initiative run by Garnier Amber So-laire in association with the British Skin Foundation. Please remember to:

Wrap up in a t-shirt, shorts and sun glasses  
Splat on the sun screen and keep re-applying  
Hat—wear a sun hat

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/wrap-splat-hat/>

During this period of hotter weather we would like to remind parents of the Water Safety Code which gives clear guidance and can be summarised as:

### Spot the Dangers

Learn about the safety advice given on noticeboards, signs or flags

Go to locations with water with an adult

Learn how to help people who get into difficulty.

Further details on the Water Safety Code can be accessed via - <https://www.rospa.com/leisure-safety/water/advice/children-young-people/>

We always include ICT Tips in our newsletter but specifically over the holiday period please make sure your children are safe online.

Internet matters.org is a well-recognised and up-to-date source of information for parents and schools regarding the ever changing nature of social media applications, online gaming etc. There is age-related guidance which is extremely useful as well as how to use parental controls to manage your child's usage of the internet. Further information can be accessed here : <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

## Have you got your tickets.....

To the Year 6 end of school production FRIEND OR FOE. The children have been working very hard and this promises to be an amazing production.

Tickets are £5 each for Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th July and are available from school.

The performances start at 7pm.

## Head Teacher's Golden Tea

Well done to those children, chosen by our Lunchtime Staff for excellent behaviour, who shared an afternoon tea with Mr Steggall. This is always a special time for the children and for Mr Steggall.



## July

18th and 19th—Year 6 Performance

20th—Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Year 6 Leavers Lunch

20th—Last day of school for children

## September

3rd—Inset Day

4th—Inset Day

5th—School opens for all children except Ladybirds

10th—School opens for new Ladybirds



INSET DAYS for 2018/19:

3rd & 4th September 2018.

7th January 2019

29th April 2019

22nd July 2019.

## Summer Holiday Activities:

We have been sent details of activities for:

- Sutton Libraries
- Aston Villa Soccer School

The flyers for these are on our correspondence page:

<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/correspondence>

- Arthur Terry Summer Schools from age 8—14
- [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

## Wildlife Garden Opening

We are delighted that our wildlife garden has now been formally opened by children, helpers and guests. All the school congregated outside the garden and the members of the Wildlife Garden cut the red ribbon.

Our guests included the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield, Mr Fisher from the RSPB and our chair of governors Mrs Garrington. After the ribbon was cut every adult and child walked through the beautiful garden, spotting butterflies and bugs on the way.



## Missing Guitar

Please could I ask that all guitar players have a look to see if they have taken a school guitar home by mistake. We are one missing in school. It is in a black carrier with a brown label marked 'school' attached to it. If you do find it, please could you return it to school? Many thanks.