

Summer 2

Smawthorne Henry Moore Academy Newsletter



As another wonderful school year comes to a close, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on just how much we have achieved together. It has been a year filled with learning, laughter, growth and unforgettable experiences, and we could not be prouder of every single one of our children.

Throughout the year, our pupils have embraced every opportunity that has come their way. We have enjoyed an incredible range of school visits and enrichment experiences, creating memories that will stay with our children for years to come. Highlights have included our unforgettable Key Stage 2 visit to London, four fantastic Sports Days celebrating participation, teamwork and determination, another brilliant Summer Festival bringing our school community together, our magical Polar Express Day, our very first French Day for Key Stage 2, and so many other exciting opportunities throughout the year.

These experiences are such an important part of life at our school, helping our children to grow in confidence, curiosity and independence. We couldn't be prouder of everything we have achieved together and are already looking forward to building on this even further next year.

Alongside these memorable experiences, we have continued to strengthen our teaching and learning through our partnership with Accomplish. This year, we have developed many elements of our core offer, including the Accomplish approaches and our focus on Doing the Basics Brilliantly. These approaches ensure that children develop secure foundations in every classroom.

One example of this is Team Stop, a consistent strategy that is now used throughout our school, from the Rainbow Room and Nursery all the way through to Year 6. We have also introduced the Read With Rule, supporting children's reading accuracy and fluency by encouraging them to keep track of the text as they read. These consistent approaches are already making a real difference. Next year, we will continue to revisit and embed them so they become second nature for all our learners. Accomplish will also be introducing key assessment strategies, helping us to deepen our understanding of every child's learning and ensuring we can support them to achieve their very best.

As we reflect on this term, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff, our amazing children, and our wider community of parents and carers. Your continued encouragement, support and partnership make such a difference, and together we have created a school community that we are incredibly proud of.



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This year, we also say thank you to some very special members of staff whose contributions have been recognised in our end-of-year booklet. We thank Mrs Robson, Mrs Howell, Mrs Schofield and Mrs Stevens for everything they have given to our school, and we wish Miss Drabble all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We have also been fortunate to welcome Miss Karlsson this term, who joined us from our Accomplish partner school, Jerry Clay Academy. She has worked exceptionally hard to support our Year 6 children in preparation for their SATs, and we are extremely grateful for her dedication and expertise.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to welcome Miss Hill, who will be joining our Year 1 team, and Miss Sharp, who will be joining our Reception team. We know they will be wonderful additions to our school family.

This year has also seen significant investment in our school building. Thanks to the excellent work of Accomplish, important structural improvements have been made to help preserve and develop our beautiful 1914 school building. We have celebrated the opening of our own school meals kitchen and our wonderful new support space, The Learning Lounge, both of which are already making a positive impact on our children's daily experiences.

The work continues over the summer as we move into the next phase of improvements. This includes new flooring and decoration in our two Reception classrooms, the creation of another SEND support space called The Bridge, and a major fire safety project involving new fire alarms, fire doors and improvements to parts of the building's structure. While every effort will be made to minimise disruption, you may notice a few changes when we return in September. These improvements are essential and will help ensure our school continues to provide the very best environment for our children for many years to come.

Finally, thank you once again for your unwavering support throughout another successful year. It has been a privilege to watch our children grow, achieve and flourish. We are so proud of every one of them and cannot wait to see what next year will bring.

We wish all of our children, families and friends a happy, safe and restful summer holiday. Enjoy every moment, make wonderful memories together, and we look forward to welcoming you back with open arms in September for another fantastic year.

On behalf of the Governors and the Staff Team

Warm regards, Mrs Dixon



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Diary dates for Autumn 1 half term:

Here are some key dates coming up!

Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September: INSET days – school open to staff only.

Wednesday 2 September: Pre-visit for invited children, 2.00pm.

Thursday 3 September: School re-opens for all full-time children.

Thursday 3 September: Induction sessions for new to nursery and pre-school children, 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Friday 4 September: School re-opens for all part-time children.

Thursday 17 September: Accomplish Artist working with Year 2.

Thursday 1 October: Black history month.

Thursday 1 October: Islam assembly for KS2 and Year 5 workshops.

Monday 12 October: Year 1 local walk, PM.

Tuesday 13 October: Year 1 local walk PM.

Tuesday 13 October: Year 4 visit to Murton Park.

Thursday 15 October: Year 4 visit to Murton Park.

Monday 19 October: Year 1 reading café.

Tuesday 20 October: Year 2 reading café.

Tuesday 20 October: Year 6 visit to Eden Camp.

Thursday 22 October: Individual and family group photographs.

Thursday 22 October: Halloween social.

Friday 23 October: School closes at 3.15pm for half term.

