

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Issue: 1

Dear Parents,

Well we are raring to go for our first full week back this term... we hope the children enjoyed their first few days, getting to know their teachers and new routines.

After school clubs will also begin this week.... Most clubs finish at 4.30pm. We also have our Buddies club up and running, which has had a super make over during the holidays! It is a more homely, relaxed environment and we have a varied tea time menu with hot snacks as well as cold. The timetable for buddies is as follows (although other activities will also run alongside these):

Monday – Cooking/baking

Tuesday – Crafts

Wednesday – Gardening and outdoor activities

Thursday - Film night

It is **really** important that children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1-5 are collected by an adult at the end of school from the school playground. This is to keep all children safe. Children in Year 6 **ONLY** can leave the premises without an adult. If you have made alternative arrangements for collecting your child, or have arranged different child care throughout the week, our class teachers need to be aware. You can either let them know personally at the end of the day or inform their teaching assistant on the door in the morning. Alternatively, you can contact the school office.

In other news

We will be raising money for 2 charities over the next fortnight.



Jeans for Genes day is on **Friday 21st September**.

This is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder. Monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day fund the work of the charity and provide grants to organisations for projects that aim to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders.



We will also be holding our Macmillan coffee morning event on **Friday 28th September at 2.15pm**.

More information about the events will be shared in due course, but we look forward to welcoming you to school, if you can make it.

The Friends of Moorside had their first meeting last Wednesday and have some fabulous ideas for this year. Don't forget, you are welcome to join them if you can help in any way. Please catch Thea Tomkins, Lyndsay Campbell, Claire Gorman, Debi Pickard, Vicki Preston, Dawn Baldwin or Marianne Bainbridge on the playground if you're interested!

Finally, we will be sharing further information with you regarding the proposed amalgamation of Moorside Infant and Moorside Junior Schools this week. There will be a public meeting about this on 3rd October at 6.30pm at school, but if you have any questions or concerns before then, I will make myself available and do my very best to answer them. We are on a very exciting journey at Moorside and it is really important that we work together to secure the best futures for our children.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Rowett

Class Updates

Nursery – In Nursery this week, we're thinking about families! We will talk about the people you might have in your family and how all families are different. We will also focus on families in the stories we read. Please send in a family photo for us to talk about and add to our family display.

Reception – This week is all about 'Ourselves'. In order to get to know the children we will be encouraging the children to draw and talk about their own families. We will be looking at how we all have similarities and differences such as "I have blonde hair like you but I have blue eyes and you have brown eyes". We will link this to Maths by comparing our height and length of hair for example.

Year 1 - This week in Year 1, we will be having a castle experience to begin our 'Castle and Dragons' Topic. The children will be completing exciting activities, such as learning jester tricks and making shields! This all links to our new class text, 'The Knight and the Dragon'.

Year 2 – In Year 2 we are very excited to launch our new topic, Castles and Dragons this week. We will be designing and making crowns to wear on our launch afternoon where we will create shields and clay pots. We will even have a go at jousting and juggling! In Maths we are continuing our work on place value and will be creating different numbers using the story 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab.' In Literacy we will be using the text 'The Knight and the Dragon' to write character descriptions using adjectives.

Year 3 – In Year 3, we are learning about place value in Maths using practical equipment to help solve problems. In English, we are reading the BFG by Roald Dahl. In Science, we are learning about what lies beneath our feet. This is a text focus topic, which will investigate rocks and fossils.

Year 4 - In Year 4, we are solving real world problems using place value. In English, we are starting our class text of the BFG with our focus being on prepositions to aid our descriptions. In PE, we are starting small sided possession games in preparation to play Netball and other invasion games.

Year 5 – This week we will be beginning our class text and building on the ideas we came up with from looking at the front cover. We will be locating countries and capital cities to help us understand where the war took place. We will be investigating the value of digits and ordering and rounding in Maths. We will also be looking ahead to our author visit and thinking of lots of questions we can ask him about his book.

Year 6 – This week, we will be writing a blurb to encourage people to read our new class text and using our inference skills to discuss characters and their motives. We will be discussing making the right choices in PHSCE, also linked to the text. We will be using our geography mapping skills to plan pilot routes from Germany to England and investigating fossils in Science. We will be planning questions to ask the author of our text in preparation for his upcoming visit.

School Meals

Please remember school meals need to be paid for IN ADVANCE! If you are in receipt of any of the following, you may be entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please pop into the school office for a form if you think you may qualify.

Attendance

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.91	95.00	96.00	95.83	96.88	98.53	99.00

Diary Dates

18 th - 21 st September 2018	Book Fair
Friday 21 st September	Jeans for Genes day
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee morning
8 th – 12 th October 2018	Year 6 – East Barnby Residential
Friday 26 th October 2018	Break-up for Half term
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	Back to School