

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well...there's a definite feel of Autumn in the air..... we even had to put the heating on last week! It was brilliant that the children supported 'Jeans for Genes' day on Friday and we are pleased that we raised £155.00 for an extremely worthy charity. Thank you for your kind donations.



We are supporting the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' this Friday in aid of Macmillan.

Please join us in the Infant hall at 2.15pm for lots of cake, where the children's artwork inspired by European artists (which is our focus for the European day of languages on Tuesday) will be displayed.

The amalgamation news for both schools was shared last Friday through a range of media portals. The consultation link is now live on our school website and you should have received an email link as well as a paper copy of the consultation documents. This is to ensure that you have the opportunity to ask any questions about the proposal and feedback your comments and/or concerns. You can raise any queries and questions with me, the governors and the Local Authority, who are leading the consultation. They will be present at the public meeting on 3.10.18 at 6.30pm in the Junior school hall. This is a huge piece of work, but as ever, our focus continues to be the children, their education and well-being. It is and will be business as usual in school until there is a decision made on the outcome of the consultation. Throughout the process, the children MUST come first and it is my role in school to ensure that this is the case. You are always welcome to catch me on the playground, call me at school or make an appointment to come in if you would like a chat.

Reading cafes begin again this week. Key Stage one parents, grandparents, friends, brothers and sisters are all welcome for a cuppa and a biscuit to share a book or a reading activity tomorrow (Tuesday) in the Infant school at 3.15pm. Junior siblings are also welcome and we can bring them to you at the end of the day! For the first time ever, we are holding a KS2 reading café in the Junior building on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm.



Please enter the schools through your child's usual entrances for these events and enjoy sharing some reading time together. This is also an opportunity for you to say hello to their class teachers and visit your child's classroom. We hope that this is a success and aim to hold a reading café at the end of every month....

Have a super week everyone, I look forward to seeing you for coffee and cake sometime/somewhere...

Mrs Rowett

## Class Updates

Nursery – In Nursery, we are thinking about Houses and Homes. We will be talking about what rooms there are in our houses, what we do in them and who lives with us. We're also working hard to make some beautiful pieces of art for you to enjoy at the MacMillan coffee morning on Friday!

Reception – This week the Spark is 'Vehicles'. We will be exploring what lots of different vehicles do and compare the similarities and differences of them. The children will have opportunities to draw and label their favourite vehicles. In Maths this week we are comparing numbers. We will look at 2 numbers and find out which one is bigger by showing the numbers in objects, using Numicon and building towers.

Year 1 – This week in Year 1, we will be starting a new text in Literacy called 'Princess Smartypants'. We will also be developing our artistic skills by re-creating a piece of art by Pablo Picasso. These will be on display for you to see at the Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Friday.

Year 2 – In Year 2 we are continuing with our story 'Princess Smartypants'. We will be writing a sequel to the story about when Smartypants becomes Queen. In Maths we are beginning to investigate addition and will be using a new word, commutative! We will prove that addition can be calculated both ways round but subtraction cannot. It's the first Reading Cafe of the year after school tomorrow. We hope you can join us and are looking forward to sharing our class books with you.

Year 3 – In Year 3, we are learning about statements in Literacy, to help us describe the BFG. In Maths, we are solving problems using our place value skills and in Science, we are planting cress seeds and hoping they grow using different soils from different locations.

Year 4 – In Year 4, the children are learning about expanded noun phrases in preparation for writing a 'missing person poster'. In Maths, we are using concrete resources to further embed our knowledge of place value. On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4's will have their topic Launch Day, where we will be having a Continental Breakfast for European day of languages. We are all very excited about this.

Year 5 – In Year 5 this week, we will be writing and editing our air-raid diary entries before beginning our World War Two recipes. We will also be continuing with our place value theme, where we will be working with negative numbers. In Science, we will be investigating fossils and our topic learning will take us to Germany this week.

Year 6 – This week, we are recreating art by the European artist, Bob Barker, to display at Friday's MacMillan Coffee afternoon. We will also be using our understanding of wartime rations to create some treats for everyone to enjoy at our Key Stage 2 reading cafe this Thursday! In preparation for our author visit next week, we will be writing and rehearsing interview questions, ready to film during his visit. Watch out for his interview, hosted by the Year 6 children on our school's Facebook page after the 5th October! In Maths, we are continuing to develop our place value understanding by investigating negative numbers and factors. We will be planning and drafting our diary entries this week too, describing life during the war through a child's eyes.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.06	91.99	95.86	95.98	93.30	95.69	97.43

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.82	85.50	94.80	97.08	92.08	93.55	97.08

**Diary Dates**

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	2.15pm - Macmillan Coffee afternoon
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Author visiting school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Public meeting for proposed amalgamation - 6.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Mara- Kenyan Storyteller to visit KS1 and 2 for Black History Month
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Year 6 – East Barnby Residential
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half term
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Back to School