

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well we did have a busy week last week. Two Ofsted inspectors visited the Infant school on Wednesday and Thursday and will send their report to us within the next 4 weeks. Thank you very much to everyone who completed the parent view questionnaire and to our children who were extremely welcoming, polite and friendly. The children in Key Stage 1 did a fantastic Harvest assembly on Friday morning. Their singing was particularly beautiful and they showed some super confidence in reading their lines aloud in front of so many people - It was really great to see so many faces there supporting them.

Next stop....Halloween!! The Friends of Moorside are organising our Halloween disco for tomorrow afternoon. Both discos will take place in the Junior school hall. Infants at 4.15pm until 5.45pm and Juniors at 6.00pm until 7.30pm. Please come and support this fun event.... £2.50 entry.

Lots of plans are currently being put in place for AFTER half term. Letters are going home to parents this week for the children in Years 2 to 6 to be part of the civic parade on Remembrance Sunday. Also, there is a visit to Eden camp planned for all the children in Key Stage 2 on the 12th November. We thought that it would be appropriate to organise their trip close to Armistice day as part of the children's learning about World War 2.

There is lots to celebrate as we approach the end of the children's first half term in their new classes. Our children in Reception have been amazing little new starters and are adjusting well to their longer days in a new environment for them. We have done some great fundraising for different charities; Macmillan and Jeans for Genes, the children have had visitors to school to inspire them in their reading and writing and we have celebrated and created art by famous artists across Europe. We have also had a school visit to East Barnby, for children to challenge themselves with new outdoor sports, as well as lessons in Forest Schools, making towers, dens and fires collaboratively. Our nurture team have worked exceptionally hard to set up this year's provision, which has supported children with their resilience and well-being. The teachers have worked tirelessly to get to know the children in their new classes and plan lessons to inspire and challenge them.

Thank you for coming to support our events- we know that it is not always possible with work and child care commitments, but we hope that lots of you have found the phonics and reading sessions useful in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. We look forward to welcoming you into school towards the end of the term for parent consultation meetings to share your children's learning. Thank you also for your hard work and effort in supporting your child with their homework tasks and HIGH 5 reading at home. Some FABULOUS creations have come into school....the standard just keeps improving term after term.

I hope that you all have a safe and happy half term break.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Rowett

PE Kits

Please can you make sure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. It is also getting colder so tracksuits and warm clothes are very much advised. Thank you.

Class Updates

Nursery - We're thinking about Halloween this week. We're reading 'Meg and Mog' and making potions. We hope that you'll be able to join us at 11.15am on Friday - we'll be singing our Autumn songs for our grown-ups!

Reception – The Spark this week in Reception is 'Halloween'. We have lots of Halloween activities going on such as scooping out the insides of pumpkins, making potions in the water, writing words linked to Halloween and counting with spiders!

Year 1 – This week in Year 1, we will be doing some baking and then the children will write a set of instructions about what they have made. We will also be designing our Christmas cards ready to be sent off and will also complete some writing! Children will continue to be able to make dragons and draw castles in areas of the classroom, along with other activities.

Year 2 – In Literacy this week Year 2 are continuing with the story 'The Queen's Hat'. We are using the story line to create our own story where the Queen loses something else! We will have great fun deciding what else she can lose and where that item will go. Maybe it will float over Ripon - who knows! When we are writing our stories we will be showing off all the exciting nouns, adjectives and punctuation we have learnt throughout our time in Year 2. In Maths we have worked really hard on bar models and using equipment to subtract numbers. This week we are proving our understanding by answering lots of problem solving questions, where we will decide what resources we need and what pictures we can draw to support our understanding. Dare we say the Ch****mas word? Look out for some amazing card designs!

Year 3 - In Year 3 this week, the children will be facing some Place Value challenges in Maths. In Science, we will be completing our work on fossils which has been very exciting. The children will be preparing work for our Black History assembly on Wednesday. In PE, the children will have their final lesson on Netball, they have been phenomenal at it!

Year 4 - In Year 4 we have a busy week ahead of us. In Maths we are continuing to look at using column addition and subtraction to help us solve problems. In Literacy we are also continuing our work on recopies in the hope of creating our own perfect pizzas. We will also be bringing our topic 'Does it matter where we come from?' to an end before moving on to look at World War 2 after half term.

Year 5 – This week Year 5 will be writing their diary entries as part of Black History month. In Maths, they will be rounding numbers up to 1 million and finding decimal equivalents. In Topic the children will be presenting their slide shows about different cities across the UK and sharing the human and physical characteristics which they have researched.

Year 6 – This week, we will be completing our diary entries to show our understanding of how Apartheid affected the lives of children in Africa and sharing our work in assembly on Wednesday. In Science, we will be continuing to look at how animals have adapted to survive in their habitats and in Maths, we will be looking at comparing and ordering fractions. Another busy week to end the half term!

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.84	92.07	94.88	97.18	94.55	95.80	97.12

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.98	100.00	96.00	100.00	99.58	96.18	93.60

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23 rd October	Halloween Disco – Infants 4.15pm–5.45pm & Juniors 6.00pm–7.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd October	Phonics meeting for Nursery parents at 11.45am
Friday 26 th October	Nursery – Autumn songs 11.15am
Friday 26 th October	Individual School Photographs
Friday 26 th October	Break-up for Half term
Tuesday 6 th November	Back to School
Monday 12 th November	KS2 Eden Camp trip