

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Things are getting busy as we cruise into the Christmas season at Moorside. The dates for all the performances were on the last newsletter... I do hope that as many of you can attend as possible.

We had a fantastic Showcase in Key Stage 1 on Thursday when the children in Year 1 and 2 taught parents, grandparents, friends and other family members all about castles and dragons, to show off their learning in Geography and History. I was so impressed with all the homework projects on display, as well as writing linked to the stories they have read and science work. They also sang some super songs with actions! A really enjoyable morning – thank you to the staff and children for organising! There are some lovely photos on our school Facebook page.

It's assessment week at Moorside this week.... we will be using reading and maths tests as well as teacher assessments to measure the progress that children have made this term in Reading, Writing, Maths, Spelling and Grammar. We will be able to share the outcomes with you at parents evenings next week. The online system is now closed. Please see your child's class teacher to book a time if you haven't done so already.

On Friday, a team of gymnasts from Key Stage 1 will be representing Moorside in a competition at Outwood Greystones. We wish them lots of luck and hope they enjoy taking part.

It's Reading Cafes tomorrow in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. If you can, come along and enjoy a cuppa and a story or an activity linked to reading with your child(ren)... we have a range of strategies in place to try and grow a love of reading, as some children really find it hard to select books to read and even harder to finish them! You are welcome to borrow a book from our library if you find one together that you might like to complete at home!

There are lots of adults in school if you have any questions or queries, or would like to raise any concerns about your child's learning or well-being. I will always do my very best to make myself available, however sometimes I am in meetings or not in school.

Please try your child's class teacher **first** or alternatively,

Mrs Jackson, our Early Years Leader and in charge of Safeguarding with Miss Ryder in the EYFS and KS1.

Miss Ryder, our SENCo and Key Stage 1 Leader (for information about Years 1 and 2)

Miss Rogan, our Key Stage 2 Leader (for information about Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Mrs Price, our Parent Support Advisor and in charge of Safeguarding in Key Stage 2 and attendance across both schools.

If there are any changes to your circumstances at home (no matter how small), it really helps us to look after your children if we know about it.

Many thanks and have a good week,

Mrs Rowett

Christmas Fair

The man in red is making a special appearance at our Christmas Fair with an impressive entrance on his sl..... mode of transport, kindly lent to us by the Lions club! This is of course our best kept secret at Moorside (shhshh), but if your children would like to pay him a visit, even if they are a bit small for school, he will be with us from approximately 2.20pm onwards.

KS2 Christmas Play Costumes

We will be holding auditions for the school play this week... if your child is in the choir, we would really appreciate it if they could wear the same costumes that they wore to Eden Camp. They did look fantastic! They will need to be in school by Monday 10th December in a named bag for our dress rehearsals. If you have any problems, just let us know and we will find them an alternative.

If they do have a role with lines, we will provide a script for them and would really appreciate it if you could help them with learning lines at home. Many thanks.

Class Updates

Nursery – In Nursery this week, we are continuing to explore shape; we are learning about squares, triangles, circles and rectangles. Have a look at 'The Singing Walrus' shape song on YouTube, and go for a shape hunt at home or outside - Mrs Jackson and Miss Lile would love to hear what shapes you've found and where! If you can bring in a shape or a photo of the shapes you've found, we can add it to our shape display. We are also going to start practicing the songs for our Nativity play - be prepared to hear them a lot! We will have a Family Friday this week - please join us at 11.15am.

Reception – Our 'Spark' in Reception this week is 'dinosaurs'. We have a new explorers roleplay area and the children will be drawing and labelling their own dinosaurs. In Maths this week we are moving onto subtraction and using dinosaurs as objects to help us learn how to takeaway.

Year 1 – Another busy week in Year 1 - we will be undertaking some assessments this week to track the progress the children have made so far this term. A new book is being introduced this week - Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake. Inspired by the story, we will be making and decorating chocolate buns to enjoy and then writing instructions for others to follow. In Maths we are continuing to focus on place value and multiplication.

Year 2 – In Maths this week we are continuing with multiplication and will be looking at how we can draw a pictorial representation to help us answer worded problems. In Literacy we will rewrite the story 'Guess What I found in Dragon Wood.' We are hoping to be brilliant authors so we can share our stories with another class! Our Nativity practices continue. It's getting close now and we are starting to get excited!

Year 3 - In Year 3 this week, we will be looking at types of food we need as well as foods other animals need. It is Assessment week and it is a great chance for our children to show how much they have progressed since the start of the year. We will continue to learn songs around our end of term production.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 is Assessment week. We will be checking our understanding of all the things we have learnt since September. In Topic we are going to look at why the war created rationing and the impact that had on people's lives. We are going to continue our work around animals including humans with Mr Price, this week's focus is 'What food do we need to survive'? Children will investigate how this may differ from species to species.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 the children will be becoming journalists and will use their skills to write a newspaper reports about The Blitz during World War 2. They will be continuing to use all four operations in Maths, learning about multiples and factors. In Science, the class will be studying the stages of human development and looking at the stages of development in babies and young children. Year 5 will also be doing their termly assessments throughout the week in Spelling, Grammar, Maths and Reading.

Year 6 – This week is assessment week; we will be completing a PIRA and PUMA assessment and having a go at some past SATS papers to give the children a chance to experience what they will be like. We will also be editing and improving our Blitz newspaper articles and writing a final draft ready to share at our Reading Cafe on Tuesday. In Science, we will be starting our topic on the human circulatory system. In Maths, we will be continuing to use formal written methods for multiplication and division, using estimating to help us determine whether our answers seem accurate. Play rehearsals are also underway!

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.92	93.73	95.21	97.64	95.68	97.26	97.13

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.42	96.50	92.00	98.33	95.42	97.88	96.00

Diary Dates

Tuesday 27 th November	Reading Café from 3.15pm in the Infants and 3.20pm in the Juniors
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Fair – 2.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
Friday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity – 2.00pm
Friday 14 th December	Save the Children’s Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17 th December	EYFS Nativity 9.30am – Tea/Coffee in the hall from 9.00am
Monday 17 th December	KS2 Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	EYFS Nativity 9.30am – Tea/Coffee in the hall from 9.00am
Tuesday 18 th December	KS2 Performance – 1.30pm
Friday 21 st December	Carols Round the Tree – 2.00pm
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Holidays – School ends at 3.00pm