

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school everyone!

What a busy week that was with Halloween and Bonfire festivities!

The darker mornings do make it harder to get up sometimes, but the children came into school brilliantly this morning and seem really refreshed. We had 'Google Legends' in school today for an assembly about online safety for children in Key Stage 2. It was really fun and informative – thank you to Mrs Moss in Year 5 for organising this for us!

There are lots of other exciting events taking place over the next week, with some children in Key Stage 2 representing Moorside in a Cross Country competition on Thursday and our Forces children at a Remembrance service in Ripon Cathedral on Friday. The children in Year 3 have also been invited to sing war songs at the Poppies concert in the Cathedral on Thursday evening.

A letter went out to the children in Years 2-6 to invite them to join the Civic Parade on Remembrance Sunday, starting at 10.15am in the Spa Gardens (please see a reminder of the details later in this Newsletter). This is a fantastic opportunity for them to join with other children and organisations in Ripon, to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War. I know that some of you may have other commitments, but we only have 10 children available to attend at the moment. If you would like another letter or your child can attend, please could you confirm this with Mrs Dunn at the school office as soon as possible? We would love to see you there!

On Monday 12th November, the children in Years 3-6 will be going on a visit to Eden Camp, the open air war museum. This is an opportunity for our children to experience some of the sights and sounds of the war, to bring their learning in History to life and inspire them in their writing. We are looking forward to seeing them dressed up, ready to be a 1940s child for the day on Monday!

We are continuing in our mission to improve reading at Moorside and hope that you are able continue to support your child(ren) in their quest to be 'high 5 readers'. We have also invested in a scheme called Reading Plus, an individual programme for our children in Years 4-6, to ensure that they are reading the appropriate level of books, which helps them to make more rapid progress in reading independently. We are sure they will tell you all about it after their workshops on Thursday morning.

As always, please let us know if there are any changes to children's routines at home that may affect them in school too. If you have any concerns or queries to share about your child's learning or wellbeing, do not hesitate to get in touch.

We hope that you have a super week!

Mrs Rowett

All My Own Work

All children from Nursery to Year 6 have completed some Christmas Artwork for 'All my own Work'. There will be a viewing and ordering session for Christmas Cards on 12th and 13th November at 3.15pm onwards. This will take place in the Junior hall. The Friends of Moorside are kindly organising this for us and all proceeds will go towards supporting our school.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 16th November. To raise money for this cause, the School Councillors have chosen a pyjama non-uniform day! The children will be able to come into school in their PJs or onesies. Also, the School Councillors will be holding two cake stalls during Friday's playtime, one on the Infant playground and one between the two Junior playgrounds. Any cake donations for this cause would be gratefully received.

Civic Parade on Remembrance Day

Please see below a reminder of the details from Stuart Martin's letter about the organisation of the parade on Remembrance Day:

'The morning begins at 10:15am in the Spa Gardens where teachers from your child's school will be on hand to show you where to stand. Although school staff will be present to help, parents and family members are asked to remain with their child and be responsible for them.'

Following the service, you will need to take your child to Blossomgate where everyone will form into the parade (school staff will be available to assist with this). We kindly ask that children march on the road and accompanying adults walk along on the outside.

On arrival at the Cathedral, children will line up at the back and as the names of the fallen soldiers are read out, they will deliver their poppy to the altar and then process back down the Cathedral. We ask that you wait at the back of the Cathedral to collect your child. At this point, your child's responsibility is complete and you are welcome to stay for the rest of the service if you wish.

Please can your child wear full school uniform for this event'.

Class Updates

Nursery - Nursery are having a VERY busy week! We are thinking about Bonfire Night, Diwali AND Remembrance Sunday. We will be making lots of artwork - firework pictures, poppies, shape rockets and divas for candles. Poppies are available at the school office to buy.

Reception – Our 'Spark' this week will begin with 'rhyming'. We will be playing lots of games to get a good understanding of which words rhyme. In Maths we will be using our careful counting skills to add groups of objects. We will also be learning about the 100th anniversary of World War One and will be making our own poppies for Remembrance Day.

Year 1 – In Year 1 this week, we will be doing activities linked to Bonfire night, including the children writing their own firework poems and being given the opportunity to create some firework pictures! We will also be looking at Remembrance and its importance, we will be completing some writing about it and also painting poppies.

Year 2 – In Maths this week we are looking at measures. We will use a ruler to measure different items in the classroom and draw lines to the nearest centimetre. We will also have a go at reading scales and weights to the nearest kilogram. In Literacy we will be concentrating on dragons!! In our new text, 'The Boy who Grew Dragons' we will create a wanted poster to describe the mysterious dragon!! Look out for

some amazing adjectives! Our art will also be linked to dragons over the next few weeks and we are hoping to make our own. If you have any spare egg boxes please could you send them into school to help our dragon collection!

Year 3 - In Year 3 this week we are problem solving to show off our place value knowledge. We are writing an interview with God in RE after learning about questions and questions marks. We are also starting our new Science topic of animals including humans and our new history topic of World War Two.

Year 4 – This week Year 4 have started their new topic on World War 2. We will be exploring our new class text this week called 'My Secret War Diary'. In Maths we are beginning to look at multiplication. We have also finished our half term of forest schools and will be now using this time for ICT.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 we will be writing Remembrance poems which include different poetic devices. In Maths we will be using our place value skills to help us carryout calculations with numbers up to six digits. We will be beginning our new Science topic this week too and will be investigating the human body.

Year 6 – This week Year 6 will be writing poems as part of the Remembrance theme day on Thursday and we will be looking in detail at how World War Two started and the countries that were involved. In Maths, we will be working on adding and subtracting large numbers.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.35	92.32	95.08	97.44	94.87	95.81	96.87

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.21	94.00	96.40	99.17	97.08	95.88	95.20

Diary Dates

Monday 12 th November	KS2 Eden Camp trip
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Holidays – 3.00pm finish