

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We're just over half way through a challenging half term – mornings are dark, afternoons are dark, and the wind and rain has been beating against the classroom windows. Despite these factors, our children and staff are rising to the challenge!

Whether it's Monday's first lesson, Friday's last lesson or any part in between, the children are working hard and this was evident as they carried out their assessments last week. We are looking forward to sharing their learning and well-being progress with you, when you meet with their class teachers this week. If you have not made an appointment yet, please see your child's class teacher and they will find a mutually convenient time for you to come into school.

Well done to our brilliant gymnasts from Key Stage 1, who represented our school in a cluster competition on Friday. They were a credit to our school and Mr Price was proud of their fantastic determination when presenting the routine in front of the judges.

Mrs Taylor-Connor and our outdoor team have been busy planting the Queen's Canopy trees with children in Forest schools. Together with the other free trees from the Woodland Trust, we have planted over 100 trees this Autumn in our school grounds on the Junior site.

School play rehearsals are in full swing this week and the children will also be gathering and making items to sell at our Christmas Fair which is this Friday at 2.15pm. You will be able to collect your child(ren) to attend with you. You can take them home whenever you are ready to leave the Fair. If you have any tombola prizes to donate, the Friends of Moorside would be ever so grateful. Raffle tickets are also being sold and there are over 40 fantastic prizes. You have to be in it to win it as they say!

Hope you have a good week everybody - look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday!!

Mrs Rowett

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

We are changing the day of 'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day' to **Thursday 13th December**, the same day as our school Christmas lunch (more details to follow). Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school that day in return for a donation for Save the Children.

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery are finding out about Christmas! We will read the story of the Nativity and learn about what happened to Mary and Joseph. We are also getting ready for the Christmas Fair – please join us on Friday at 11.15am to see what we've been making!

Reception – This week in Reception we are beginning the 'Spark' of Christmas. We are talking about what happens in our houses at Christmas time and learning that we have different traditions. In Maths we are exploring the vocabulary of capacity and weight.

Year 1 – This week in Year 1 we are busy practising for the KS1 Christmas Performance...all of the children are very excited to perform it for everyone! We will also be making some Christmas Crackers to sell on our stall at the Christmas Fair on Friday. We will begin to read a new story book all about a mouse who has lots of jobs to do to get ready for Christmas; this will be the basis of our writing this week. The children managed to achieve their Golden Time last week by collecting lots of marbles for good behaviour. Therefore, we have an empty jar once again - I'm sure it won't take us long to re-fill it though as the children have been showing excellent behaviour in class!

Year 2 – Our Nativity is getting closer and we are getting EVEN more excited (is that possible?!). We have a few extra rehearsals this week to make sure the play will go smoothly. All the children know their parts and a note went out last week to ask for a few extra additions to the costumes we have for the children. This is just tops and tights to go under their outfit. We are still very busy with the rest of the curriculum too! Something very strange appears to have been left in Year 2 last night! We are not sure where it came from but a very LARGE egg was left in our room. Where did it come from? Who left it there and why? These are just a few of the questions we will have to write in the hope we can find out who (or what) left it there later on in the week. It's certainly a mystery! To help us we have a new text to read called 'The Egg.' It will be exciting when we become detectives to work out what has happened! In Maths we will make arrays to support our understanding of multiplication and use this to reason and solve problems before moving on to division.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week, we will be preparing for the Christmas Fair. We are very excited and look forward to sharing our creations with you. In Science, we will be creating information booklets about 'What Animals Eat', which will celebrate the research the children have already completed. The weather is becoming more seasonal by the day; please can you make sure that your child has the correct clothing with them, thank you.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 our Maths focus will be on division, we will be using concrete and pictorial representations to support our understanding. In Literacy we will be writing then editing and improving our flashbacks. Play rehearsals are also starting this week as well as our preparations for the Christmas Fair where we will be creating things to sell.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 we will be putting in lots of practice for our Christmas performance and recreating propaganda posters to set the scene for our play. We will continue with our Science learning and will be looking at how scientists use graphs to show their findings. There will also be some craft activities in preparation for the school Christmas Fair on Friday. It's going to be a busy week!!

Year 6 – This week, we will be continuing to look at what makes a healthy balanced diet and investigating how rationing affected people's ability to eat healthily during World War Two. We will be working towards designing and making our own healthy meal using food available and rations during that time. In Maths, we will be learning to use a formal written method for division and estimating to help us decide if our answers seem accurate. Also, rehearsals will be well underway for our Christmas production: Christmas 1914.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.59	93.32	95.38	97.63	95.55	96.92	96.46

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.25	89.00	97.20	97.50	94.17	93.33	88.60

Diary Dates

Friday 7 th December	Christmas Fair – 2.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
Thursday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13 th December	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity – 2.00pm
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