

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, after an absolutely FANTASTIC Christmas fair on Friday, we are definitely feeling very festive and excited at Moorside. £718.00 was raised, which will really help us to provide better learning resources and experiences for the children over the next year. You can still buy raffle through the office, as the big draw will be on the 18th December.

Thank you to everyone who came to parent consultations last week, your feedback is always valued and the children's reports will be sent home on Friday. If you couldn't attend last week, but would like an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher.

There are lots of events happening at Moorside....

There are Nativity and school play rehearsals taking place in preparation for our performances which are:

EYFS – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am for Coffee then the Performance at 9.30am

KS1 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

KS2 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

The KS2 performance will be filmed by Gary Lawson, who always kindly gives up his time to also take professional photos, which will also be on sale.

Christmas jumper day will be this Thursday for 'Save the Children'. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. This is also our Christmas lunch day and the Key Stage children will have a 'Wartime artefact' experience to round off their topic about World War 1. We are sure it will inspire them as they put on their performance of 'Christmas 1914, Letters from the Trenches'.

Christmas Party day is on Thursday 20th December. The children can wear their own party clothes on that day. School lunch will be a 'party theme' and you can book this through the school office.

You are all invited to take part in 'Carols round the Christmas Tree' on Friday 21st December at 2.00pm. School will then close at 3.00pm.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or well-being, the staff will do their best to make themselves available to meet with you, or make a phone call home. At the end of the day, the teacher's key priority is to dismiss our children safely (especially as the afternoons are getting darker), so if you would like a chat, please wait until the children are all with their parents and/or make an appointment at the school office.

We hope to see you at as many of our events as possible to celebrate Christmas over the next 2 weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

## Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery will be busy, busy, busy making cards and other goodies to decorate your homes (you lucky people!). We will also be practicing the nativity and making props and costumes to make sure we're ready for next week. If you would like to practice the songs at home, search 'I Spy Christmas' Nativity - Starshine Singers' on YouTube - guaranteed to get your toes tapping!

Reception – In Reception this week we are busy rehearsing for our Nativity 'I Spy Christmas' and we are continuing to write parts of the Christmas story. In Maths this week we are learning to say what is 1 more than a number.

Year 1 – This week we are putting the finishing touches to our Christmas performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. We are looking forward to performing it for all the parents/families on Thursday and Friday. The rest of the week will have a Christmas focus....starting with making some bouncy snowmen! We will also be reading more of our Christmas book and finding out where Oliver's letter disappeared to! Maths will continue to focus on place value, calculations and multiplication.

Year 2 – Well it's nearly upon us! The backstage excitement is building by the day. The cast of 'Lights, Camel, Action' are just about ready to perform for you. With a final couple of dress rehearsals this week, our Strictly and X-Factor stars are busy making sure this is one show, you'll never forget! We do hope you can join us on Thursday and Friday for our performances. Meanwhile, as they say in show business 'the show must go on.....' In Maths we are turning our attention to Christmas and using this to create pictograms and bar charts. Last week Year 2 had a visit from a very scary looking dragon wanting his egg back! The children had to write letters to Mrs Rowett explaining what had happened in our classroom! To get the egg back to the dragon we are going to design and make catapults (the dragon is too scary to meet him in person!!). We will write a set of instructions so the dragon can make his own catapults too.

Year 3 – In Year 3, the children will be continuing with play rehearsals for the KS2 production. They have done a fantastic job learning songs and lines. In Science, we will be learning about muscles and how these help animals including humans move. If you are free this weekend, its the carol concert at Ripon Cathedral. It would be great to have as many Year 3 children there as possible. The children have worked hard at the songs and they do sound amazing!

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 will be as busy as ever. In Maths we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division, showing our understanding through our reasoning skills. On Thursday we have a visitor who will be bringing in a range of World War 2 artefacts for the children to look at. In ICT we will continue our work on algorithms, understanding how to debug them. There will also be plenty of play rehearsals in the run up to the performance.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 is looking like another busy one! We'll be sharpening our singing and acting skills in preparation for the Christmas performance. In Science we will be investigating how scientists present data whilst learning about the stages of human development. We will be using our reporting skills to write our final Blitz newspaper articles and learning about factors and multiples in Maths.

Year 6 – Another busy week this week with lots of rehearsals for our Christmas production, Christmas 1914. We will also be gathering inspiration to plan a flashback story using the video, The Piano, as inspiration. In Maths, we will be continuing to practice and problem solve using formal written calculation methods and as part of our DT topic, we will be continuing to look at healthy eating and how rations during World War Two affected people's ability to eat healthily. All Year 6 children have been asked to learn their lines and song words ready for our dress rehearsal of the Christmas show on Friday.

## Attendance

To date:

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 94.01     | 93.38  | 95.46  | 97.82  | 95.67  | 96.78  | 96.71  |

Last week:

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| 87.50     | 94.00  | 96.40  | 100.00 | 97.08  | 95.15  | 99.60  |

## Diary Dates

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| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | KS1 Nativity – 9.15am                                     |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | School Christmas Lunch                                    |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day                  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December   | KS1 Nativity – 2.00pm                                     |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | EYFS Nativity 9.30am – Tea/Coffee in the hall from 9.00am |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | KS2 Performance – 1.30pm                                  |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | EYFS Nativity 9.30am – Tea/Coffee in the hall from 9.00am |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | KS2 Performance – 1.30pm                                  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December   | Carols Round the Tree – 2.00pm                            |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December   | Christmas Holidays – School ends at <b>3.00pm</b>         |