

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had an extraordinary week last week, with science investigations for Science week popping up all over the schools, rounded off with our crazy hair day on Friday. I am very pleased that we raised £135.00 for Comic Relief...I am sure you will agree, it's a really worthy cause. I hope you had the chance to check out some of our 'interesting' hair styles on our Facebook page!

We received confirmation that our two schools will amalgamate to become **Moorside Primary School and Nursery** from **29th April 2019**! You won't see any significant changes to how our schools run initially, apart from the name and some signage! Whilst we have been waiting for the outcome of the consultation, plans have been put in place for what will happen over the next few months, and I have been really lucky to meet with our Parent Forum on a number of occasions, so that we could discuss some of the questions that might arise throughout this process....

Q: Will we have to buy a new school uniform? No....the children can wear their current jumpers/cardigans until they are worn out/too small! The only change to the badge will be the name as the logo is the same. The school uniform shop in Ripon will now print jumpers with the new badge for you to buy whenever you need to. It is fine if you have 'hand me downs' from older children to younger, we do not expect you to buy the new school jumpers purely because of the amalgamation.

Q: When will the building work begin? A planning application is yet to be finalised, but all being well, the building work will begin in July. The safety of our children is paramount throughout this process, and there will not be any work taking place that would distract children from their learning. All risk assessments will be carried out beforehand. We are hoping that the majority of the work will take place during the holidays.

If you have any questions or queries yourselves, please get in touch and I will either call you or arrange a meeting as soon as possible! Otherwise, I will continue to share information through our weekly newsletters.

We are planning an 'Amalgamation Celebration' on 29th April at 2pm, so that we can celebrate the schools coming together, which is immensely positive for our children in our community, now and in the future! This event will be for our current families and members of the school community. It will include a choir performance by all the children across both schools from Reception to Year 6, a BBQ and a disco. Mr Stocks, one of our parents will also be visiting as a treat for our children, with his amazing birds of prey show. We will have a Forest School experience, for those of you who are curious about what happens in the mud kitchen/by the camp fire, and a Nurture experience, so that you can take part in some activities that we use to support our children with their well-being. Sporting Influence will be with us, so that you can play some games and meet Mr Doey, who delivers PE lessons across both of our schools. This is not a fundraising event, but a chance for the staff and children to celebrate Moorside on the next part of our journey! We hope that as many of our families can join us as possible....

You will be able to sign up for parent consultations through our website portal this week (a separate letter will be sent when this is available to do). You will receive an interim report for your child, to indicate their progress and attainment at this stage in the year, and will be able to meet with their teacher(s) for 15 minutes, to look at their books and discuss their learning and well-being. If you are likely to struggle to

attend in the timeslots provided, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be as flexible as possible to arrange a meeting. We feel that it is really important to share and celebrate your child's learning with you, as well as discuss how we can work together to support them in their progress.

As ever, if you have any concerns, please don't feel that you need to wait for the meetings in a couple of weeks, contact us now so that we can do whatever we can to help!

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

FOMS

We raised £62.00 from the Bag2School collection, thank you to all who contributed. Reminder: the deadline for the artwork competition is Friday 22nd March.

Class Updates

Nursery – In Nursery, we will be looking at frogspawn! We will visit the wildlife area and collect some frogspawn to look after in Nursery. We are reading 'The Frog Prince', as well as lots of non-fiction books about frogs and tadpoles. We need to keep our number of the week as 7 - we got side-tracked by Science week last week!

Reception – Our 'Spark' this week in Reception is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be learning the story, planting our own beans and write the beginning part to our seed diary. In Maths this week we are using beans to help us work out what is 1 more or 1 less than a number. We will also be using a large painted beanstalk to play Maths games.

Year 1 – In Phonics we are focusing on the different ways of spelling the /oo/ and /n/ phonemes. We are also looking at dictionaries this week and starting to use them to find words. In Maths we are learning about halves and quarters - for shapes and numbers, we will also be finishing off time, looking at half past the hour in more detail. During Science, we will be finding out which months of the year belong to which season and some of the key features of the different seasons. In RE we will start looking at the story of Bilal from the Qur'an and identifying key parts of the story. In Topic, we will be comparing the Amazon rainforest to Hell Wath, we will be using photographs to help us do this. Don't forget to pay for our visit to Harlow Carr Gardens on Friday 29th March. Our showcase for this half term will be on Tuesday 26th March at 2.15pm. The Year 1 and 2 children will be performing a dance that they have been learning with Mrs Rich during their weekly PE lessons. The costumes are now organised and the children look marvellous!

Year 2 – We have a new text in Year 2 this week. It's called 'The Sharman's Apprentice' and it is all about village life in the Amazon Rainforest. We will use this to compare our life with that of people living in the rainforest and can link this to Maths by making Venn diagrams to sort information. We will also be writing a diary entry as one of the boys who lives in the village in our story. In Spagercise we have started to look at adverbs and will use the story to help us improve our writing by adding adverbs. In Maths our fraction knowledge will help us to tell the time. We will look at time on the hour, half past, quarter past and to. We are hoping to draw the hands accurately and also to read clock faces. There will be some activities on Abacus to support our learning at home.

Year 3 – This week Year 3 are editing and improving their fantastic diary entries as Howard Carter. Then we will be writing newspaper articles about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb including subordinating conjunctions, subordinate clauses and noun phrases. In Maths we are looking at converting between the 12 and 24 hour clock as well as converting between seconds, minutes and hours. We will also be looking at 3D and 2D shapes. In Science we are continuing with our electricity topic and making circuits. In History we

are finding out about why the Nile is so important in Egypt and how Ancient Egyptians created settlements around it.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 our Maths topic is changing, we are moving on from our work on fractions and are instead going to be focusing on geometry. We will start this by looking at the properties of 2-D shapes. In Literacy we will be looking at writing a newspaper article on the finding of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. In Science we will be looking at what makes an electrical circuit successful, we will do this using the equipment to test out our theories. As we delve even deeper into our Topic of Ancient Egypt we will be looking at locating Egypt and its main geographical features on a map.

Year 5 – In Year 5 this week, we will be working on multiplying whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we will be editing and re-drafting our brilliant 'Wolf Brother' narratives. In PE, we will continue with our Tag Rugby topic, in preparation for our tournament on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who looked amazing with their crazy hair on Friday for Comic Relief. We all looked amazing!

Year 6 – This week, we will be completing our formal letters to send to celebrities to persuade them to join us for our amalgamation celebration next month. In Science, we will be experimenting with circuits and for our Ancient Egyptian topic we will be locating Egypt on a map and beginning to investigate the climate. In Maths, we will be building on our fractions learning to investigate ratio and proportion.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.75	94.45	94.75	97.24	96.00	96.27	96.76

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.82	100.00	98.33	100.00	97.08	95.15	94.98

Diary Dates

Friday 22 nd March	Art Competition entry deadline
Tuesday 26 th March	KS1 Showcase – 2.15pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Reading Café – Infants 3.15pm & Juniors 3.20pm
Friday 29 th March	Harlow Carr visit – KS1
w/c 1 st April	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 2 nd April	FOMS Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 4 th April	Litter Picking event – 2.45pm
Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays – 3.00pm finish
Monday 29 th April	Back to school - Summer Term