

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start to the term we had when the children arrived on Wednesday. They have come back ready and raring to go. We are so impressed at how well they are settling into their new routines and adjusting to their new learning environments. They are a credit to you.

Thank you so much for your understanding when we had to close on Tuesday – it was a difficult decision to make, but the right one and I appreciate that it would have been difficult for some of you to rearrange things to cover childcare. It enabled us to ensure that the site was completely safe and ready for your children to begin the year smoothly.

There are already lots of plans in place for the new school year. A new Ofsted framework was published in May, and we have adapted and changed our curriculum accordingly. We will be planning an event to share some of the changes and our current practice with you in October, so that you are also up to date. We will continue to hold showcase events at the end of topics and will also be inviting you to take part in some of our lessons, such as DT and Art, so that you have first-hand experience of our teaching and learning, to ensure that the children reach their age-related expectations.

To ensure that you have the relevant information to support your child at home, we have updated the curriculum webs that we used to share with you previously to a topic mat. This includes information about what children must know by the end of the topic, vocabulary that they should learn and recommended reads for you at home, as well as at school. We are really focusing on continuing to develop and embed reading for facts as well as pleasure and learning of new vocabulary this year, through every subject. We will continue to hold Reading Cafes on the last Tuesday of each month, so that you can take part in different reading activities with your child(ren). These will take place in the school hall for all year groups, so that you can visit our amazing new library too.

I will be sending out a Home-School Charter this week, so that we can work together effectively to support everyone at Moorside. It is full of vital information, so it would be helpful if you could read and share this with your child(ren) before signing. Our vision and values are also on the back of this newsletter and we hope that this resonates in everything that we do, to further improve our children's education. From our perspective the two MOST important things that you can do are:

- 1) Ensure that your child is at school every day on time, so that no learning is missed.
- 2) Inform us of any changes to your circumstances at home, or any concerns that your child has shared about school that may impact on their emotional well-being.

Our doors are always open and we will always do our utmost to support you and your child(ren) in any way that we can. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

UCI Championship Arrangements

We are aware that there are a number of planned road closures in place to facilitate the UCI Championships in Ripon. Having contacted the Local Authority, the day that this mainly affects our school is Tuesday 24th September. Our school will therefore open at 8.30am, not 8.50am on that day. We have planned to close for those of you who wish to collect your children at 1.15pm, as access will be impossible from Harrogate Road from 2pm. However, if you are unable to collect your child(ren) at this time, we will look after them until 4.30pm, when the road should have opened again. If you would like your child(ren) to stay at school until 4.30pm, please contact the school office so that we can put the appropriate staffing arrangements in place.

Healthy Schools – Water

It is very important that children drink enough water. Moorside Primary School ensures that fresh water is available to the children throughout the day. To avoid any sharing of germs, please send your child(ren) to school with a named water bottle every day. Moorside Primary is a Healthy School, so we **only** offer water to children throughout the day. Please do not allow your child to bring squash or fizzy flavoured water into school unless it is part of their packed lunch. Children are not allowed to drink squash or fizzy drinks during the day.

NHS guidelines: Fizzy drinks, squashes and juice drinks can contain lots of added sugar and very few nutrients, so keep them to a minimum. Children should avoid them completely.

Building Update

The children had an assembly on Wednesday with Simpsons, who shared lots of information about working on a construction site and hazards. They are running a poster competition for the children to design a safety poster, which links well with our PHSCCE curriculum. I am attending a meeting on 19th September at County Hall, to discuss predicted timescales and the logistics of moving the rest of the school into our new building.

Friends of Moorside

We have an extremely committed group of parents, who fundraise to help to provide even better resources and learning experiences for our children. £6000 of the cost of our library renovation was funded by the Friends of Moorside. If you would like to be one of our 'FOMS', they would be extremely grateful for any time or help that you can spare. They would welcome any help that can be offered behind the scenes or during events. Please contact Mrs Dunn at the school office and she will pass your details on to our lovely team of parents. Many thanks.

School Meals

Please remember school meals need to be paid for IN ADVANCE! They are £2.45 per day/£12.25 per week.

If you are in receipt of any of the following, you may be entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please pop into the school office for a form if you think you may qualify.

Aldi Schools Competition

From 6th September, Aldi is running a Kit for Schools promotion. Every school who enters their completed Kit for Schools poster will receive an exclusive school sports kit as well as a chance to win £20,000 in a prize draw. A sticker is issued with every £30 spent in store. Please bring your stickers into to school to fill up our poster which is located in the school office!

Class Updates

EYFS – The EYFS class will be reading 'The Shopping Basket' as part of our topic on 'Journeys'. Who will Steven meet on his way home from the shop?! We also need to consolidate counting, and making sure we have a solid understanding of ordering and recognising numbers to 10. We are still learning the routines of our new classroom and this week, we are getting used to staying for a full day - expect some tired eyes by Friday! Don't forget to chat to Mrs Jackson or Mrs Thompson if you want to discuss still doing some half days. Well done to everyone (parent and grandparents included!) on a brilliant first few days at school! On Thursday 19th September at 5pm, we will be holding an information meeting for parents, where we will talk about Reading, Phonics and the importance of Speaking and Listening.

Year 1 – We are writing descriptions of the Gruffalo using adjectives in Literacy. In Maths, we are continuing to focus on numbers to 20 and beyond; thinking about their value, comparing and ordering them. 'Handa's Surprise' is our focus text in Geography and we are learning about the 7 continents with a focus on Europe and Africa. Finally, in PSHCE we are thinking about being determined, not giving up and how finding things tricky is all part of learning!

Year 2 – What a great start to the year we have had. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school, they had such a great attitude getting straight down to work! In Literacy we are reading 'Meerkat Mail' and Sunny will be visiting Moorside! The children will help him write letters back home using capital letters and full stops. In Maths we are continuing with place value and will be using lots of equipment to investigate how to make numbers in different ways. On Monday afternoon we are launching our 'Journeys' topic by investigating some bags and suitcases which have mysteriously appeared in our school hall. The children will become detectives trying to work out the journey these bags have taken.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week, we are starting our new text 'Around the World in 80 Days' which links in with our topic of Journeys. The children will be making Hot Air Balloons as part of their Launch Pad activities and will start to read the text in class. In Maths, we will be working on Place Value with the focus on counting in 100's. Forest Schools is every Friday until half term. Please make sure your child has their warm, waterproof clothing with them. Thank you.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 we will be launching our topic - make sure you keep a look out for photos of this on the school's Facebook page! In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of the place value of 4 digit numbers. In Literacy we will be writing instructions about what to pack in a suitcase for an around the world trip!

Year 5 - This week in Year 5 we are launching our topic of Journeys which is linked to North America. We will be writing about the morning using antonyms and synonyms. We will be making sure we understand the value of digit in numbers up to 1,000,000 in Maths by using concrete resources and pictorial representations. In Science we will be starting to look at evolution and inheritance.

Year 6 – We have started the week today with a North American Experience Morning as a launch for this term's topic. The children will be sharing this exciting experience with you by writing a short recount, which will appear on next week's Newsletter. We will also be starting our science topic this week, Evolution and Inheritance, by finding out who Charles Darwin was and why his discoveries were so important.

Attendance

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.41	98.61	94.44	99.31	99.24	90.48	94.44

Diary Dates

Thursday 19 th September	EYFS Information Meeting for Parents at 5pm
Tuesday 1 st October	Reading Café
Friday 25 th October	Break-up for Half Term