



MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Not a usual Monday Newsletter this week, but a 'round up' to share and celebrate some of our successes this year, as well as staffing arrangements for the next academic year.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for supporting our Strawberry Fair on Monday. Thank you to all children who took the opportunity to sponge the staff in the stocks.....we will remember who you are!! The children in KS1 and KS2 all gained an understanding of 'economic well-being' as they made a range of products to sell to make a profit! We do have some budding business men and women at Moorside! This event was organised by the children in Year 6 and we raised £1003 in total.

Tuesday was a VERY long day at Moorside but we loved having everyone here for breakfast, especially StrayFM....I think it should be an annual event! Nick Hancock and Will Smith said what a fun event it was for them too.



Well done to our sports day winners...it was the **DIAMONDS** in Key Stage 1 and the **RUBIES** in Key Stage 2 who got the trophy! Of course, it's the taking part that counts, and I was particularly impressed by the sportsmanship of the children in our school, especially the Year 6 pupils, who helped to run the event for the Infant children. What **SUPERSTARS!**

The children in Year 6 will be leaving Moorside on Friday. We are **VERY** proud of them for their successes at Moorside and I think you'll agree, they shone on the stage as they led our fantastic show last week, 'Pantastic'. Well done to all the children who took part in KS2. It really was an enjoyable production. We are sad to say farewell to our lovely Year 6 pupils at the Leavers' Assembly (**2.15pm on Friday**), but we know that they are ready for new adventures at Secondary school.

We have some members of staff leaving us on Friday too..... Mrs Thompson has been with us for 16 years in the Infant School! She really will be missed, but we hope that she will come and visit/help out from time to time to keep in touch. Also, Mrs Heald, who has been working in KS1 is moving to Scotland during the holidays. We would like to wish her and her family lots of luck for the future! We will be welcoming 2 new teachers to join our Moorside team, Mr Greenway in Y4 and Mrs Moss in Y5. We are looking forward to helping them to settle in, in September.

It has been a really fun and busy year at Moorside.... We have introduced a 'wrap around' care provision, 'Moorside Buddies Club' and created a Nurture Room to support children with their emotional well-being. We have also introduced a Forest school curriculum across the Infant and Junior schools, run by Mrs Goss, which has had a super impact on children's Oracy (speaking and listening).

We have had 3 discos, a sponsored bounce, a gospel workshop, Charity fundraising events (such as the Sports Relief mile), Science Boffins, reading cafes, a royal wedding bake off, 'that snow week!!!', singing events with Ripon Cathedral, Ripon in Bloom, Refugee week, 3 school productions, showcase events, the month of reading madness, school trips and visitors to school, community competitions, sports days and tournaments.....just to name a few! Many of our events are supported by our Friends of Moorside, who have worked really hard to ensure that we raise money to give our children the best resources and opportunities for learning. We are EXTREMELY grateful to you, and to the parents/grandparents and carers, who come to the events to share the experiences with their children. We can't wait to organise more opportunities for this next year, to enhance and enrich the school curriculum.....and of course to have fun! We already have a 'Family Football' event in the pipeline for the Autumn term. Watch this space.....

The leadership structure is changing slightly in the Autumn Term, I will continue to be the **Acting Headteacher** in September, with **Miss Ryder** as the **Key Stage 1 leader**, **Miss Rogan** as the **Key Stage 2 leader** and **Mrs Jackson**, who is the leader of **Early Years (Reception and Nursery)**. **Mrs Pawley** will be our **School Business Manager** (having completed her qualifications-well done to her!!!) and **Mrs Price** will continue to be our **Parent Support Advisor (PSA)**. We will be working VERY closely together, along with the governors, to continue to lead and develop our schools, to ensure that the staff and children are supported in their progress and well-being at Moorside.

I would like to thank you for your support this year and look forward to new and exciting adventures ahead next year. Have a super summer break. We will see you on Tuesday 4th September!

Best Wishes and Happy Holidays,

Mrs Rowett
& the **Governors of Moorside Infant and Junior Schools**