

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

February is finally upon us, which brings a bit of hope that Spring is around the corner! It also means that our Month of Reading Madness has sadly come to an end for another year, but we are hoping that some of the reading activities and habits, that we introduced through books swaps, library visits and reading virtually everywhere in our 'I Spy You Reading' competition, will continue. We are still receiving Usborne Sponsored Read donations and forms...please keep them coming!

This week we have Maths on our minds with our Times Table Rockstars/Number day this Friday. We are really looking forward to a Maths 'theme day'. Can't wait to see some imaginative costumes too.

Our Well Child Choir is starting this Tuesday from 3.20pm-4.15pm. We still have some spaces if you are interested and the opportunity has now been opened up to Year 2's too! Please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part. Year 6 children who would usually attend SATs club, but would like to sing on a Tuesday, are welcome to stay on a Monday for SATs club instead.

Mrs Hunton will be joining us back at Moorside after her maternity leave this Wednesday! We look forward to seeing her and know that she will soon feel like she has never been away. Mrs Bailey, who has been covering Mrs Hunton's maternity leave, working in the Early Years and Key Stage One will remain with us until half term for continuity for the children. She will then be finishing her formal teaching hours for Mrs Hunton to take them over again, but will remain with us as a supply teacher. I would like to thank Mrs Bailey for all her hard work in covering two maternity leaves now at Moorside. She is a lovely member of Team Moorside and we know that she will be back as much as possible!

I would like to say a huge thank you for your patience in accessing school during the day, with the drive works continuing into Friday last week. I am really pleased that it is now complete. We are still hoping to take over the extension to our building this Friday.... We will of course share photos with you as we begin to move in! We are setting up a new Nurture/Buddies room and Learning Zone, all in one building, for all our children to use. Watch this space....!

I hope that you all have a lovely week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Children's Mental Health Week



It is Children's Mental Health week this week.

The theme of this week nationally is, 'Find your Brave', with the aim for everyone to think about what makes them feel brave when they are facing challenges emotionally.

The children have had an assembly today, and have been encouraged to try something new, or share an activity or hobby, which helps them to build confidence and begin to feel good about themselves.

Further information about how you can support your child at home is attached to this newsletter.

Chicken Pox

We have had a number of cases of chicken pox over the past 2 weeks in school. If your child does come down with chicken pox, there is information about symptoms and advice about treatment on the NHS website at: <https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox/>

Children will need to stay away from school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually 5 days after the spots have first appeared. Many thanks.

Maths Theme Day

Don't forget it's our Maths theme day on Friday.... Children (and staff) in Years 1-6 can dress up as a Times Table Rockstar for the day and children in the Early Years can be a 'number of the day!' We will be carrying out lots of fun Times Tables Maths activities and Maths trails in school, both indoors and outdoors!

Class Updates

EYFS – This week, the children in the EYFS are thinking about colour! The Nursery children will be exploring different colours and doing lots of colour hunts. The Reception children will be writing some poetry about colours - what can they think of that is blue? etc. In Maths, we are focusing on numbers 9 and 10 and talking about more and less.

Year 1 – This week in Literacy we will be writing a letter to say thank you to Mr Brown - a real life explorer who came in to visit us last week! We will also be looking at the pictures and language used in the 'Lost and Found' story to find out more about the characters. In Maths, we are continuing to focus on money and doubling. Friday is a special Maths day when we will be making counting books to share with the Reception children and using some items from outside to help us measure different parts of our bodies! In Art we will continue working with colour and will be looking at the works of the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky. In RE we will thinking about why people sing when they praise their God and how it makes people feel.

Year 2 – This week in Phonics we will be looking at prefixes and how they change the meaning of words. Our SPaG is based around apostrophes of possession and we will also be spotting speech marks in our guided reading. In Literacy we are continuing with our story 'The penguin who wanted to find out' and we will be writing diary entries from Otto's point of view about life in Antarctica. In Maths we will start division by sharing and grouping. Hopefully we can make links to the multiplication work we have just completed! In Geography we will begin to compare the weather in Ripon, Antarctica and Kenya and look at why it is so different in these places. We are excited to be taking part in Times Table Day on Friday where we get to dress up as a Times Table Rockstar!

Year 3 – This week in Year 3, we will be finding out about King Henry VIII through a variety of texts and research methods. In Maths, we will be continuing with our division, using our times tables knowledge to help us. In Science, we will be dissecting stems to understand their functions. In Computing, we are continuing our topic on spreadsheets, creating graphs and explaining what these show. Word Aware words: arrays.

Year 4 – The Year 4 children will be rewriting their amazing persuasive letters to Queen Elizabeth I ready for display, they will also start to look at different types of pronouns in writing. In Maths, we will be using equipment to prove our understanding of multiplication and use pictures to explain our thinking. During History, we will be discovering who the key individuals were from the Tudor times. Science this week will involve us labelling different tree buds (recapping what we did in Forest School) and creating different classification keys. Our Word Aware words are: pronouns, significant, categories.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 we are writing a newspaper article based on a short film. We will be learning how to include both direct and reported speech. In Maths we are dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and then moving onto multiplication. In RE we are looking at commitments and if they are different depending on your faith. In History we are learning about village life during the Anglo-Saxon time. In Science we will be investigating light and how we can see. Word aware words: emotion, multiplication and settled.

Year 6 – Year 6 will be completing their Holocaust poems this week, which they started last week, after attending the inspirational Holocaust memorial service at the Cathedral. Maths sessions will continue to focus on calculations involving fractions, as well as mental calculations. Our Anglo-Saxons History topic will involve the children researching village life during the Anglo-Saxon period, comparing it to life today. As part of our RE learning, we will be strongly focusing on beliefs and how they affect our behaviour. Word Aware words: memorial, commitment, established, equivalent (revisiting).

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.77	96.55	97.00	95.08	98.06	96.44	95.56

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.18	98.00	95.00	96.00	94.55	96.67	96.33

Minutes late last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0	86	0	30	0	0	47

Diary Dates

4 th February 2020	Responsibilities Singing Workshop
7 th February 2020	Times Tables Rockstar Maths Day
11 th February 2020	Safer Internet Day
11 th February 2020	Valentine's Disco: Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 (with parents) – 4.15pm – 5.45pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 6.00pm – 7.30pm
14 th February 2020	Break-up for Half term
24 th February 2020	Training Day
25 th February 2020	School Re-opens after the Half term holidays

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LOVE

Be there for your child and show care and love



EXERCISE

Encourage play, exercise and sport



BEHAVIOUR

Keep an eye out for any changes in behaviour



SUPPORT

Regularly support, encourage and praise your child



REST TIME

Help your child to manage stress by building in some rest time



BE PROUD

Tell your child that you are proud of them



PATIENCE

Be patient. Don't pressure your child



HELP

Don't be afraid to seek help from professionals



FEELING

Get to know how your child is feeling



EDUCATE

Educate yourself about mental health problems



PROBLEM SOLVING

Help your child to effectively problem solve



LISTEN

Make sure you take time to listen to what your child has to say



COPING

Help your child to learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation



SYMPTOMS

Be aware of signs and symptoms



CONVERSATION

Encourage your child to engage in conversation



ENVIRONMENT

Provide a positive environment for your child where they can learn.

