

# MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends

What a super week we had last week, celebrating our favourite book characters. As we shared on our Facebook page, everyone looked really fantastic - a lot of effort had gone into costumes so thank you so much to you all! Our World Book Day vouchers have currently gone missing in the post; we are chasing them up so that children will receive their free book.

The children made their own characters out of loo rolls as part of a competition being run by the Little Ripon Book Shop. We will be sending them there this week so that everyone can enter. Thank you to everyone who suggested songs to uplift you or made posters to share the importance of reading for mindfulness and relaxation. The winners will be contacted tomorrow!



We have a very busy week ahead of us this week with the children in KS1 visiting Tropical World today and taking part in 'The Big Sing' with the other Primary schools in Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday at 2.00pm. Thursday brings Science Day, when the children will be working in mixed age groups to carry out some fun investigations, such as how to make a lava lamp!

On Friday, it's Sports Relief. The theme this year is 'It's Game On' and we will be learning the official song released in assembly today. PE lessons will include running a mile to warm up for a whole-school mile on Friday morning!

On Friday, children can wear their usual PE kit to school (they do not need to get changed afterwards) and run a mile together at the beginning of the day. We would like to see how many miles we can run as a school which means.... we would love it if parents and friends could join us too! Meet us for the warm up on the large playground next to the Lead Lane gate at 9.10am. £1.00 donations for Sports Relief from all participants would be gratefully received. Mr Price will then explain the route around the playgrounds! Drinks will be provided to rehydrate...!

In addition to our school activities, some of our children will be teaming up with Outwood Primary Academy Greystones for some friendly table tennis fun this week! The staff will also be taking part in some Yoga training on Thursday afternoon, so that we can deliver this to the children as part of our PE curriculum. It is a fantastic physical activity to support well-being and mental health too.

Finally, we will be holding a Mother's Day lunch on Friday 20th March from 11.30am in KS1 and 12.20pm for KS2 (if you have children in other Key Stages, you will be able to sit together as families). We will be sending out a further letter with the menu so that you can book and have lunch together with your children in school. Grandmother's/Aunts also very welcome!

I hope that everyone has a super week and I hope to see you on Friday at our 'Mile for Sports Relief' event.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

## **Coronavirus Hygiene Update:**

To update you on our current practice in school on hygiene, based on advice and guidance from Public Health and the DfE:

We usually handshake with the children on their way into school to greet them, however, we now wash hands first thing in the morning to prevent any spread of germs.

We also wash hands after breaktimes, before lunch and any time after the toilet is visited or food is being prepared or eaten.

Our housekeeping team are ensuring that the toys in the Early Years, school resources, all handles, rails and surfaces are being cleaned more frequently.

When there is no soap and water available (for example on school trips), we are providing hand sanitiser, however soap and water is recommended and the children have had class and whole school assemblies to remind them about the importance of handwashing.

We are asking all visitors to wash their hands on entry into school.

## **Eco News**

Many thanks to the Year 6 's who collected the paper and pens for recycling last half term. Tomorrow, a new Year 6 team will be selected. If you have any old pens at home, please bring them into school to add to our collection. Mrs Dunn also has a large battery recycling box in her office and she would love you to bring in your old batteries for recycling too.

If you'd like to get involved with some practical outdoor eco activities, there is a great event coming up next week. On Saturday 21st March, Friends of Hell Wath and the National Trust have joined together to promote the Skell Valley Project and the 'Great British Spring Clean'. It's a free event which runs from 1-3pm and anyone can join in. Madeleine Groundwater is providing a free turn up and get involved Forest School session and there will also be a community litter pick taking place. Meet by the football pavilion at Hell Wath at 1pm. Children need to be accompanied by adults.

## **Class Updates**

EYFS – This week, the children in the EYFS will be exploring the story of Rumpelstiltskin. We are going to be writing about the story and trying to think of our own silly names! We are also exploring all the different ways that we can split 5 into groups - thinking caps on!

Year 1 – We have a very busy schedule this week - school trip on Monday, singing at the Cathedral on Wednesday, Science morning on Thursday and running a mile for Sport Relief on Friday! Amongst all of this excitement, we are continuing to focus on length in Maths and then moving on to halving. In Science, we are following-up learning from the Forest School sessions looking at buds on trees and using these to identify each tree. In Literacy, we are continuing to focus on the characters from our book 'Mabel's Magical Garden'. Our Word Aware words are: buds, leaf, growth, season and equal.

Year 2 – In Phonics we are looking at the phoneme 'ee' spelt 'ey' and we will investigate in which part of the word this spelling is normally found. Our Literacy will involve writing a recount of our trip to Tropical World. We will try and include a wide range of adjectives and adverbs to make our writing more interesting to read. In Maths we will continue with shape but this week we are concentrating on 3D shapes. We will use lots of real-life boxes to support shapes in the environment. In Forest School with Mrs Goss we will continue our investigation into plants and will look at our beans to see if they have grown. We will record any activity in our bean diaries. On Wednesday afternoon we have 'The Big Sing' at Ripon Cathedral and we do hope you can join us. We will be leaving school just before the end of lunchtime. If you come to the Cathedral you will be able to take your child home afterwards. The rest of the children will walk back to school together. Our Word Aware words are: faces, edges and vertices.

Year 3 – Read all about it! This week in Year 3, we are learning how to structure a newspaper report so that we can report what Henry VIII has been up to! In Maths, we are starting a new topic of fractions, which links well with the division we have completed. Lots of practical lessons including some involving food. In Science, we are comparing solids, liquids and gases and understanding that some materials can be a mixture. In PE, the children will continue with their Hockey topic, working on their stick skills. We look forward to seeing you on Friday for the Sport Relief Mile. Our Word Aware word is: fractions.

Year 4 – In Year 4 this week, we will be multiplying and dividing 3-digit numbers by a single digit. In Literacy, we are getting to grips with prepositions this week and will be trying to use them in a non-chronological report all about Fountains Abbey. During Science, we will be investigating if a plastic bottle is really empty and if gases weigh anything. Our Word Aware words this week are: preposition, dissolution and factors.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 we are learning about the difference between 1st, 2nd and 3rd person and looking at the effect it has in our writing. We will be writing scripts for our Anglo-Saxon play including all our history knowledge we have learnt so far. We will be learning about cooking and nutrition in design and technology and linking it to our Topic of ‘Explorers’. Our Word Aware words are: debate, artefact and metamorphosis.

Year 6 – Today in Year 6, we have been editing and improving our balanced arguments ready for some of us to compete in Friday's debating competition. On Wednesday, we will be practising running a mile in PE ready for Friday morning's charity mile run. We will also be starting to draft and write a script this week, ready to rehearse for the Year 5 and 6 Showcase next month to share our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon settlement in Britain. Our Word Aware words are: classification, reproduction, percentage and adverse.

## Attendance

To date:

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 94.45     | 96.13  | 97.08  | 95.42  | 98.03  | 96.77  | 95.45  |

Last week:

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 96.36     | 94.40  | 98.10  | 97.60  | 97.39  | 97.14  | 98.33  |

Minutes late last week:

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 32        | 5      | 36     | 30     | 0      | 25     | 8      |

## Diary Dates

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 | The Big Sing 2.00pm – KS1                          |
| 9-13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020         | Sports Relief activities                           |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020  | Science Day  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020    | Mother's Day Lunch – KS1 - 11.30am & KS2 - 12.20pm |
| w/c 23.3.20 and 30.3.20               | Parent Consultations                               |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020   | KS1 Showcase - Easter Afternoon Tea at 2.00pm      |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020   | Easter Themed Reading Café                         |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020     | Break-up for Easter at 3.00pm                      |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020    | Return to School after Easter Holidays             |