

# MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends

We felt really proud of our pupils in Key Stage 1 last week – even more than usual! They were brilliantly behaved on their trip to Tropical World and therefore had a fantastic time. They also sang beautifully at ‘The Big Sing’ in Ripon Cathedral. Thank you so much to you too for supporting them at the event.

We also had a super morning when the whole school ran their ‘Sports Relief’ mile on Friday. Thank you to everyone who joined us and/or donated. As a school, we raised £108. Well done Team Moorside!

Today, the children in Reception to Year 6 took part in workshops run by the Road Safety project. Rebecca Blunstone, part of ‘Team Lauren’ Doherty, visited our school today. Lauren was involved in a life changing road traffic accident twelve years ago. She is now paralysed as a result of her injuries, but has made it her mission to educate children in the importance of paying attention when crossing the road. Lauren is an absolute inspiration – you can follow her story at [roadsafetytalks.co.uk](https://roadsafetytalks.co.uk), to reinforce the importance of concentrating when crossing the road when talking to your children. We are so grateful to Rebecca for visiting our school and talking to our children today.

As I am sure you will agree, it has been a difficult week in terms of making decisions and planning, at work and at home, for the impact of the Coronavirus. Government advice changes frequently. The current updated information and guidance for educational settings is at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

We are trying to maintain a calm and proportionate response to this situation, however, in certain circumstances, we may have to send pupils home, based on the guidance above. School closure has been discussed in the media, however at present there is no immediate advice that all schools should close. What could potentially close, or partially close the school, even before a government directive, is unavailability of staff due to self-isolation. It is therefore important that your email and mobile numbers are up to date, so that we can communicate with you in the event of needing to close, or partially close the school through unavailability of staff, or under direction from the Local Authority. If you have recently changed your contact details please contact Mrs Dunn or Mrs Pawley at the school office.

To minimise the number of visitors into school, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Mother’s Day Lunch, Reading Cafe and Showcase events. Payments will, of course, be refunded. I am sure you will understand that large gatherings of parents and grandparents would not help in trying to prevent the spread of germs, which has been recommended, and it is my priority to keep everyone safe. With this in mind, Parent Consultations have also been cancelled. You will receive your child’s end of term report by the end of next week and are more than welcome to email the school office if you have any concerns and would like to speak to the class teacher on the telephone. I am hoping that by putting these measures in place, we are doing our best to keep everyone fit and healthy.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child’s education, health and well-being, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Have a super week everyone.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**

Headteacher

## Eco News

Many thanks to our new Year 6 recyclers, who collected pens, paper and batteries from the classrooms last week. On Saturday 21st March, the Friends of Hell Wath Activity day is still going ahead (at this time of publication). If you would like to take part, please meet at Hell Wath Football Pavilion from 1pm until 3pm. You will pick litter as part of the Keep Britain Tidy 'Great Spring Clean' and join in a free Outdoor Adventures Forest Schools session. All equipment provided and recommended safety measures will be followed.



## Class Updates

**EYFS** – This week in EYFS, we are making cards for some special people! We will also be exploring the magic porridge pot and continue our work on partitioning numbers.

**Year 1** – This week we are continuing to look at halving and place value in Maths. In Phonics we are learning different spellings for the /ch/ phoneme, the mb spelling for the /m/ phoneme and the wr spelling for the /r/ phoneme. In Science we are making a 'guess my tree' game, using adjectives to describe the buds that were found in Forest School last week. In DT we are focusing on food technology. Last week we learnt about where our food comes from and this week we will be making bread. Please ensure that you keep school informed about any changes in dietary requirements or allergies for your child. Our Word Aware Words are: equal and bud.

**Year 2** – In Phonics this week we are looking at the phoneme 'o' spelt with an 'a' after the letter O and W. In Maths we will finish off our shape work and start looking at fractions. We will be investigating how to split shapes, objects and amounts into halves. After finishing our recounts from our trip to Tropical World we will re-read 'Jim and the Beanstalk' and look to retell the story using conjunctions. In History we will make a game of snakes and ladders to show the events of Robert Scott's journey to the South Pole. Our Word Aware Words are: half, halves, numerator, denominator, equal and unequal.

**Year 3** – This week in Year 3, we will be completing our newspaper reports about Sports Relief. We will edit and redraft it to have a fabulous finished product. In Maths, we will be focusing on equivalent fractions and comparing these using our reasoning skills. This is very tricky! In Science, the children will be following up Science Weeks's experiments with more experiments involving solids, liquids and gases. Our Word Aware Word is: experiment.

**Year 4** – In Year 4 this week, we will be finding out all about the Spanish Armada so that we can write a non-chronological report about it. In Maths, division will be our focus and we will be using equipment to help develop our knowledge of the written method. In Science we are continuing to learn about solids, liquids and gases, with a main focus on melting, boiling and freezing. During History, we will be comparing Fountains Abbey to Easby Abbey to see if we can spot any similarities and differences. Our Word Aware Words are: melting, comparisons and division.

**Year 5** – In Year 5 this week we are looking forward to our Road Safety Talk and making sure we are safe in our local area. We will be writing about how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain. In Maths, we will be continuing with long multiplication and solving problems to show our understanding. We will be learning more about living things in Science and looking at how religion changed during the Anglo-Saxons. Our Word Aware Words are: artefact, problems and metamorphosis.

**Year 6** – This week we will be continuing to write about the Anglo-Saxon settlement in Britain. In Science, we will be investigating the life cycles of different types of animals and as part of our History learning, we will be looking at sources of evidence which provide us with information about the past. Our Word Aware Words are: source, settlement, cycle, reproduction.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.48	96.31	97.23	95.48	97.96	96.87	95.43

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.00	100.00	100.00	96.80	96.52	99.05	95.00

Minutes late last week:

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

## Diary Dates

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