

Dear Parents and friends,

We may be cruising towards half term, but the staff and children at Moorside are working harder than ever!! The teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's progress this term, during parent consultations, which are straight after half term. So that we can make sure they run as smoothly as possible on the technology front, please could you book your time slot using your child's unique code by 4pm on Monday 19th October? Thank you!

We are looking forward to counting up children's 'HIGH 5' reading efforts at home, so please could you also send their reading records into school on Monday 19th October, and we can then reward them in school! After being quarantined and checked, we will return them to you on Friday 23rd October with a reading book, ready for half term!

Nothing stops our Friends of School in their fundraising efforts.... I am pleased to share that they will be organising our annual 'All my own Work' Christmas cards and gifts. You will receive a design template and order form for your child to complete with you at home over half term. You can then complete the order form and return it in an envelope, with the correct money for your order, on Wednesday 4th November to the box on the Reception doorstep. They will be quarantined before the money is counted by our Friends of School.

On Friday 6th November, we will be holding a charity fundraiser for Juvenile Arthritis...#wearpurpleday. This is a condition that affects a member of our school community and I am extremely proud of her sister for raising awareness to support all children who suffer. Your child can wear one purple item, all purple or just non-uniform on that day for £1 donation to this cause.

Children in Years 2, 5 and 6 have been doing Forest School this half term. They have done some amazing investigations outside as part of their science learning, worked together in teams on challenges such as den building and enjoyed mindfulness activities in the outdoors. We feel that this has really helped them in transitioning back into school and learning together again. Years 1, 3 and 4 will now do Forest School on a Wednesday after half term, so will need wellies, layers and waterproofs on that day. They need to wear clothes that you don't mind getting very muddy! Children in the Early Years will continue with Forest School Fridays...

We will then swap over again after Christmas. Thank you to parents for equipping your children with the right kit as they really do enjoy it when they are warm and dry -'ish'! Mrs Goss was beaming on Wednesday this week when EVERYONE had what they needed.... lots of marbles in jars!!



Attendance so far this term has been....

This week it has been 94.26% with the winning class being Year 6 with 97.41%. It is crucial that unless your family is isolating or your child is too ill to attend that they come to school every day!! Thank you for supporting us with this. If your child is struggling to come into school - we are always here and will do everything that we can to help!

Have a great weekend everyone and look forward to seeing you next week!

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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| w/c 2 nd November & 9 th November 2020 | Parent Consultations via Zoom |
| Friday 6 th November 2020 | Wear Purple Day for Juvenile Arthritis |
| Monday 30 th November 2020 | Individual School Photographs |