

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Friends,

The final newsletter of 2020 and WHAT a year it has been...

I am sure that you will all join me in feeling immensely proud of the resilience that your children have shown in returning to school this term. Attendance has been really positive at 98.16% this term and I am feeling incredibly relieved that we have made it to the holidays without needing to close any class bubbles with any cases of Covid-19.

We had 79 children in receipt of 100% Attendance certificates this term – the most ever and I firmly believe that this is because of everyone's co-operation in reducing risks with staggered start and finish times, regular and rigorous cleaning and sanitisation and the restrictions in place in quarantining books, limiting items coming in and out of school and children coming to school in the correct clothing for Forest school and PE activities. I know that this has not been easy at times, but I really appreciate all your support in keeping our staff, children and families safe.



One thing that has been exceptionally frustrating and difficult for us is not being able to welcome you into school. We love sharing showcases, Reading cafes and our performances with parents and grandparents. We have done our very best to give you a flavour of what we are up to behind the doors with Marvellous Me and Facebook photos, showcase videos and of course our whole school nativity. I am sure you will agree that Mr Stocks did a fabulous job of editing this for us and we have been pleased to share it with local care homes to spread some Christmas cheer within our community. Our latest instalment is a showcase from Years 3 and 4, all about their French topic this term. We look forward to sharing the link with parents – hopefully very soon! We have been AMAZED at the number of High 5 readers that we have rewarded at the end of term – 42 children in total have read 5 times a week at home this term. We have given the children certificates today... and as we have totally underestimated the number of prizes needed, we have promised them for when we return to school in January. What a FABULOUS achievement.

We have been incredibly grateful for all your kind emails and messages of appreciation and feedback throughout the term. Your positive comments always make our staff feel valued. Thank you so much for your support.

Our raffle has been a tremendous success, thanks to our lovely FOMS! The total amount raised was £1,180. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets! We also raised £150 from Headteacher hot chocolates this week - they definitely went down well in the cold weather and the children very much enjoyed their 'sweeter' breaktimes.

It has been a difficult year in lots of ways, but our community has really strengthened in finding ways to overcome the barriers that we are faced with when having to stay apart, but provide as much normality and routine as possible for our children. That being said, times continue to be unprecedented, and we will need to continue to be in contact with you over the holidays if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the Christmas break, especially between today and the 24th December. If your child does test positive, please email admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk with the date that symptoms began. This email will be checked daily by a member of staff, to ensure that we can keep you informed.

All being well, we look forward to reopening on Tuesday 5th January and welcoming all our children back to school again... with the same staggered start and finish times and safety measures in place as we have had in place this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and governors for their hard work, dedication and care for each other and our children. They join me in wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021.

Please stay safe and healthy!

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

