

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and friends,

There is a buzz of excitement in school today, which has been building up all week. Our children who are in school are excited to see their friends and our staff team are excited to see everyone together again 'in real life' as opposed to 'virtually'. Our learning environments have had a face lift with fabulous work on display from children at home and in school over the term so far, so that our children feel a sense of belonging when they return to their classrooms.

We have more hands to add to our nurture tree in our front entrance with ten new children joining Team Moorside on Monday. We know that our school community will make them feel really welcome.

I have been really impressed by the determination and enthusiasm that our children have shown this term when adapting to learning remotely and know that this is

down to the support and encouragement that they have been receiving from you at home!



This week's remote learning engagement this week has been:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Last week:	84%	90%	89%	95%	96%	88%	82%
This week:	95%	85%	85%	95%	92%	88%	83%

We will reveal the class who has won the Headteacher hot chocolate next week for the overall highest % for remote learning engagement this term.....

Learning Packs and online work will be provided if and when a child has to isolate due to contracting Covid themselves, or having been tracked and traced. We look forward to having all children in school from Monday.

### Month of Reading Madness:

Our first week of a 'Month of Reading Madness' has brought us opportunities to read in imaginative places, a masked reader competition and some brand new books bought to support phonics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. Each child should also have received a World Book Day Voucher to obtain their free book, but if you have struggled to download your electronic version via email, please let us know and we will give your child a paper one on Monday. We are looking forward to welcoming the children to an 'in school' Reading Café next week to enjoy a story and some book related activities! Please keep sending your 'I Spy You Reading' photos to school...they are absolutely BRILLIANT!





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**A Reminder from Monday's Letter:**

Undertaking regular, rapid Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Children of Primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees;
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests;
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

**Communication with Staff:**

To support with remote learning and sharing of work, we set up some additional email addresses in January, specifically for this purpose. As we return to running school as 'normal' again, please send any emails or messages to staff via the school admin email. Teachers will either reply via the admin email or give you a call as soon as they are available. This is so that we can ensure that no emails are missed, but also to protect staff workload. The exception to this is the EYFS email ([fsu@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:fsu@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk)), please continue to send photos of activities/special occasions via this email address so we can include them in children's Learning Journeys.

We will always do our very best to support you with any enquiries or concerns regarding your child's learning and well-being and will be sending a school report out to you at the end of term to keep you well informed. Our children are best supported through our work together and communication is key! Please keep reading our newsletters and following our school Facebook page to keep updated. Marvellous Me messages will also keep coming your way, so that you can celebrate your child's successes with them at home too!

I hope that you all have a super weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher