

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a term it has been! As we begin the Easter holidays, I just wanted to share some of the amazing things that have been achieved since January....

- Our partial closure led to learning moving to be online at rapid pace and whole class zooms became the norm...with children engaging with their teachers in virtual lessons across the curriculum, both live and online via our learning platforms.
- Online tours of school for our new families - we have welcomed 11 new children and their families to Team Moorside.
- We have completed our Bronze submission for the North Yorkshire Healthy Schools Award.
- We have had a month of reading madness throughout March with some fabulous opportunities to embed a love of books and reading through a variety of activities. We have recently received a grant to invest into more new books and resources to support the teaching of phonics in school.
- We have raised £160 for Comic Relief, celebrated Chinese New Year and extended our knowledge about how to be safe online on Safer Internet Day - all part of our British Values and diverse curriculum.
- We have invested catch up funding into new laptops and ICT equipment to support remote learning, which will now be used in school as part of our catch-up interventions.
- We have 4 Forest school sessions per week (previously 3) so that a higher % of pupils can receive high quality lessons in the outdoors weekly. Not only does this compliment many aspects of our curriculum, it supports children's well-being, particularly their emotional resilience, and provides opportunities for team work.
- Our Early Years Team have received training in the Nuffield Early Language Intervention to support children with communication as part of our catch-up programme.
- Each class has learnt a poem together, to develop and improve their use of language, oral rehearsal and performance!

So... whilst the country has been in another National lockdown and we have come up against challenges and barriers in not being able to be together all the time, I am so proud of what our children and team have accomplished through sheer determination. There is no stopping us!

### **Covid Symptoms:**

As per my letter this week... if anyone in your household develops the following symptoms, please seek a PCR test immediately and let us know the outcome via the admin email:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

You can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance has been 91.67% this week.

	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>W/c 15.3.21</b>	97.66%	94.95%	96.72%	93.47%	96.76%	90.87%	94.04%
<b>This week</b>	85.63%	96.97%	93.70%	91.92%	95.33%	81.48%	88.07%

Please contact the office to provide a reason for your child's absence, either by telephone or email. I hope that after a two week break, we will be able to welcome everyone back into school safe and well.

**Parent Consultations:**

This week we have sent a letter to you to book parent consultations for the beginning of next half term. You will receive a paper copy of your child's report before the telephone meeting and this will also be emailed later today. Your child's class teacher will look forward to the opportunity to chat with you about your child's learning progress and social and emotional development and some of the strategies that are in place to further support them in school.

We will re-open on Tuesday 13th April at your usual staggered start times and we very much look forward to welcoming everyone back together again.

Enjoy the Easter break and stay safe everyone!

Best wishes  
**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

