

16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

A strange start to the summer term with snow on Sunday and sub-zero temperatures on our journeys to school in the mornings! At least the sun has been shining and our children have transitioned brilliantly back into school after the Easter break.

We have been pleased to welcome our new starters this week, Rogan, Sri, Guyutri and Vincent and hope that they quickly feel part of our Moorside team. If you know of anyone who might require a Nursery place in September and would like a tour of our school, we would be more than happy to show them our lovely provision. This will continue to be virtually via Zoom at the moment, or an external tour of our grounds and amazing outdoor areas.



Our Friends of School are hot off the mark on their fundraising efforts, now that the lockdown restrictions are lifting gradually. You may have had the opportunity for a bit of a clear out...so we have arranged a Bags to School collection on 11<sup>th</sup> May if you have any unwanted items. They accept the following **'good quality'** items: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). Please bring any donations in black bin bags on the 10<sup>th</sup> May or the 11<sup>th</sup> May and we will store them in our 'stable' opposite the staff carpark for collection. If you would like to read about how your donations can help us to fundraise, please visit: <https://bag2school.com/>

We will be emailing out learning letters, topic mats with the learning for this half term and homework challenges today, so that you can support your children with their progress at home, by asking them about their learning. The children have all enjoyed launch days to begin their new topics as part of this term's theme of INVENTIONS! We will continue to share updates via our school newsletters, Marvellous Me and our Facebook page, Moorside Primary School and Nursery.

### Attendance:

Our whole school attendance has been 97.32 % this week. This is BRILLIANT!!

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
W/c 22.3.21	85.63%	96.97%	93.70%	91.92%	95.33%	81.48%	88.07%
<b>This week</b>	96.27%	94.19%	98.29%	98.7%	98.14%	96.43%	98.81%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 6 with 98.81% WELL DONE TO YOU!!

Thank you so much to everyone who provided feedback to our Governor-Led Nursery consultation and our Relationships and Sex Education Policy (RSE).

We have uploaded the agreed and ratified policy along with the survey results on our school website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/policies/>. Responses to the questions/comments regarding the RSE policy are on the final page of this Newsletter.

Based on the positive feedback that we have received, we will be registering as a Governor-Led Nursery with the Local Authority and Ofsted and will continue to ensure that we are offering a high quality and inclusive education for all our pupils as they begin their learning journey.

I hope that you have been able to arrange a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher this week, to discuss their Spring term report, their well-being and progress. If you have been unable to do this already, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will arrange an appointment for you. As always, we are just a phone call or email away if you have any concerns or queries. It is so important that you share any changes that may have occurred at home, as this may affect children in school too and we will always do our very best to support them. Communication really is vital.

Have a fabulous Summer term everyone!

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

**Diary Dates:**

Please see our Summer Theme Day Plan at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/enrichment/>

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	May Day Bank Holiday – school will be closed on this day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Number Day – children will be able to dress up as a Timestable Rockstar or a number!
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Bags2School Collection
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Inventor Lunch linked to our Curriculum theme (more details to follow)
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Art Week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Break-up for half term holidays
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School re-opens for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer term

## Relationships and Sex Education feedback

Q1 and 4

**Comments regarding the importance of opening up discussions about RSE, so that children can build trust and feel able to ask questions which might keep them safe in future.**

*We agree with this and will ensure that children know that there are people to talk to outside the lessons as we know that some of the content may provoke further questions. We will reinforce with children that they can ask parents at home as well as adults at school about anything at all, and as a school will ensure that children feel that they can make contributions confidently in lessons and we will respond sensitively to ensure that they do not feel embarrassed.*

Q2&5

**Positive comments about trusting that Moorside will follow the guidance and that education at school is great and that it should be followed up on at school with support from school and parents.**

*Thank you – we absolutely agree about the importance of teaching children about healthy relationships and are open to any suggestions from members of our community about further measures that can be put in place to ensure that parents feel supported (See Q10 below).*

Q6

**A comment referred to the importance of providing more lines of communication to enable children to feel comfortable in sharing questions and concerns that they may have.**

*We agree that our staff team are an important outlet for children to be able to ask questions or talk to adults who they feel confident to confide in. We will always inform children that we are trusted adults to speak to but that we may need to share their concerns with their parents to support them.*

Q7

**Some comments referred to the appropriateness of teaching the RSE curriculum at Primary school, specifically referring to age appropriate content.**

*We are following North Yorkshire advice and guidance regarding the subject matter being taught in each year group and recommended language, by attending meetings and receiving training for all staff to ensure that they are using consistent and progressive terminology. We have bought Kapow as a teaching resource written by specialists so that we know that all resources are also age appropriate. We feel sure that we will therefore be able to equip our children with the education that they need as they grow and develop emotionally and physically.*

Q10

**A suggested area on the school website for parents to look at if they have any questions.**

*This is a great idea. We will put a booklet together on our well-being page with links and support for parents as well as our policy. Thank you.*