

23rd July 2021

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

WHAT A YEAR THAT WAS!! Staggered starts, bubbles, lockdowns, Zooms, hand sanitising and isolations are not how we want remember 2020-21 though....

As a school, we have tackled challenges that have arisen throughout the pandemic, such as providing quality remote learning and support for our families, celebrating our children's successes and performances with parents virtually and ensuring that all our children receive the right educational and emotional support at the right time to recover from the impact of two unprecedented years with school closures. Our staff have received training to support children with new interventions and adjusted and adapted our curriculum, so that any gaps in learning are addressed across all subject areas, which continue to be taught through stories and texts to help our children to become proficient readers and writers. Your children's school reports reflect their successes this year and also the detail and depth in which our teachers 'know' the children and how they learn, which we will use to continue to build on their progress next year. It has been really lovely to receive such positive feedback, so thank you so much to everyone who sent in the proforma! We also really appreciate your positive comments on Facebook posts and high 5s on Marvellous Me's so that we can share your children's achievements and feel proud of them together! Our children have been extremely resilient this year and I could not be more proud of them for adapting so well to the changes that have happened due to the pandemic. They are a credit to you as parents and each and everyone one of them are an important part of Team Moorside.

Fundraising

Another group of people who deserve massive praise are the Friends of School for organising a fabulous end of year raffle! They raised £1158 in total which is amazing. This brings their total fundraising total this year up to £3282.06....! This is particularly brilliant due the fact that we haven't been able to have proper fundraising events with gatherings. Well done and thank you so much for being so dedicated and supportive FOMS!

We have a pair of fabulous 'mini' fundraisers in school; Madeline and Poppy in Year 5 have worked their socks off this week! They were the brains behind our Dementia UK fun run and have raised £1065 so far.... This is over double our target and we ran 510 miles too! Thank you so much to everyone who came to run with us at school and of course to those of you who have so generously contributed. Incredible!!



September....

We are not sure at the moment about what September might bring, in terms of restrictions and guidance to manage the transmission of Covid-19. As a school we will still:

- Enforce regular hand washing and sanitising throughout the school day.
- Ask that children come to school in their PE kit and Forest School kit on those specific days and these will be communicated with you before the start of term.
- Have Key Stage 2 lunches in classrooms at least for the first 2 weeks back at school.
- Ask that children do not bring a pencil case to school or anything other than a water bottle (Y1-6) and reading books/logs.
- Request that children should have a Moorside book bag to keep their reading materials and any letters safe. Rucksacks are not required unless they are to carry waterproofs and wellies for Forest School.

If staggered start and finish times are no longer required, our school day will begin for everyone at 8.50am and end at 3.20pm. This is with the exception of Reception and Nursery who will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. We will confirm this with you before the start of term.

Safety on the Internet...



As the rainy weather is likely to set in as the holidays begin, we know that some of our children will be spending longer than normal on internet devices. With an ever-changing world of communication and gaming online, it is really important that they are safe. We teach internet safety in school, but this needs to be reinforced and put into action at home too. The NSPCC website has all the details to help with setting up parent controls and informing you of the up to date risks. PLEASE have a look - you just never know who it is that they are talking to online...

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you require any help over the Summer, there may be someone to talk to about your child's well-being at one of the following sites:

[Find a course \(youngminds.org.uk\)](http://youngminds.org.uk)

[Young People - Compass \(compass-uk.org\)](http://compass-uk.org)

[Parents / Carers - Compass \(compass-uk.org\)](http://compass-uk.org)

[Help & Support | Health & Wellbeing Guidance | Compass \(compass-uk.org\)](http://compass-uk.org)

Alternatively, the helpline for Children and Families Service is 01609 780780. This is for safeguarding concerns.

Farewell Year 6....

We are saying farewell to our lovely Year 6 cohort today and wish them well in their new schools. They did a super Leavers Assembly today and you can watch their video at:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XV52CvFXnnI&feature=youtu.be>

Which features children from across the school. We also say a sad goodbye to Hannah in Year 5, Layton and Bradley in Year 4 and Rogan and Logan in Nursery. We hope that they settle into their new schools quickly.



Nursery



We still have some spaces in our Nursery from September. If you have a child who is 3 (or know anyone who does) and they are ready to begin their Nursery journey..... please send an e-mail to admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk and we will contact you with more information about our lovely provision!

Finally.... I would just like to say thank you for your support; for being open with us at school, and for working with us so that we can provide the best opportunities for your child(ren) to learn. I feel so lucky to work with such amazing staff and children in our community and can't wait to see what next year brings. I hope that you all have a lovely Summer break and can take some time out for some fun as families.

See you on the 7th September!

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Rowett

A very proud Headteacher!