

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

It has been a super second week of term.... Our children have been getting deep into their learning through stories across the school, growing a love of reading! We have had 'Gruffalo' crumble in the Early Years, 'wanted' posters for missing 'Bog Babies' in Year 1 and lots of travelling to different climates through Meerkat Mail in Year 2. It is lovely to hear the children talking about their learning with such enthusiasm!



We said farewell and happy retirement to Mrs Mingay today. She started working at Moorside as a teaching assistant in 1997 - 24 years ago! She has been such an asset to our school over the years and we will especially miss her passion for gardening and outdoor learning, as well as all the support she has provided for children from Nursery to Year 6 in the classroom. She has worked with hundreds of children and some of our parents when they attended Moorside too! We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her lots of luck for the future.

### Attendance

Our attendance this week as a school has dropped to 94.92%. Please remember we can only authorise absence due to holidays in exceptional circumstances.

|              | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| w/c 06.09.21 | 97.94%    | 99.29% | 100%   | 98.86% | 99.4%  | 100%   | 98.82% |
| This Week    | 95.05%    | 92.22% | 95.96% | 100%   | 94.44% | 90%    | 100%   |

The class attendance winners with 100% are Year 3 and Year 6! A big well done to both classes!

### Road Safety

As the nights are already drawing in, we are concerned to hear of some near misses with traffic and some of our children out on their bikes after 7pm. This has involved some of our children in key stage 2. Children are also riding their bikes to school without helmets which is not safe. We teach children about road safety in school, but they often forget to put this into practice when playing with their friends after school. Please could you talk to your child about how to stay safe if they are playing outside without adult supervision.



### Morrisons Grow Tokens

Morrisons are offering FREE gardening equipment for schools. You can collect one token for every £10 you spend. We have registered as a school, so please see the 'How do I get started?' to start collecting on our behalf or collect a leaflet in store!

### FOMS

Our Friends of Moorside have been hot off the mark and have organised the Halloween disco for Wednesday 20th October. Pop it in your diaries!! More information will follow!

### Moorside Charity Fundraiser...

On Friday 24th September we will be having our annual 'wear purple day' for children with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis! This is to support a charity who helps a member of our school community, so we would really appreciate it if your child could wear non-uniform with a purple accessory or item or clothing and bring a donation on that day! 💜 Thank you!

## Welcome to Phonics Session for Parents

We will be holding a 'Welcome to Phonics' session for our Reception parents on Tuesday 28th September in the school hall at 3.30pm. We hope that you'll be able to join us to support your child on their reading journey. If you cannot attend, we will share our information via the school website too!

I do hope that your child is settling back into the routine of school. Please do share any information with us that you feel might help us to support them throughout the day. You can always arrange to have a chat with their class teacher, Mrs Price or myself if you have any concerns.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,  
**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

### Diary dates:

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| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September  | Wear Purple Day for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October  | Flu Immunisations                                 |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October | Halloween Disco (more details to follow)          |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October    | Break-up for half term                            |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November   | School Re-Opens after the half term holidays      |