

22nd October 2021

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

Well....we have made it to half term and what a half term it has been!

It has been an absolute delight to welcome new children to Moorside, not just at the beginning of term, but over the past few weeks too. We hope that they have made new friends and already feel part of our team! Our Reception children, who have only been at 'big school' for 7 weeks, treated us to a wonderful Harvest Assembly on Tuesday morning. Their singing, actions, rhymes and lines were all delivered BRILLIANTLY and I just loved all the art work that they shared. They even played the xylophones as part of their performance. Please have a look at the video on Facebook that we have put together to give you a flavour of this fantastic event. Thank you to our children and the staff in our Early Years for the hard work and effort that went into this. I felt very proud of them.

North Yorkshire have launched a pumpkin carving competition to inspire primary and secondary pupils to get creative in their kitchens! The information is all at <https://www.nyeducationservices.co.uk/pumpkin-carving-competition-now-live>

There is an exciting first place prize to be won – an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet with 7" Display and 16GB data! Plus a runners up prize of a fun Colouring Book.

Simply email a **photo of your carved pumpkin** to: charlotte.firth@northyorks.gov.uk

Please include the **pupil's name, age**, and details of the **school** they attend (plus a name for your pumpkin if you like!).

Deadline: 17:00 on Wednesday 3rd November 2021

The winner and runners-up will be announced on Monday 15th November 2020 and the winning pumpkin (plus the runners-up) will be published on their website and social media. Have fun!



Headlice

Unfortunately, we have had head lice in school in Key Stage 1 and 2. Please could you check your child's hair and ensure that they have been treated if you do spot any. Please also let your child's class teacher know. If we do see 'live lice', we will call you to collect your child to apply treatment as soon as possible to prevent them from spreading.

Attendance

Attendance has been slightly better this week, with more children recovering from a range of illnesses. The whole school attendance is 90.73% and the winning class is Year 6. Well done. Let's hope that we are all back on track after a rest over the half term break to aim for the minimum of 96%. Please note - I cannot authorise absences from school for term time holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you would like to discuss this further, I will always make myself available for a chat.

Forest School

Our Forest School groups will change after half term. On a Wednesday, it will be Year 5 and Year 2 who have Forest School, linked to their learning across the curriculum. On that day, please could children wear old clothes for the outdoors, lots of layers (as the weather grows colder) and have suitable waterproofs and wellies. They can bring the waterproofs and wellies in a bag.

Moorside hoodies are for PE days ONLY please. Children should be in school jumpers on uniform days. Please could you also ensure that your child has black school shoes or boots for school. Trainers are not part of our school uniform.

Our children in Year 1 and Reception and Nursery will continue to have Forest School on a Friday so again, please ensure that they have suitable clothing as the weather gets colder.

I wrote to all parents earlier this term about the importance of monitoring access to programmes and games with age restrictions. We are still dealing with some of the comments made regarding 'Squid Games' on Netflix which are inappropriate, based on the fact that it is a 15. We all have a duty of care to keep our children safe and we continue to log those children who require supportive conversations after viewing material that they are too young to understand. It is vital that children's access to material on the internet, on games and on Netflix is monitored to keep them safe.

Monday 1st November is a training day so we look forward to welcoming children back on Tuesday 2nd November. Thank you for all your support this half term. I am really proud of all our children who have settled well into their new classrooms and routines. They are very ready for a well deserved rest over the next week.

Have fun and stay safe,

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett

Diary Dates:

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

Friday 22 nd October	Break-up for half term
Tuesday 2 nd November	School Re-Opens after the half term holidays