

11th November 2021

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had a week full of bonfire night and Remembrance poetry, and a fantastic school trip to the National Railway museum for Year 1 and 2 on Wednesday.

Our children have produced some really super writing about 'why they wear a poppy' and I am so proud of them for the empathy that they showed during our Act of Remembrance today.



Thinking ahead to the many events that we are arranging for the remainder of the term, we are putting some tentative plans in place to hold as many of our traditional end of term and Christmas festivities as possible at Moorside, after Covid-19 lockdown restrictions meant that we were only able to hold virtual events last year. That being said, we really did enjoy welcoming the donkey to our outdoor nativity!

Dates and events...

The Governors, our staff team and I have therefore discussed and agreed the following dates and plans, however they are subject to change if we have a number of Covid-19 cases in school. We will be risk assessing each event to ensure that all health and safety measures are carried out. The dates below are therefore subject to change.

Monday 6th December – KS1 Nativity at 1.30pm, **Year 1 parents to watch (only 2 adults per family please)**

Tuesday 7th December – KS1 Nativity at 1.30pm, **Year 2 parents to watch (only 2 adults per family please)**

Wednesday 8th December – EYFS 'Wriggly Nativity' at 9.10am, **(only 2 adults per family please)**

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Moorside's Christmas dinner

Thursday 9th December – EYFS 'Wriggly Nativity' at 9.10am, **(only 2 adults per family please)**

Monday 13th December – KS2 Christmas Jingle... Songs in the Outdoors at 2.30pm **(only 2 adults per family please and wrap up warm!)** *Some of these songs will also be performed on 15th December at our Christmas Market.*

Tuesday 14th December – FOMS Christmas Disco – Times TBC

Wednesday 15th December – FOMS Moorside Christmas Market (and a special visitor to his Ripon Grotto.. ho ho ho!)

Friday 17th December - End of Term – School closes at 3pm and there is no after school Buddies on this day.

Some of the events above have been arranged by the Friends of School to support with raising funds for our school. They are a small team of people, who have worked tirelessly over the years but really rely on support from other parents! If you can volunteer any time or help at all so that it 'lightens the load', they would really appreciate it! We can pass on your details via the school office. Many thanks.



Parking and Traffic

We have consulted the Local Authority and Highways Agency regarding near misses and traffic on Lead Lane, as some drivers are not being safe when dropping off and collecting children. As a school, we hold our annual safety week and invite local PCSOs to visit as part of this and have arranged another assembly with Lauren, who inspired us with her Road Safety Talks by sharing her personal experiences. It is not however the children who are taking the greatest risks at the moment and we would really appreciate it if parents could ensure that they reduce their speed and refrain from mounting pavements as the consequences could be fatal. Please remember not to use the school drive or staff carpark unless you have a disabled badge. If you do have a blue badge, the speed limit is 5mph.

Attendance

Our attendance this week has still been lower than we would hope at 93.82% and we have unfortunately had quite a few late children. Well done to Year 2 with 98.3%...we know that you will enjoy your extra playtime!

Farewell and Good Luck

We will be saying farewell and good luck to Mrs Farrar next Friday, as she begins a new journey, working with the Local Authority to support children across Ripon and Harrogate with Communication and Interaction. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she will share with other settings to help them too and we know that she is excited about this opportunity whilst feeling sad about saying goodbye to our children. We hope that she will keep in touch. We will be interviewing candidates to join our team on Thursday 18th November and will keep you updated.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding Parent Consultations week beginning Monday 6th December. These will take place over the phone and you will then receive your child's report the following week. We will share links and passcodes for booking your time with your child's class teacher in due course.

As always, I hope that all the information above is useful, but you are always welcome to pick up the phone or send an email if you have any questions or would like a chat about how your child is getting on. If there are any changes at home that you feel might affect them in school, it is always best to let us know.

With best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

w/c 6 th December	Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
Monday 6 th December	KS1 Nativity at 1.30pm (Year 1 parents to watch)
Tuesday 7 th December	KS1 Nativity at 1.30pm (Year 2 parents to watch)
Wednesday 8 th December	EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity at 9.10am
Wednesday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day!
Thursday 9 th December	EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity at 9.10am
Monday 13 th December	KS2 Christmas Jingle – Songs in the Outdoors at 2.30pm
Tuesday 14 th December	FOMS Christmas Disco (times to be confirmed)
Wednesday 15 th December	FOMS Christmas Market (details to follow)
Friday 17 th December	Break-up for the Christmas holidays at 3.00pm