

26th November 2021

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

I can't believe this is our last November newsletter and that it's the 1st December next week! I am sure that Christmas excitement will be hitting households as 'Elves on the Shelves' emerge from their hibernation and advent calendars are begun! We have been enjoying listening to the children rehearsing their various nativities, Christmas songs and carols over the past week....and feel sure that as soon as the glitter is out of the cupboard and tinsel is on the tree, there will be no containing them! We are looking forward to welcoming you to the various events that will be taking place in the last 2 weeks of term.... please see dates and times at the end of this update.



School Lunches

We have been rather disappointed by the service that we have received from our new lunch provider, Taylor Shaw. This not a reflection of the fantastic work that Mrs Binks and Mrs Hampshire have been doing in the kitchen, but we have had a number of issues that have not been resolved and will therefore be returning to North Yorkshire County Caterers from January 2022. We are doing this to ensure that our children are receiving good quality lunches, the menu choices that they have made and variety so that they can enjoy their lunches. Our aim is to have an outstanding lunchtime provision and in the current situation, this has not been the case. We look forward to working with the team at North Yorkshire to achieve this, as our children deserve the best standards possible. The menus for Reception and KS1 children to select from for the Spring term, will be sent home today (KS2 children will choose their option daily in school). The cost of a school meal from January will be £2.45 per day (£12.25 per week).



On Wednesday 5th January, our 'Welcome Back' to school and to North Yorkshire County Caterers will be:

Chicken Korma & Rice, Sweetcorn & Peas
or
v Cheese & Tomato Pizza
or
Jacket Potato (Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna)

Jelly & Ice Cream
or
Fruit or Yogurt

(Please note: this menu is for this day only, it is different to the menu choices that will be sent home).

School Photographs

Phototronics will be coming to school on Tuesday 30th November to take children's individual photographs. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we will not be able to take photographs with younger/older siblings that do not attend our school. We will however, take family photographs with siblings that are here in school together.

Attendance

Sickness, colds and various other illnesses have really affected lots of our children this week. This has of course affected our whole school attendance but we are hoping that everyone is well enough to return soon. The whole school attendance is 90.17% and the winning class is Reception with 99.05%.

Key Stage 2 Performance

Our Key Stage 2 performance is on the 13th December. If your child has some sun glasses and a Christmas hat or headgear that they can wear for this event, please could you send them into school by Friday 10th December.



Lateness

So that we can ensure that children do not miss vital lesson time, please could you ensure that your child is at school on time at 8.50am (8.45am for Nursery children). Our teachers have meetings and clubs to run at the end of the school day, so please could you also arrive to collect your child on time. This is 3.15pm for EYFS and Key Stage 1 and 3.20pm for Key Stage 2. Thank you for your help with this.

Bags to School

Don't forget... if you're having a clear out, our Bags to School collection is at 9.00am on Friday 10th December. Thank you to the FOMS for arranging this to help our school funds.



FOMS Tombola Paper Plates

The paper plates have been sent home for you to fill for the Christmas Market tombola stall. Can they be returned to school by Wednesday 8th December please? Thank you.

Parent Consultations

If you haven't booked your parent consultation time yet, or there isn't a suitable time on the website for you to attend, please call the school office and we will make sure that you can meet with your child's class teacher before the holidays.

As always, thank you for all your support. It is a busy time of year for everyone, but if you need a chat at any time about your child's education or well-being...please contact the school office and we will direct you to the right person to help.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

Tuesday 30 th November	Individual School Photographs
w/c 6 th December	Parent Consultations (bookings now live on the website)
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
Friday 10 th December	Bag2School Collection at 9.00am
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
Wednesday 5 th January	Back to School for the Spring term