

7th January 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week.... They have been immersed in their 'Explorers' topic launches and are excited about their learning which will take them to the Antarctic (Years 1 and 2), back to Tudor times (in Years 3 and 4) and the Anglo-Saxon era (Years 5 and 6).

The children in our Nursery have been getting down to business constructing houses whilst learning through the fable, 'The Three Little Pigs' and in Reception they are exploring materials through a range of stories over the course of the term! This is particularly apt at this time of year, with water turning to ice and back again due to freezing temperatures!

More information about the term ahead will be shared through the learning letters for each year group, which are being sent out with this Newsletter.



Marrick Priory visit 10th-14th January

Our children in Year 6 will be going on residential to Marrick Priory next week. In order to provide staff to support them on their long-awaited visit, Mr Price will be accompanying them as well as Miss Lile. Miss Ryder, Mrs Taylor and Miss Rogan will join them for some of the week as well as teaching children in school. We hope that they have a wonderful outdoor learning experience and stay safe and warm!!

Year 5 will have Forest School on Wednesday 12th January in the afternoon to enjoy a 'Wolf-brother' themed Forest School session. Please ensure that they have plenty of layers on, coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Year 3 will need to wear PE kit on Tuesday please.

Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory unless children are in isolation for Covid. This week's attendance has been 96.8% with the winning class achieving 100%. Well done to Y6 and let's hope that everyone keeps fit and healthy as much as possible!

Autumn Term Winning House....

The winning house for house points (pride tokens) at the end of term was EMERALDS! Their non-uniform day when they can wear casual clothes or their colour - green - will be on Monday 17th January (so that Year 6 can also take part)!

Internet Safety

We have heard all about children's visits from Santa and new games and devices that they have received. Please be mindful that you may need to check on the settings and controls to ensure that children are not accessing anything that is harmful online on new devices and internet platforms/apps. Please see the information at the end of this Newsletter to support you with this.

Covid 19 Risk Assessment

Following on from my letter to you on Tuesday, our Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been published on our website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/risk-assessment-for-the-wider-opening-of-school/>

Freezing Temperatures/Snow and Ice



Please be extra careful when walking and driving to school in icy weather. We will always do our best to grit our pathways but it can get washed away if it rains and supplies are sometimes low when we place orders for additional grit. Please take extra care when walking across playgrounds and where possible, there are some grassy areas to walk on too. We are following the guidance provided by the Government and the Local Authority in ventilating classrooms, which involves opening windows ajar (not fully), and keeping an eye on the CO2 monitors with daily monitoring to track levels and opening doors

on occasions when they indicate that the ventilation is poorer. We do have heating on too. We absolutely acknowledge that this makes classrooms colder for children and the staff, but it is important that we follow the Risk Assessments that have been agreed to keep children and adults safe.

We suggest that children wear at least 2 layers under their school jumpers and leggings/tights under skirts and trousers with socks too, to keep them as warm as possible. Teachers try and get children moving regularly to warm them up as well! At the moment, our monitoring of our CO2 monitors shows that our measures are effective.

Ready for Learning...!

It can be quite a struggle to motivate ourselves when the mornings and evenings are dark and cold and we have enjoyed a lovely break, but we need to make sure that the children are ready and equipped for learning!

This means..... earlier bedtimes, a good, healthy breakfast, and suitable clothing for the day at school.

Some of our children have been very tired and hungry this week - potentially because of earlier starts and they have maybe been 'grazing' throughout the day at home! If your child is struggling with earlier bedtimes, we have a 'Moorside Sleep' support booklet full of activities and ideas to help

at <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Moorside-Sleep-Support-2.pdf>

Sleep support



We would be more than happy to print one off for you if you would like. Please contact Mrs Price or your child's class teacher if you would like to talk about helping your child to be ready for learning with strategies to help at home as required. Children are allowed to bring fruit for breaktimes which may give them an extra energy boost mid-morning. They are encouraged to drink water to keep hydrated throughout the day too!

PE Days

Our PE days are:

Reception: Tuesdays

Year 1: Wednesdays

Year 2: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 3: Fridays (Tuesday in addition to this next week)

Year 4: Fridays

Year 5: Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 6: Tuesdays

Please could you ensure that your child wears their PE hoodie, a white t shirt and black leggings or joggers on those days, as well as suitable trainers that fit them. This is the PE uniform on those days. Many thanks.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend, so that everyone feels ready and raring to go for the week ahead. It has been lovely to catch up with the children this week - they all seem to have settled back in really well. If they do share any worries or concerns with you at home, please do contact us so that we can help.

Stay safe everyone.

Best Wishes

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

10 th – 14 th January 2022	Y6 Marrick Priory Residential
Monday 17 th January	Non Uniform or GREEN clothing for children who are EMERALDS
Monday 31 st January 2022	Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm



There is also lots of information and support for parents at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>