

14th January 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

It feels like a long time since the last newsletter.... such a busy week – I cannot believe it is Friday already!

If you have not spied the updates on our school Facebook page our Year 6 children have had an exciting and memorable week at Marrick Priory. They have been a joy to spend time with according to the staff. I would like to thank Mr Price, Miss Lile, Miss Ryder and Miss Rogan for looking after them 24/7 at various stages throughout the week (or the whole week in some cases) and Mrs Taylor for helping with organisation too. We feel so fortunate to have been able to get them there in the current Covid-climate and feel relieved to have them all back at Moorside safely. I would also like to thank all our staff who have been in school, as their flexibility and support has been invaluable.



Back in school, the children have been busy learning about penguins and their habitat in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 – we have lots of posters around school, to describe the lost penguin from the story, 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. He seems to have landed in the Year 1 classroom and can't find his way home! Some great writing from some of our youngest children. Well done to them!

Attendance

Attendance has of course been affected over the past few months by the need for isolation due to Covid, however we are really pleased that our whole-school attendance this week has been 95.26%. Well done to Year 4 with 97.67%. We hope that everyone who is unwell recovers very soon.

Covid Update

We have unfortunately had a number of staff and children who have contracted Covid over the past week and are hoping that they are feeling better soon. We continue to request that parents do not enter the school building. Any visitors are solely for Health and Safety purposes. Please continue to be vigilant. We have sent letters to parents as appropriate and will inform you if your child has been identified as a close contact. Children who have tested positive should be in isolation so we are asking that they are not on the playground over their isolation period please.

Welcome

We have been delighted to welcome 6 new pupils to join Team Moorside over the first two weeks of term. We hope that Finley, Mia, Ava, Sophia, Sophia and Rebaz have made lots of new friends and feel that they are settling in well.

Curriculum

Topic knowledge mats and homework challenges have been emailed home this week. We have also printed out the homework challenges for you to have a go at whenever you can. These are also on our school website at:

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/home-learning-and-websites/>

The weekly spellings for each class are also online so that you can help at home. Reading Plus, Reading Eggs, Timetable Rockstars and Purple Mash logins for homework and remote learning are noted in the front of Reading diaries - if you need any help with this or have any questions about your child's learning, please do contact us via the admin email and we would be more than happy to help.

Clubs

Our clubs start back next week. They are:

Monday – SATS club until 4.30pm

Tuesday – Multi Sports (with Mr Doey) until 4.30pm, Lego Club and Craft Club until 4.15pm

Thursday – Football Club until 4.15pm

If your child has signed up to a club, unless they are absent from school, we request that they attend each week. Please inform us if your child is not going to attend a club so that we can hand them over to a designated adult instead at the end of the day.

PE and Forest School

We still have children who are not dressed appropriately for PE or Forest School. Please ensure that they wear a plain white T-Shirt, hoodie and black or navy leggings or joggers for PE and have layers, waterproofs and wellies for Forest School. Thank you very much.

If you have any old kitchen utensils and spoons we would be very grateful if we could have them for our mud kitchens!



FOMS update

Last term, our Friends of School raised a whopping £1,361.20. We would like to thank them for all their efforts so that we can give our children 'those little extras' to enhance their learning experiences. This week they have kindly paid for the Year 6 children to have an ice cream on their residential. The FOMS would like to thank parents for their support for fundraising events too.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend... keep warm and safe and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday. Don't forget it is non-uniform day for children in Emeralds on Monday!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

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
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Safer Internet Day
March 2022	Month of Reading Madness