

21st January 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had another busy week.... Our children are all working really hard and showing super enthusiasm for learning. We have had a number of children and staff who have been working and learning at home this week and they have done amazingly well too. I would like to say a huge well done to our whole school community for showing great resilience over the last couple of weeks with a number of Covid cases in school. Everyone has been extremely supportive and we are seeing super outcomes in online and face to face learning. Keep up the great work everyone! Thank you for your support - we know that learning at home and frequent LFT testing comes with its challenges.



'The Gingerbread Man' has been our story in the Early Years this week! The children have enjoyed baking and writing instructions for how to make gingerbread.... and have been searching for the gingerbread man that 'got away' from the oven... and is currently on the run at Moorside! They have been very busy trying to find him.



We are really pleased to share that we have successfully appointed Mrs Lee, an experienced teacher, who will be joining our Key Stage 1 team after February half term. Mrs Lee really enjoyed getting to know our staff and Year 2 children, who she will be teaching when Mrs Plummer is on maternity leave from the beginning of March. We hope that she will soon feel part of Team Moorside - I know that everyone will make her feel welcome.

We were also pleased to welcome Tasnim, Naya and Sham into Nursery and Year 4. We hope that they have had a great first week with us.



Attendance

Attendance has been much lower this week due to the requirement for children who have tested positive on an LFT or PCR test to isolate. Whole school attendance is 83.03% and our class who have been lucky enough to dodge the germs and be in school is Year 1 with 98.51%!

Isolation requirements

The government guidance for Covid isolation is 10 days.

The isolation can end early **only if** your child has a negative test on days **5 and 6** (24 hours apart) from the **day of their positive test**. For example, if the test was on a Wednesday, you can then test your child with an LFT test on the following Monday and Tuesday. If both tests are negative, they can return to school on the Wednesday. If a child has tested positive, please ensure that you test siblings every day for 7 days to detect as to whether they have also contracted Covid. Thank you for helping us to try and prevent transmission in school. We are working in bubbles with Key Stage 2 having lunch in classrooms. Assemblies are on Zoom and break times and lunchtimes are staggered. If your child is isolating and you need any support with the learning packs and online learning provided, please do contact the school office.

After School Clubs - Buddies!

In spite of Covid, we have managed to run our after school clubs this week. Don't forget, you can also book for Buddies Breakfast Club (7.45am onwards) and After School (until 5.30pm) for wrap around care via our website.

Homework

Have you had a go at any homework challenges yet? Don't forget - you can bring them into school at any time, so that we can display them proudly in learning environments... you don't need to wait until the end of term. Please remember that children should be reading **five** times per week. Reading Plus and Eggs are also there all the time for your child to practise their reading and have a positive impact on their progress.

Thank you again for all your support in the current climate... I really hope that our children (and their families) and staff who are ill are on the mend and we can't wait to see everyone back in school soon.
We are on the end of an email or the phone if you need any support or information.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

Monday 31 st January 2022	Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm
Monday 7 th February 2022	Safety week
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Safer Internet Day
March 2022	Month of Reading Madness