

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,



We have had a great week learning about all aspects of safety in school.... Safety when gaming and using the internet, road safety and safety in the community! We were hoping for a visit from the Fire Service yesterday but they were busy rescuing people so we look forward to rescheduling in the near future. We have been really impressed by the sensible questions that the children have asked our visitors to school and their great listening during different talks and presentations. Keep your eyes peeled for our Keeping Safe at Moorside display, to share some of the super work that the children have produced, inspired by Lauren from Road Safety Talks and PC Dan, our PCSO.

### Attendance

Some good attendance this week - we are pleased to say that Covid cases are gradually decreasing. Our whole school attendance has been 95.74%. The winning class with 99.15% has been Year 3! Well done to them!!

We still have a number of children who are late for school.... The number of minutes lost for learning adds up and does impact on children's progress. It is also difficult for them to pick up on what is happening in the lesson that they join, if they arrive after it has started. We know it can sometimes be unavoidable due to traffic, but we would really appreciate it if children could all be in school on time, so that the transition into school and the start of the day is as positive as possible for them.

### Covid Update

With cases of Covid gradually decreasing in school, we have been lifting some of our internal restrictions such as bubbles on the playground and in the hall on an ad hoc basis, but this is subject to change based on transmission. We will continue to review our position and safety measures in line with government advice, and send you an update next half term based on any changes following the half term break.

### The Queen's 96th Birthday Card



We have sent details to you about the Ripon Together 'Queen's Birthday Card Competition'. This was emailed yesterday with the instructions about how to enter. The winning design will go on the front of the card and the two runners up inside, it would be great to send as many entries as possible from Moorside, so please do return your masterpieces by Tuesday 15th February if you have the chance to complete this over the weekend. Have fun being creative!

### Month of Reading Madness

Next week we will be sharing our plans for our 'Month of Reading Madness' in March! This will begin on 1st March and will include a range of events to promote a love of reading. A heads up on some of the activities will include....  
-Visits to Ripon Library for every class - library cards at the ready!  
-Our World Book Day dress up day on Friday 4th March - this will include a themed lunch!  
We are really hoping that we will be able to re-launch our Reading Cafes for parents and children to enjoy together (Covid cases permitting).



Our children who were High 5 Readers and had a voucher last half term will be able to finally enjoy it together on Friday afternoon next week. We will send you a text reminder!

I hope that you all have a restful weekend, with lots of sleep and fresh air, so that the children are recharged and ready for one last week in school, before they can have a well-deserved rest!

Thank you for all your support as always.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**

Headteacher

**Diary Dates:**

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

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Break-up for the half term holidays
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Back to School after the half term holidays
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	A Month of Reading Madness launch
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to Barley Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	World Book Day Dress-up Day!
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Tropical World