

11th March 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have been so proud of the children for super behaviour on their visits to Ripon Library this week. The library has been really kind in providing transport so that we could spend maximum time in amongst the books! If you completed the online application for a library card and your child has not yet received it, please do contact Ripon Library as they may have processed it following their visit.



Reading Cafe



We would like to warmly welcome our parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to our Reading Cafe on Tuesday 15th March from 3.20-4.20pm. This is our first Reading Café since March 2020 due to Covid restrictions, so we would be absolutely delighted if you could come along and share a reading activity or a book and a cuppa with your child. It really does help them to grow a love of reading. The Reading Café for Key Stage 2 will be on 22nd March.

I Spy You Reading....

Our 'I Spy You' Reading Competition is ongoing throughout the month of March....please do send us your photos of your children reading in different places or perhaps reading to someone unusual such as a family pet! The message that we are getting across to our children is that they can read a book anywhere at any time of day 😊

British Science Week...

It's British Science Week next week. Mrs Burland, our amazing Science Leader has arranged a whole-school Science investigation, which is currently Top Secret! We know that the children will enjoy it and we look forward to sharing our findings with you next week.



Swimming

The aim within the National Curriculum is that every child will be able to swim 25 metres by the time they leave primary school. Historically, in order to achieve this, we have sent children swimming in their third term of Year 4 and first term in Year 5. We feel fortunate to have secured a swimming session on a Friday each week at the new Ripon pool. This is at a cost of £2.65 per child per week and we will be running lessons in 10 week blocks. The first class to attend will be Year 6 (as they have missed out on their lessons due to Covid and the closure of the Spa Baths). We will then offer sessions to Year 5 from after May half term and then the current Year 4 children (who will then be in Year 5) from October half term onwards and into the Spring term. We will then be caught up in time for our current Year 3 children to have their first lessons in their third term of Year 4!

Ripon Sights and Sounds

We are delighted to be joining with Ripon City of Sanctuary at Ripon Sights and Sounds in the Cathedral between 12pm and 2pm on Saturday. Some very kind volunteers in Years 3 and 5 have given up their time on Saturday afternoon to represent our school at this community event. We hope that you will pay us a visit if you are there! We will attach further information to this newsletter.

Mothers' Day Lunch

Our Mothers' Day lunch information has been shared yesterday. We really hope that an adult from each family (Nursery to Year 6) are able to join us to celebrate our lovely Mums, Grandmas and carers. Please could you return the reply slip by Monday 14th March if you would like to attend.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week has been 93.6%. We are always aiming for it to be above 96%. The winning class with 98.35% is Year 3!

We know that some children can feel reluctant to come to school at times, if they are finding some of their learning particularly challenging or are experiencing some wobbles with friendships. It may be that they would quite simply prefer to stay at home with a parent or sibling who is there. If you are struggling at all with getting your child to school and would like some support, their Class Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Mrs Price and I are always available to speak to, and we will work together to help them and you. Sometimes children report that they are feeling ill first thing, but they then perk up during the day. If this is the case, we would welcome them joining us as soon as they feel better so they can be in school learning with their friends. When children have long spells of absence, they often find it hard to return to their weekly routines as well as catching up on missed learning. We have lots of strategies / resources in school that we would be pleased to share with you to help to make mornings more positive for everyone.

Red Nose Day



It's Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. Children can wear red to school on this day and bring £1.00 to take part in our 'Red Nose and Spoon Race'!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

Tuesday 15 th March 2022	Reading Café – Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
Friday 18 th March 2022	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 22 nd March 2022	Reading Café – Years 3 - 6
Friday 25 th March 2022	Mother's Day Lunch
Monday 28 th March 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Tropical World
W/c 28 th March 2022	Parents Evenings (more details to follow)
Tuesday 29 th March 2022	Spring Disco (more details to follow)
Thursday 7 th April 2022	Sponsored (Bunny) Bounce (more details to follow)