

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,



What a lovely day we have had - all dressed in red for Comic Relief. Your contributions have raised a total of £190.00 for charity. A HUGE well done Team Moorside!

This morning, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Taylor-Connor, who has been a Teaching Assistant at Moorside for over 20 years. She has done a huge amount of work within our community to establish links with Ripon in Bloom and the Friends of Hell Wath and has supported in the cultivation of our Forest School area which is enjoyed by all. She has taught children about the importance of looking after our environment and growing all sorts of plants, including fruit and vegetables, to keep themselves healthy; nurturing the children as well as our grounds! Mrs Taylor-Connor has worked with a number of staff and children over the years and we are really grateful to her for everything that she has contributed to our lovely school. We have planted a tree today to celebrate everything that she has achieved and I am sure you all join me in wishing her well in her retirement.

**It has been British Science week this week!** As well as designing our own lab coats and learning about different scientists, we have had all sorts of investigations happening in school, such as observing fossils, mixing different liquids and learning about why they separate and even bouncing eggs! It is safe to say that our whole-school investigation question....'How long can you stretch a Curly Wurly'?... proved to be the most exciting with measurements of over 1.6m. As part of the challenge, children learnt about the scientific processes involved in warming the solid (chocolate and caramel) so that it would begin to change state before we started to stretch it. Obviously, the best bit was getting to eat it - what great fun! Thank you to Mrs Burland for all her hard work and organisation for a super week.



**Parent Consultation letters** have been sent out with your individual codes to book a meeting. Our consultations will be face to face (fingers crossed) unless we have a sudden Covid outbreak. Your child(ren)'s class teachers are really looking forward to welcoming you into their classrooms!

### **Forest School and PE Kit**

We have had some children arriving at school for Forest School and PE in inappropriate clothing for the activity. Children must not wear jeans to school or shorts and tights. They need joggers/leggings/outdoor trousers and waterproofs for Forest School, and of course wellies. We have provided free hoodies for PE to ensure that children are smart and have a suitable jumper to wear. They should not be wearing their hoodie instead of their school jumper or cardigan on uniform days. Please see the uniform and PE kit on our website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/school-uniform/> On school uniform days, children should be wearing black school shoes, not trainers. Long hair should be tied back. Children should also not be wearing make-up or jewellery to school apart from stud earrings. Thank you for supporting us with this matter.

### **Attendance**

Attendance for our whole school this week has been 97.13%. Well done everyone.... we need it to be 96% or more for it to be in line with the National average, so that children are not missing vital learning time. A HUGE well done to Year 1 with 100%!

### Social Media WARNING – Huggy Wuggy

The game is available on platforms such as YouTube and Roblox.

Police have said that the blue bear-like character seems harmless but in video clips, the content is harmful to children. For example, one song includes the lyrics '*I could hug you here forever, till you breathe your last breath together.*' Chris Conroy, Cyber Protection Officer, has issued a warning that there are inappropriate home-made videos popping up on YouTube and Tik Tok using quite graphic imagery of this bear-like character.

Please be aware of what your child(ren) are accessing online and keep them safe through the relevant parent controls. [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

### Reading Café

How AMAZING to welcome so many parents into school for our Reading Café on Tuesday for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2. We loved seeing you all enjoying books or reading activities. We are also looking forward to seeing our Key Stage 2 parents this Tuesday 22nd March! The kettle will be on!

Don't forget....it's also our Mothers' Day Lunch next Friday – we look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you all for your ongoing support. Please do let us know if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning or well-being so that we can help to support you. We are always at the end of the phone and we can best support your child(ren) when we work closely together.

Have a lovely weekend Team Moorside.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**

Headteacher

### Diary Dates:

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

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	Reading Café – Years 3 - 6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Mother's Day Lunch
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Tropical World
W/c 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Spring Disco (more details to follow)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Sponsored (Bunny) Bounce (more details to follow)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Break-up for the Easter Holidays
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School Re-Opens
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	May Day Bank Holiday