

1st July 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

As always, the Summer term seems to be zooming by, with lots of events and trips to enjoy, as well as preparing the children for transition in September.

Our children in the Early Years had a fantastic visit to Thorp Perrow Arboretum on Wednesday, where they enjoyed exploring the wildlife (including some very cute meerkats) and looking at the plants and trees in their environment. They also got to meet 3 very cheeky owls who joined the children sitting on the benches and flew over their heads! We were so proud of their super behaviour - well done EYFS!



A few details about end of term events:

Disco

We will have our end of year school disco Monday 18th July. The cost, which includes unlimited drinks and a packet of crisps, is £2.50 each.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be from **4.15pm** until **5.45pm**. Please could one parent stay with children in EYFS. Key Stage 2 from **6.00pm** until **7.30pm**. No mobile phones or smart watches please.

All children must be collected by an adult - they are not permitted to walk home from school at this time in the evening.

Sports day

On Tuesday 19th July we will have our sports day.

EYFS and KS1 will have their Sports Day from 9.30am to 11.00am and KS2 children will have theirs from 1.20pm. Parents are more than welcome to join us for their children's sports day. Our Friends of school will be selling refreshments and have kindly agreed to provide a free ice lolly for every child taking part. We love sports day at Moorside and hope that the weather will be on our side on the day!!



Oliver!

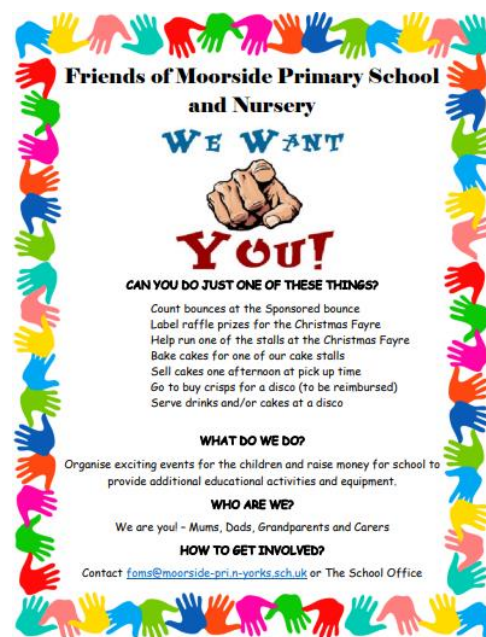
The children in Years 3-6 will be performing Oliver on Monday **18th July at 1.30pm**. Parents can arrive from **1.10pm** onwards on this date - not before this please! On **Wednesday 20th July**, they will perform at **9.30am** and **6pm**. Please could children return to school at **5.15pm** to take part? Many thanks! We are sure that it will be a fantastic show. Rehearsals are well underway and the children are really enjoying learning the songs...

Leavers' Assembly

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 parents and family will be at 10.30am on Friday 22nd July. The rest of the school will also be in attendance.

Friends of Moorside

We have a lovely team of volunteers who make up our Friends of Moorside! As you will have seen from Facebook and newsletter updates, their fundraising has had an extremely positive impact in providing 'those little extras' to enhance children's educational experiences. Many of the events are also great fun and bring our community together for social occasions. We are aware that some of our very kind Year 6 parents will not have children in our school in September, so may want to pass the baton onto new members of Team Moorside, or those who may be able to give some time/ideas to support this amazing group of parents and grandparents. I have attached a flyer to this newsletter with further information. Any help at all is always really appreciated.... You can give as much or as little time as you can!



Free School Meals

NYCC caterers have made applying for a free school meal even easier...

If your child is in Key Stage 2 or moving into Key Stage 2, you can now apply online at

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

The new process means in just a few simple steps and a matter of minutes you will receive an instant decision on whether your application has been successful. Don't miss out on £450 worth of free school meals.

Attendance

A HUGE well done to Year 4 with the highest attendance this week with 99.14%. The overall attendance has been 93.59 %. We must keep all reasons for absence on record, so please keep us informed as soon as possible if your child is not in school!

Internet Safety update....



Due to the risks of locations sharing, cyber bullying and the probability of connecting with strangers, who unknowingly manage to join groups on **WHATSAPP**, the age restriction is now **16+**. We spend A LOT of time raising awareness about these risks and dangers with the children, but they need this to be reinforced by parents and have phones monitored regularly, in case they are victims of cyber bullying. This affects children's mental health, so please make it a priority to support them with this! See the poster at the end of this letter for further info.

Transition

Our children in Reception to Year 5 will spend the morning with their new teachers for September on Wednesday morning next week. (Years 3 and 4 will need to wear Forest school clothing as usual, as their session will be in the afternoon). We are currently finalising arrangements for staffing, and will let you know who will be working with each year group on that day. Mrs Rowe will sadly be bidding us farewell and beginning a new role working for the Council in September. We would like to congratulate her and Mr Rowe on the happy news that they will be welcoming a new baby in December. We have recently appointed a new teacher for Key Stage 2 called Miss Pagley-Hunt. She really enjoyed meeting the staff and children and will hopefully join us on our transition morning next week!

There's lots happening in school.... We can't believe that there are just 3 weeks left of the school year until the Summer holidays! I hope that you will be able to join us for as many of the events as possible, as we are so grateful to be able to hold them again, with parents involved, after two 'lockdown' years!

Have a great weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 11 th July	Year 3 and 4 Saltburn
Tuesday 12 th July 2022	Y5 Trip to Beamish
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Y6 Leaver's Trip to London
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Pirate Day in the Early Years (more information to follow)
Monday 18 th July 2022	1.30pm – Oliver Production in the hall
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	School Disco EYFS and Key Stage 1 - 4.15pm – 5.45pm Key Stage 2 – 6pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Sports Day (more details to follow)
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	9.30am – Oliver Production in the hall 6.00pm – Oliver Production in the hall
Friday 22 nd July 2022	School Closes at 3pm for the Summer Holidays
Tuesday 6 th September 2022	School Re-opens for the new school year



WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about



WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the recipient. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with someone they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to share their whereabouts. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' Location sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



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Top Tips for Parents



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photos and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat screen and tap on the settings.



REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam.'

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back at once. If they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone.' The app allows twenty minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

