

15th July 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a week....!

Our children have travelled to the coast at Saltburn, up to Durham to Beamish Victorian museum, all the way to London and back and to a super farm, right here in Ripon! The children have been superstars and we hope that they have enjoyed their experiences, learning beyond the classroom and making great memories with their friends! We came back from our London trip to find that Moorside had been 'captured by pirates'! We hope that Reception enjoyed their Pirate day yesterday - they all looked marvellous!



I would like to thank the Friends of School for their donations towards our trips this week.... Their fundraising for transport and ice creams has helped our children to enjoy their visits even more and it has helped us to keep costs down for the various visits! Also, thank you to Mrs Binks and Mrs Hampshire for all the packed lunches that they have made in the kitchen! I bet they don't want to see another sandwich!

As you are aware, we have had a number of staff, who have been unavoidably away from school this week, due to illness. Despite this, we have still been able to run the various educational visits, as well as keep everybody safe in school. This is all thanks to our committed team, who have pulled together working extra hours or supporting in a range of roles, to keep everything running smoothly in school, in Buddies and out and about. I really do appreciate all their support and kindness. Thank you Team Moorside!

Changes to Plans due to the Weather Warning - Sports Day and Disco

I am sure you are aware that the weather forecast on Monday and Tuesday has been escalated to a National Emergency at Level 4. It would be extremely dangerous to hold our Sports Day and Disco events in the high temperatures (36 and 37 degrees) forecast, so we will unfortunately need to cancel these events. This is so disappointing, but it is purely to keep everyone safe.

On Monday and Tuesday...

- Children can wear a white t shirt and PE shorts to school – no crop tops etc please. This is so that they can keep cool.
- Please apply sun cream before school.
- Please ensure that everyone has a water bottle in school – Y1-6.
- We will assess the weather and periods of time outside for break/lunchtimes and children will be able to stay indoors/in the shade.
- We will move the children to spaces where there is shade/fans to keep them cool and also keep them hydrated.

Please see the NHS guidance below for heat stroke/exhaustion:

[Heat exhaustion and heatstroke - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heat-exhaustion/)

After School Clubs

Please note there are NO after school clubs next week apart from our Buddies Club, but this will only be running until 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday (no after school club on Friday). Buddies Breakfast Club will run as normal, Monday to Friday.

Attendance

As you will have read on Monday, we have had some Covid cases in school, but I am very much hoping that the measures that we have swiftly taken to mitigate the spread of the virus are helping to reduce numbers of more new cases. Thank you to parents who have tested children and 'erred on the side of caution' if you have been unsure about bringing them into school. Let's hope that things keep moving in the right direction! At present, we can continue to hold our Oliver performances next week, as Key Stage 2 are currently unaffected. Whole school attendance this week has been **93.45%** and the winning classes with **97.25%** are Reception and Y5!

Key Stage 2 Production - Oliver

KS2 parents have been sent an email with a request to let us know which Oliver performance(s) you are planning to attend. Please complete this by Monday morning at 9am, so that we have enough space for everyone and the hall is not over full. Please do not come to a performance if you have not indicated that you will attend on Survey Monkey. You may be turned away if you have not completed it. This is for safety reasons.

If you are coming to a performance, please could we ask the following....

- Arrive no more than 20 minutes before the performance starts.*
 - If you have a little one who is upset or unsettled, we have books in the library to entertain them... please do use this space, so that the children on stage can be heard and not distracted.*
 - Please sit in a seat, as the children will be moving around the hall.*
 - Please do not talk loudly as this distracts the children and spoils the performance for others.*
 - If you take photos of your own child and there are others in them, please do not put them on social media.*
- Many thanks for your help with this, as it will really help the children, who have put lots of effort into their rehearsals over the past few weeks!



School Improvements

We are really pleased that during the holidays, we will have a new roof on part of our school, the four Key Stage 2 classrooms will be fully refurbished with new flooring, decoration and sink areas and we will have new storage built in, so that the very old portacabin can be removed! We will therefore be sending as much of the children's work and belongings home as we can from Wednesday, as many of the classrooms will be fully emptied for work to begin as soon as the holidays start! We would really appreciate it if you could send a carrier bag in with your child to carry things home on this day. We are very excited to see the end results from all the refurbishment taking place, to create even better learning environments for all our pupils.

Next week....

We have a busy week ahead.... It's the final week at Primary school for our Year 6's. We are looking forward to their End of Year Production and the Leavers' Assembly on Friday morning at 10.30am for the rest of the school and their parents and family. It is a very busy time in school and if you have any questions or queries about anything, please do email our admin email. We will do our very best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for getting your children ready for their different trips and learning experiences this week....they have all been on time and well equipped to take part in all their activities - we really appreciate it!

Have a lovely weekend - keep cool in the hot weather!!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday 18 th July 2022	1.30pm – Oliver Production in the hall
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	9.30am – Oliver Production in the hall 6.00pm – Oliver Production in the hall
Friday 22 nd July 2022	10.30am – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
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