

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

This week in school, we have been learning about different authors; starting with a visit from the author of 'My Friend the Enemy', (our Y5/6 class text). Tuesday was Roald Dahl day, which we marked with an assembly followed by classroom activities learning about his life and the amazing stories that he wrote. In Reception the children have been reading The Gruffalo as well as other stories by Julia Donaldson and have been enjoying making (and eating) Gruffalo crumble using the apples from our orchard!



We would like to invite parents and carers into school for some reading events and information evenings, to help to support and engage your child in learning to read:

### **Phonics evening - Tuesday 27th September 3.20pm for RECEPTION PARENTS**

We use the Little Wandle phonics programme to teach our children phonics and would love to share some of the strategies that we use to help them to learn their sounds. If your child is in Reception, please join us in the hall at 3.20pm on **Tuesday 27th September** - children also welcome!

### **Reading Plus - Key Stage 2 - Tuesday 4th October - 3.20pm**



As children leave Year 2 and move into Year 3, they progress from Reading Eggs (when they are really secure in their phonics) onto Reading Plus. Reading Plus is an online reading programme that's packed full of engaging texts for pupils to explore and enjoy. Children should use Reading Plus at least 4 times per week - 2 of these sessions are in school! If your child has just moved into Year 3, is new to our school, or you have a child in Key Stage 2, and you'd like more information about how to support your child in Reading Plus at home, please come to our Reading Plus information evening on **Tuesday 4th October** for approximately 20-30 minutes!

### **Autumn Reading Cafe**

We will have our Reading Cafe for this half term on **Wednesday 12th October** at 3.20pm... this is for all year groups in our hall and library! Please come and share a story or reading activity and enjoy some refreshments with your child(ren) for free! All our staff would love to see you there!



## Jeans for Genes day - Friday 23rd September



Next Friday is Jeans for Genes day - Please could children to come to school in jeans (or a denim skirt or dress if they would prefer), with their usual school uniform on top. We ask that the children bring in a donation (suggested £1) or you can pay this via ParentPay if you prefer. The money raised will support this charity who help children with genetic conditions. You can read more about the charity and their work at: <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/schools>. The children will create posters to advertise the event to help them to understand why they are fundraising and there will be a prize for the winner in each class!

## Disco

Our Friends of Moorside have been thinking about fundraising opportunities for school and have already arranged our first event of the year! We will have our annual Halloween disco on **Tuesday 18th October!**

EYFS and Key Stage 1 - 5-6.30pm (one parent to stay with each child please).

Key Stage 2 - 6.40-8.10pm (children MUST be collected by an adult).

Children can come in fancy dress and there will be hot dogs on sale. Crisps and unlimited drinks are included in the price - £2.50 per child.



## Early Years Open Morning

On Saturday 1st October from 10-11.30am....



### Moorside Primary School and Nursery

## OPEN MORNING

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10-11.30am

*Is your child 3 or above? OR  
Do you have a child who is due to start  
school in September 2023?  
Come and join us for a play and  
refreshments and meet our team, so that we  
can share our  
FANTASTIC NURSERY and RECEPTION  
provisions with you!*

*All welcome!*



We are excited to welcome anyone to Moorside who...

- has a child who is Nursery age (3 and over)
- has a child who is ready for Reception in September 2023 OR....
- if you have a pupil currently at our school and would like to bring a friend or family member, who has a child who might like to join our Early Years setting!

Please give us a call on 01765 604208 if you would like to come to meet our team, visit our fabulous provisions, have a play and of course have some cake!

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance last week was 95.59% and this week it has been 95.7%.

The class attendance has been as follows:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
w/c 12.09.22	93.68%	99.52%	95.74%	94.18%	97.22%	97.22%	95.79%

Well done to the winning class last week with 100% - Year 4 and to Year 1 with 99.52% this week!!

## Parent Governor

We would like to say thank you to Debi Pickard, who gave so much of her time as a Parent Governor to our school. Due to the fact that her children have now all moved on to Secondary school, she has stepped down as a Parent Governor but has kindly remained on our FOMS team! We therefore have a position for a Parent Governor on our Governing Board, we will send more information home next week if you are interested in putting yourself forward for this role.

I hope that you all have a relaxing bank holiday weekend ahead. Just a reminder that there is a Book of Condolences for children to sign for Her Majesty the Queen in Ripon Cathedral. Some of our children have visited already to pay their respects, which is lovely.

If you would like to have a chat with your child's class teacher, Mrs Price or myself about any concerns or just a catch up about how they are settling into school this term, please do contact us via the school office admin email and we would be happy to arrange a suitable time.

Thank you as always for all your support.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

**Headteacher**



**Diary Dates:**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed (Bank Holiday for Her Majesty the Queen's Funeral)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics Information Evening for Reception Parents – 3.20pm
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Early Years Open Morning – 10.00-11.30am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Reading Plus Information Evening – 3.20pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 & Y2 Trip to Harlow Carr
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Reading Café (all year groups) – 3.20pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term begins at 3.20pm