

11th November 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

This week, through art, poetry and music, we have been remembering those who gave their lives during World Wars I and II and learning about why we wear a poppy. The children have asked some fantastic questions and shown great empathy.

Our pupils in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a 'life in the trenches' experience on Thursday morning and dressed in clothes from the 1940s. In the afternoon, they sang some wartime songs to some of the elderly members of our community. We were so impressed by the children's impeccable manners at our local care homes, and we know that the residents enjoyed their performances. You can have a listen on our school Facebook page!



Anti-bullying

Next week is national Anti-Bullying week. In school we will start our week by wearing odd socks on Monday 14th. Wearing odd socks helps us to remember that it's OK to be different! Throughout the rest of the week, we will be completing different activities and having discussions about being kind to everyone (our school rule). Please talk to your child about how important it is to treat everyone with respect, as this will be our key message. Also, keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos and work that we complete during the week.



Forest School Kit

It is essential - especially now we are heading towards Winter - that all children have a set of waterproofs for Forest School. We have 2 groups per day and if our limited spare waterproofs are worn in the morning, they are often too wet and muddy to be used again that day. Please ensure children have an old coat that can get dirty so that their school coat remains clean and can be used for lunch time and going home in. Our spare kit is for emergencies -we cannot kit out large numbers of children in each session.

Children **must** have:

Old clothes on- no white PE t-shirts or hoodies

Warm old coat

Waterproof layer- coat and trousers/ suit

Spare socks

Wellies

Extra layers to put on when very cold, including hat and gloves

2 plastic bags for muddy clothes- reusable shopping bags are ideal. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

We have had a sickness bug in school this week as well as some cases of Covid. We hope that everyone recovers over the weekend as our attendance should be at least 96% to ensure that children are not missing VITAL learning. It would be great if more classes were highlighted **green**!

Whole school – **92.26%**. Well done to Year 4 for the highest attendance at **98.02%**.

Each class has been:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
31.10.22	90.54%	95.65%	98.86%	91.84%	96.45%	92.9%	91.63%
07.11.22	92.67%	95.17%	85.96%	91.05%	98.02%	93.98%	93.16%

Buddies Club

We are so pleased that our Buddies Breakfast and After School Club is getting very busy. **Some sessions each week are now full so please do not turn up (especially to Breakfast Club) without booking a place in advance.** We have to adhere to very strict staff to child ratios. If you have booked a session and your child is unable to attend, please don't forget to let us know as missed sessions may be charged for. Weekly booking forms can be found on our website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/after-school-clubs/>.

As spaces are limited, it would be very helpful if we could have your booking requests by 12pm on a Friday the week before your required sessions (if you haven't already completed a form for the whole month). Thank you.

Colour Tombola - Christmas Fair

Our Friends of School would really appreciate your support with their Colour Tombola for the school Christmas market on 14.12.22. Please see the attached flyer. All contributions would be appreciated during week commencing 5th December. Many thanks!

Christmas Artwork

The last day for 10% discount on Christmas Artwork orders is Tuesday 15th November. Please use the code **Moorside** for the 10% discount. Raffle tickets and paper plates will be sent home with children next week.

Internet Safety



We have our social media and online safety policy on our school website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/policies/online-safety-social-media-policy-2022-2023/>

If your child is feeling peer pressure to communicate with their peers on apps with age restrictions, or they want to access social media through parent accounts, you can share this policy with them alongside our Home School Charter, which we share annually and with new parents. We hope that this clarifies our messages about online and social media use, to help our children to keep safe online. We appreciate it when parents and carers contact us to make us aware of any arising issues with online safety if they are discussed at home, so that we can swiftly address them through further e-safety and PHSCE sessions in school. Thank you.

Children in Need

It is the national fundraising event for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Children can come to school dressed as a Superhero or in non-uniform with a £1.00 donation (either in cash or via ParentPay).

We are always just a phone call away if you have any concerns that you'd like to chat to us about in school, so that we can support all our children together!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone in their odd socks for the start of Anti Bullying Week on Monday!



With very best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

14 th – 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 14 th November	Wear Odd Socks to School Day
Friday 18 th November	Superhero or non-uniform day for Children in Need
Monday 21 st November	Flu Immunisations (please see the letter that has been sent home & emailed)
Tuesday 22 nd November	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
Monday 28 th November	Individual School Photographs
w/c 5 th & 12 th December	Parents Evenings (more details to follow)
Monday 5 th December	2pm Key Stage 1 Nativity – A Christmas Recipe
Tuesday 6 th December	9.30am Key Stage 1 Nativity – A Christmas Recipe
Wednesday 7 th December	2pm Early Years (Nursery and Reception) Nativity
Thursday 8 th December	9.30am Early Years (Nursery and Reception) Nativity
Monday 12 th December	1.45pm Key Stage 2 performance – Letters from the Trenches
Tuesday 13 th December	5.30pm Key Stage 2 performance – Letters from the Trenches
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch Day – Christmas Jumpers can be worn
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Fair from 2.30pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Raffle to be drawn
Friday 16 th December	Christmas parties (non-uniform) Break-up for the Christmas holidays at 3.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Training Day
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	School Re-opens for the Spring Term

Poppies help us remember

On the 11th November

Peace for you

Pretty poppies

I remember today

Everyone who

Served our Country

The 11th November

Has a place in my heart

And I thank you

Never forgotten

Know you're in my memories

You are so brave

On the 11th month

Underground forever and ever.

By Henrietta Mearns Year 2

