

2nd December 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

The elves are out, the school tree is up and the children have really enjoyed telling us all about the surprises that they have found behind the doors of their advent calendars this week!

Nativity plays are just about polished and ready and we have some excited little performers ready to put on the first of our Christmas shows next week – for some of them it'll be their first time on the stage!



Performances

We have sent a separate letter to you to let you know about our performances. It explains that due to fire regulations, we need to limit numbers to **3 people** per child for the KS1 and EYFS performances and if possible, each family to only attend one of the performances.

Because there are larger numbers in Key Stage 2, we will operate a ticketing system. Letters will be sent out today to be returned on Monday. We will then let you know if there are spare tickets later in the week, based on demand.

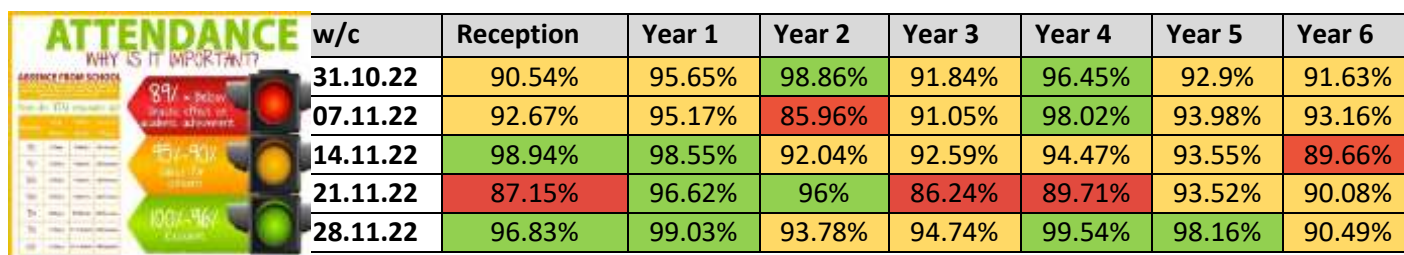
Please take note of the following:

- If you do not have a ticket for a KS2 performance, you will not be able to attend.
- You can take your own photos of your children, but you **MUST NOT** post them on social media.
- Please ensure that all phones are on silent and please do not talk throughout performances.
- If you have a little one who is upset or noisy, please do use our library (at the back of the hall) as a space where they can move around freely. This will ensure that the children in the performances are not distracted and everyone can hear them.

Performances will start on time so please do not be late! You will be able to take children home with you after the afternoon shows only. You can also take siblings at this time.

Attendance

Attendance has been lots better than last week!! Hopefully the winter bugs and germs will leave us for Christmas! The overall attendance has been 96.05% with the highest classes being Year 1 and Year 4 with 99.03% and 99.54% respectively. Great to see lots of **green** on our attendance tracker!!



Christmas Parties

On the last day of term (Friday 16th December), we will be having our Christmas parties for all our children....! Mrs Binks and Mrs Hampshire have also planned a Christmas party lunch for that day! Menu to follow....! Children can come to school in party clothes on that day!

After School Clubs

The only clubs on after school clubs next week are:

Drama (this will run until the end of term)

Multi Sports (next week will be the final session this term)

Buddies



Carols Around the Christmas Tree

At 2.20pm on the final day of term, we will hold our traditional 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' to start the Christmas holidays. Parents who are collecting on that day are welcome to join us. The school day ends at 3pm and there is no Buddies after school on this day.

Online Safety Tips

I am sure that some of our children will be lucky over the Christmas season and potentially receive new devices from Santa! I have attached some online safety tips for you/them to take into consideration to help them to keep safe online! I hope that you find this useful!

Christmas Library Reading Challenge!

Ripon Library have launched their Christmas Reading Challenge....I am sure that this is something that might keep children busy at the start of the holidays. Have a look at our Facebook page (or theirs) for further information. We are looking forward to arranging our class visits to the library again in the new year.

Parent Consultations

Don't forget – it's our Parent Consultations next week. We are really looking forward to welcoming you to school to share your child's learning this term and celebrate their successes. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please ask your child's class teacher on Monday and they will find a suitable time for you.

I hope that you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend.
Keep warm! I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

w/c 5 th December	Parents Evenings
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
Thursday 15 th December	Bedtime Stories by the Christmas Tree
Friday 16 th December	Christmas parties (non-uniform) Carols Around the Christmas Tree at 2.20pm 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



12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device.

Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WiFi at home usually it's a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, downloading new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at night, affect your concentration and make you less interested in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with many people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be careful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might use text you when you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or cycle paths. In some cases, children have been stranded over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers to keep it safe where others could get hold of it. Lock after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or lost.