

9th December 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

This week, we have been blown away by two fantastic Christmas shows based on the story of the nativity; 'A Christmas Recipe' by Key Stage 1 and 'I Spy Christmas' by our children in the Early Years. It has been a magical start to our celebrations at Moorside and I have felt so proud of every child who has learnt lines, sung songs, remembered actions and taken to the stage, showing great confidence and team work!




We are really looking forward to the Key Stage 2 performances next week, as well as our Christmas Lunch and Fair on Wednesday, bedtime stories by the Christmas tree on Thursday and parties and carols on Friday!

Parent Consultations

We have been pleased to welcome you to parent consultations this week and will send the reports that were shared with you next week. If you haven't managed to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher yet, please email the school admin email and we will help you to arrange a time to meet face to face or receive a phone call!

Attendance

Lots of bugs and germs continue to affect our attendance - we are so sorry that so many staff and children are feeling unwell and hope that they recover over the weekend so that they can enjoy our final week! Our attendance this week has been **90.51%** with the winning class being Year 2 with **93.39%**. The attendance for 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%
	14.11.22	98.94%	98.55%	92.04%	92.59%	94.47%	93.55%	89.66%
	21.11.22	87.15%	96.62%	96%	86.24%	89.71%	93.52%	90.08%
	28.11.22	96.83%	99.03%	93.78%	94.74%	99.54%	98.16%	90.49%
	05.12.22	91.15%	92.38%	93.39%	91.58%	91.06%	87.33%	88.93%



Snow!

Rumours of snow are circulating so if we do have heavy snow fall, we will do the following:

- If necessary, announce a closure by 7.30am at the very latest. This will be via text, social media and radio.
- If we do not close, we may need to delay opening until 10am so that staff can get to school safely.
- If we are open, we will clear main paths into school and do our best to grit these areas, marking them out with cones where possible.
- Request that children bring wellies and waterproofs so that they can play outside during the day.



We will always do our best to remain open. Many of our staff do travel to school from outside Ripon and our priority is to ensure the safety of all members of our community. We must also have enough adult to child ratio in school.

Christmas Fair - Wednesday 14th December



Please could plates and tombola prizes to be handed into the office by Monday?

We would also really appreciate donations for our cake stall on Wednesday morning if anyone is able to do some festive baking or has a spare box of mince pies!!

Raffle

The raffle prize contributions continue to grow (see the full list attached to this letter). You can still buy tickets up until the end of the Christmas Fair on Wednesday. Good luck!

Scarlet Fever

If your child has any of the symptoms associated with Scarlet Fever, please make an appointment to see the doctor and alert us via the admin email. The main early symptoms are:

Sore throat

Headache

Fever

Rash appears 12-48 hours later (sandpapery feel)

Flushed cheeks and pale around the mouth (this may be accompanied by a pink tongue).

As we enter the final week of term, I want to thank all our families for their support for our school, and for working with us to ensure that our children continue to thrive. We aim to give them the best educational experiences and extra-curricular opportunities and this really is a team effort!

It has been wonderful to see so many of you this week and we hope to see you at one of our end of term events next week before a well deserved rest!

I hope that you have a safe and relaxing weekend.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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 (children to return to school at 4.45pm please)
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 4.15pm EYFS and Key Stage 1 5.15pm Key Stage 2
Friday 16 th December	Christmas parties (non-uniform party clothes) 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