

6th January 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It has been a funny week with having the children in school for just 3 days but we have LOVED hearing all about their holidays. They have certainly returned to school feeling refreshed and I am beyond impressed by how quickly they have settled back into their routines. It is great that less bugs are about too! Everyone is generally much healthier!

Our new theme this term is 'Diversity' and our children will be launched into their new topics across the curriculum next week! The teachers will share their learning letters with you on Monday, along with the new knowledge mats with key knowledge, facts and vocabulary that we will be teaching the children this term.



Our Key Stage 2 School Council have been busy already this term, reviewing our Anti Bullying policy. They came up with some great examples of how we raise awareness about different types of bullying and how to tackle it if it occurs. They said, *'We know that we need to keep everyone safe and emotionally well. We all need to be respected and treated the same in school and beyond. If that happens it will be a nicer school experience.'*

We will share our reviewed policy with you via the school website next week!

The deadline for primary applications for Reception in September 2023 is 15th January. If your child is in Nursery, or you know of anyone who has a child who will be Reception age in September (and have not completed their application), we would love to welcome them to join Team Moorside as they begin school. The link to complete the application is at:

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school?fbclid=IwAR338nmI_VjmU5kaoE5WWWhGhoUnSe8S64C_PdrHv-tb1yvBgBhJxr_We8SU

If you have any questions about this or need any help, please just ask! We always enjoy showing perspective parents around our lovely school too to share all the opportunities that we can offer at Moorside!

Attendance

Attendance this week has been 95.41%. Each class has been as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
02.01.23	94.06%	100%	96%	97.14%	100%	94.17%	89.29%

Well done!

Well done to our diamonds who won the award for the highest number of PRIDE tokens last term! They have enjoyed a non-uniform day today as a reward!

Reading

We had a record number of children achieving their 'High 5' reader reward last half term! It's a really good time to get into the habit of reading at home daily at the start of a new term.... Whether it's at the breakfast table, when they get home from school or just before bedtime. Please sign your child's reading log daily when you hear them read and we can then celebrate this together with them in school.... It really does have a positive impact on their reading progress. Encouraging your child to access Reading Eggs (Reception/KS1) and Reading Plus (KS2) as much as possible is also an excellent way to improve their reading and phonics skills.

PE and Forest School

Children need to be in PE kit on the following days:

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 - Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Friday (currently swimming on a Friday)

Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday



Forest School

Nursery and Reception - Friday

Y1 - Friday

Y3 - Wednesday

Y4 - Wednesday

Please ensure that your child is in the correct kit. Warm layers, hats, scarves and gloves as well as waterproofs and wellies for Forest School!

Children should be in Moorside hoodies for PE and wear suitable trainers for the outdoors.

Year 6 are heading off on their residential to Marrick Priory next week! We hope that the weather is kind to them and that they have a great time exploring the Dales and taking on new challenges within their outdoor pursuits! Have fun Year 6! You can follow their adventures via our Facebook page!

I sent a letter to parents to share our snow day procedures this week. This is also on our website if you have not read it yet. Let's hope the wintry weather stays away for now!

I hope that you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend, ready for our first full week back at school next week!

With very best wishes.

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 9 th January 2023	Y6 Marrick Priory Residential
Friday 10 th February 2023	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
Monday 20 th February 2023	Return to School after the Half Term Holidays