

20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a chilly week it has been!

This has brought great learning opportunities for our children who have been learning about seasonal changes in Y1 and our children in Lower Key stage 2 who are learning about states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) - the freezing temperatures have certainly brought plenty of ice to melt, turning from a solid to a liquid, although we think they preferred melting chocolate on their tin can ovens in Forest School!



*Y1 making observations of a 'winter tree' on our field.*

### Attendance

Our attendance this week has been 96.57%. Whole class attendance is 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%
09.01.23	88.95%	90.43%	96.89%	87.89%	98.35%	95.39%	98.21%
16.01.23	95.32%	98.55%	95.58%	97.02%	99.18%	98.61%	95.02%

I unfortunately cannot grant term time holiday absences unless it really is under exceptional circumstances such as:

- Service personnel returning from active deployment;
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company;
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided;
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.

### Teacher Strikes

One of the teaching unions has voted to strike on 1st February. Our school will be open on this day for all pupils, however I will notify you immediately if there are any essential changes to this plan.

### Sports

We are looking forward to running a gymnastics sporting event with Key Stage 1 children from Outwood Primary Academy Greystones on Tuesday next week.... This will be during the school day. It is always fun to meet children from other schools and hold competitions and friendly games together!



*Y3 Investigating how quickly chocolate changes from solid to a liquid when heated.*

### Visits to Ripon Library

We can't wait to visit Ripon library for National Storytelling week. Dates for visits are as follows:

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Reception then Year 4

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** - Years 1 and 2 together and then Year 5

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** - Year 3 and Year 6

Please ensure that your children have comfortable walking shoes on and a coat on the day of their visit.

## Moorside Maths Event! Date for your diary....



We are planning a Maths afternoon for parents on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm. This is an opportunity to have a go at some Maths activities and challenges with your child, as well as learn some more about how you can do some real-life Maths through everyday tasks at home too!!

We will be sending out a form at the beginning of February so that you can book your space!

### Contacting staff

As you are aware, the start of the day is very busy and our priority is to get children into school safely and settled. Unless it is absolutely urgent, please could you pass on a message to a teacher via the admin office, either face to face, a phone call or e-mail? All e-mails for teachers or other members of staff are forwarded from the admin email. You can expect to receive a response either face to face, by telephone or by email within 24 hours unless it is the weekend. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year celebrations begin on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It is the year of the rabbit! We will be learning about Chinese traditions, stories and culture over the next 2 weeks of festivities, and this will include a Chinese lunch on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - please see our menu below! Please contact our admin team to book a lunch for your child if they are usually a packed lunch but would to have a school dinner instead on this day.



I hope that you all have a lovely weekend ahead. As always, if you have any concerns or information that we might need to know to support your child in school, please contact us via the admin email or give us a call.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

With very best wishes.

Mrs Rowett

**Headteacher**

### Diary Dates:

w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	National Storytelling Week
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	Reading Café from 3.20pm
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Internet Safety Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
<u>Monday</u> 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Return to School after the Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023	Maths Event from 2pm
March 2023	Month of Reading Madness (more details to follow)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	World Book Day (come to school dressed as your favourite book character)
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Science Week
w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Art Week (KS2)
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	RE Week
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Parents Evenings (more details to follow)

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Break-up at <b>3pm</b> for Easter Holidays
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Training Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Return to School after the Easter Holidays

