

10th February 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

In some ways, it feels like 5 minutes since we started the half term with dark days and freezing temperatures, which can make it difficult to feel motivated, but we have had an action-packed 6 weeks! We have been learning about diversity through our Geography, RE, PHSCE topics and theme days (Chinese New Year), we have taken part in sports events within our Ripon cluster of schools, and we have had local school trips as well as further afield to Marrick, where our Year 6 children put themselves out of their comfort zones in the outdoors! We have also enjoyed some super reading events, both in school and at Ripon Library!

There's lots in the diary for after the half term break! We have a Key Stage One local area visit to Fountains Abbey and our Maths afternoon in the first week back (please return your forms to the office as soon as possible if you'd like to attend). Our World Book Day dress up day and Mad Hatter's lunch is on the 2nd March and our charity colour run on the 8th March! We also can't wait to launch our Month of Reading Madness activities for you to take part in throughout the month of March! I hope that everyone has a good rest over the next week; lots of sleep and time in the outdoors to recharge!



Making healthy smoothies in DT in KS1

Safer Internet and Mental Health

It has been Safer Internet day this week.... Our children have been creating posters to share their top tips about how to keep emotionally safe (by speaking out if someone is unkind to them online and never giving out personal details or passwords) as well as physically safe when near roads or outside playing with their friends! Teaching children about how to keep safe online and ensuring that they do not access games and websites with unsuitable age restrictions is also part of the 'stay safe' message as playing inappropriate games can affect their mental health.

Keep your eyes peeled for some great posters popping up in our windows to share what children have learnt and help remind everyone about how they can look after themselves.

It has also been Children's Mental Health week.... Spending time reading and/or exploring the outdoors with family and friends are vital ingredients in helping children to find ways to relax and establish healthy habits in maintaining a healthy mind.



Mobile Phones

Please do not allow your child to bring their mobile phone to school unless they are in Year 6 and need them to walk home with. Mobile phones are handed in at the office when children come into school and can be collected from the main Reception at the end of the school day.



Half Term Activities

We have some fantastic FREE half term activities in our local area. These are at Ripon Library and Ripon Cathedral. Please see our posters attached to this Newsletter with further details!

Forest School

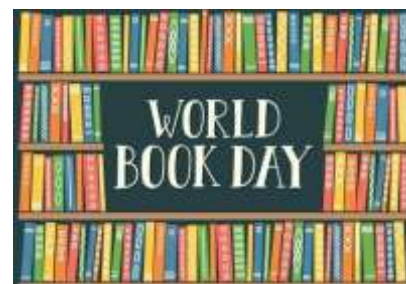
Years 1 and 4 will continue with Forest School after half term. Year 3 will not have Forest School on a Wednesday next half term but they will have PE on a Wednesday and Friday instead.

Year 5 will now have Forest school on a Wednesday morning. We organise our Forest School sessions in line with other areas of the curriculum such as Science and Geography (fieldwork). Years 3 and 6 will do Forest School after Easter.

World Book Day

Our World Book Day dress up day is on 2nd March! Children are welcome to come to school as a character from a story on that day. The World Book Day website has some great ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/>

We will also have a Mad Hatter's lunch to celebrate Lewis Carroll's link to Ripon which we believe is where his inspiration for 'Alice in Wonderland' was born... We will share our menu with you in due course to book your child's lunch!



Attendance

We appreciate that some children have been unwell over the past fortnight which has affected our attendance. Many of our staff have also been struck down with sickness and flu bugs. Our attendance this week has been 91.21%.

We really do need children to be in school if they are well enough, if you are unsure whether to bring them or not, please call school for some advice. Attendance is high on our agenda as it has a direct impact on pupils' educational outcomes and well-being. If your child is struggling with any aspect of attending school; sleep, transition or self-esteem and resilience, we are here to help and want to work with you to help them! Please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Price for some support.

Each class's 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%
23.01.23	95.32%	98.55%	98.22%	90.45%	96.33%	100%	95.94%
30.01.23	97.09%	97.12%	93.33%	89.5%	97.13%	95.39%	90.15%
06.02.23	94.74%	96.62%	89.82%	88.36%	92.21%	97.22%	88.24%

We have printed the children's reports that were emailed at the end of last term so that you have a paper copy for your records. These will be in their book bags this afternoon.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to support your child with their reading and spellings at home as well as helping with homework challenges! It makes all the difference...

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 20th February.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 20 th February 2023	Return to School after the Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 22 nd February 2023	Maths Event from 2pm
March 2023	Month of Reading Madness (more details to follow)
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day (come to school dressed as your favourite book character)
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Charity Holi Colour Run
w/c 10 th March 2023	Science Week
Wednesday 15 th March 2023	Reading Café at 3.15pm
w/c 20 th March 2023	Art Week (KS2)
w/c 27 th March 2023	RE Week
w/c 27 th March 2023	Parents Evenings (more details to follow)
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break-up at 3pm for Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April 2023	Training Day
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Return to School after the Easter Holidays



Be more kind online

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Saying Safe Online

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