

31st March 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,



As we enjoy a bit of sunshine (finally) and spring flowers in our grounds it seems like a long time since the beginning of term! In some ways it seems to have flashed by and I can't believe the Easter holidays are here! What a term it has been - starting with a Y6 Residential to Marrick Priory and visits to Fountains Abbey (with appearances on Channel 4 News), Ripon Library trips for all classes, our Month of Reading Madness, Science Week, Maths afternoon, Reading Cafes, our Holi Run for Charity (another news appearance!) and our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea being some highlights....! The Key Stage 2 showcase today and our poetry performances have been a wonderful end to the term! The children (and staff) have worked incredibly hard, engaging in their learning across the curriculum and taking part in some great extra-curricular school clubs and community events this term! I am really, REALLY proud of them all.

This week we have all been learning poems to perform and I hope you have been able to watch some of the rehearsals on our school Facebook page! I can't believe how many of them remembered ALL the words and actions. We have also been learning about the Easter story and the specific events of Holy Week with a carousel of exciting activities including making some great Easter gardens. It was lovely to see our older and younger children working so well together in their groups.

Breakfast

This Easter, Kellogg's has partnered with Morrisons to launch a breakfast club where the whole family can request a free bowl of cereal. Both adults and children can choose from a bowl of Cornflakes, Rice Krispies or Coco Pops, with a choice of dairy and non-dairy milk, when they order a 'Kellogg's breakfast' before 11am, in any of Morrisons 397 cafés. This joint initiative will run from 3rd to 24th April, while stock lasts, and aims to support families during the Easter holidays when many school breakfast clubs are unavailable.

School Meals UPDATE

Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of inflation and the high increase in food costs, we have been informed TODAY that the cost of our school meals will be increasing to **£2.85 per day** after the Easter holidays.

This increase is out of our control and has been set by North Yorkshire County Caterers.

Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

For children in Years 3 – 6, if you get certain benefits, your child may qualify for free school meals. To qualify you must be receiving:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

You can apply for these free school meals by following this link: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Coronation

We will be celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May with a street party and 'games invented in Britain'! More information to follow. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue and create their own crown fit for a King or tiara fit for a Queen! You might want to have a go at this over the Easter holidays! More information to follow....



Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week has been 94.5% with the winning class being Year 5 with 97.7%. Year 5 have been in the **green** all half term and will have a class headteacher hot chocolate in the first week back as a reward!! Congratulations to them!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
20.02.23	98.83%	94.26%	91.19%	95.98%	96.3%	97.22%	96.67%
27.02.23	93.6%	95.17%	96.92%	93.12%	96.3%	98.15%	93.36%
06.03.23	80.92%	98.55%	96.9%	95.68%	97.53%	97.7%	89.26%
13.03.23	96.49%	87.68%	96.44%	97.35%	95.06%	97.69%	86.4%
20.03.23	95.35%	97.13%	96%	94.21%	95.49%	99.08%	94.46%
27.03.23	94.8%	95.17%	96.46%	93.72%	90.32%	97.7%	97.05%

Attendance Communication

As you are aware, attendance directly impacts on a child's education and well-being, so our school target is for all children to have at least 96%. If your child's individual attendance is below 96% overall over the academic year so far, we will send you a letter to inform you of this in the first week back alongside their report. If your child's attendance is below 92%, a separate letter will be sent to offer support. You are very welcome to contact school at any time to discuss any issues with attendance – Mrs Price is always here to help!



Unfortunately, we cannot authorise term time holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Further evidence may be requested to support any application submitted.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all our staff who have run after school clubs this term. Our after school clubs letters for the Summer term will go out to parents in the first week back, to begin in the second week of the term. We will also begin SHINE for Reading and Maths in week 2 and will be in contact with families if appropriate for this. Year 6 SATs sessions will begin in week one. Many thanks.

Forest School and PE

Please ensure that children are dressed in school PE kits (coloured and patterned leggings /shorts are not appropriate) and see our school website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/school-uniform/> for further information. Children may need a hat and sun cream as the weather warms up for both Forest school and/or PE.



Painting Spring daffodils in EYFS

PE next term:

Y6 - Mondays

Y5 - Tuesday and Friday

Y4 - Tuesday and Swimming on Fridays (PE kit to be worn)

Y3 - Friday

Y2 - Tuesday

Y1 - Monday and Tuesday

Reception - Monday

Forest School next term:

Y6 - Wednesday

Y3 - Wednesday

Y2 - Friday

Reception - Friday

Nursery - Friday



Thank you for all your support this term and for your attendance at all our events. We have loved inviting you all into school for different occasions. It really does make such a difference when we work as a team, to provide the best opportunities for our children, and communicate regularly to ensure that they are happy both at school and at home. We are always here to help!

I hope that you all have a very Happy Easter and a relaxing fortnight so that everyone is refreshed for the start of the Summer term!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

**Diary Dates:**

Monday 17 th April 2023	Training Day
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Return to School after the Easter Holidays
Saturday 22 nd April 2023	Early Years Open Morning (10.00am – 12.00pm)
Friday 5 th May 2023	King's Coronation Event (more details to follow)