

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

# MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had another super week of school trips and learning opportunities beyond the classroom! On Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 had a brilliant time visiting Saltburn! They identified human and physical features and had fun paddling in the sea and making sand castles! Then.... on Wednesday, our children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a digital art workshop with Ripon Cathedral. They loved meeting Tanya Bohdanovska, an artist from Ukraine and were really pleased with the masterpieces that they created on the day.....

I am really proud to say that on both trips this week, members of the public commented on our children's fantastic behaviour and manners. According to the staff, they have all been a pleasure to accompany on the visits. We also appreciate all the time and support from our volunteers who came with us to keep everyone safe! Thank you - we couldn't do it without you!



Today, we were delighted to welcome three members from the Ripon Spa Croquet Club for a spot of..... croquet! Our children enjoyed playing the game so much when we celebrated the Coronation that we invited them back for another session with Years 4, 5 and 6. Their techniques really are improving and we were so impressed by their determination and concentration today! Ripon Spa Croquet Club are holding a free family day on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Please see further details at the bottom of this letter. We are sure that the children would love to share their skills with you!

## Attendance

As you know.... we aim for at least 96% attendance each week!! This week it has been 93.28%. Well done to Year 1 with the highest attendance at 100%!!

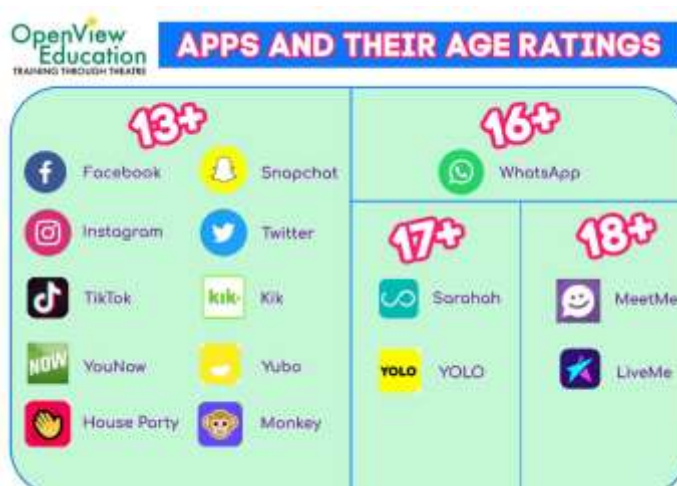


w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
05.06.23	86.67%	98.77%	93.48%	88.73%	93.68%	98.86%	81.16%
12.06.23	90.75%	88.52%	96.61%	98.89%	99.17%	96.46%	90.49%
19.06.23	100%	96.15%	92.44%	100%	95.08%	97.8%	95.42%
26.06.23	94.15%	100%	92.37%	98.33%	95.47%	92.92%	89.31%

## Mobile phones

We continue to support individuals and groups of pupils with appropriate use of mobile phones outside of school. School involvement has been necessary to restore friendships and educate children about keeping themselves safe, when they have been accessing inappropriate material.

We will not be allowing children to bring mobile phones to school from September.



We understand that parents can feel under pressure to let their children either use their phones or buy them their own, but if this is the case, they do need careful monitoring! There are some helpful tips at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones> with details about some of the ways that you can support your child to keep them safe online. Please also remember that apps have age restrictions for a reason! Children cannot see who they are communicating with in chat groups and do not always have restrictions on their phones to protect them. Online safety is paramount to supporting your child's mental health so please check your child's phone as frequently as you can!

### PHSCE Visit

We were really grateful to PCSO Phil, who came in to speak to our children in Upper Key Stage 2 about Cyber Safety and the dangers of Vaping this afternoon. Both issues are topical and relevant to visit regularly, to give opportunities to talk in a safe environment. The children asked some good questions. Please talk openly with your child about it and encourage them to put any worries in the Worry Box at school if they would like to talk to an adult or raise any concerns.



### Class Organisation 2023-24

We were delighted to begin our transition activities this week with some of our Year 6's visiting new Secondary Schools and some of our teachers have been visiting children who they will be teaching next year in their current Nursery provisions and classrooms. We also loved meeting with our new starter parents for Reception on Thursday afternoon. We will be having a transition morning for our current children to spend time with their class teachers for 2023-24 on Wednesday 12th July and we will send home letters to inform you of staffing arrangements on that day. We have taken our time to finalise our plans, as we are still receiving admissions requests for September from new families moving into the area! We look forward to welcoming them to Team Moorside!

One of our events to celebrate the end of primary school for Year 6 is the Leavers' Service at Ripon Cathedral on 7<sup>th</sup> July. The children will leave school at 9.45am and return before lunch. If the weather forecast is poor, they may need a rain coat on that day. Children must be in full school uniform. They can wear their Leavers' hoodie or a school jumper.

### School Uniform Sale

There will be a second-hand school uniform sale on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the end of the day.... any donations of pre-loved uniform would be very much appreciated! Please deliver this to the school office on Monday morning. Many thanks.

### School Meals



Unfortunately, we have been informed that the price of our school meals will be increasing again in September to £3.15 per meal, per day. This price is set by North Yorkshire County Caterers and is out of our control but is due mainly to the continuing rise in wholesale food costs. Children from Reception to Year 2 will continue to benefit from the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), but if you think your child in Years 3 – 6 may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please ask for a form from the school office or you can apply using the link below:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

### **Sports Day organisation**

Our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 25th July. The timings are:

9.15am - 10.45am (approximately) Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2.

1.15-2.45pm - Years 3-6.

All parents welcome. The school day will finish at 3pm on that day!

### **Summer Holiday FEAST Activities**

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering lots of different activities for everyone to take part in. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for children and young people on benefits-related Free School Meals. FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire. From Art clubs to football.... There is something for everyone in the Knaresborough, Harrogate and Boroughbridge area. Please visit the website for more information...

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/list/?tribe-bar-location=Ripon>

Vouchers for the FEAST activities have already been emailed to children who are receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals.

The holidays will be upon us before we know it!!

I hope that you all have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

**Headteacher**

### **Diary Dates:**

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Whole School Transition Activities
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Enterprise Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Friendship Concert – 1.45pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Friendship Concert – 9.15am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Strawberry Fair
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Sports Day (EYFS & KS1 at 9.15am / KS2 at 1.15pm)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Break-up for the Summer Holidays – 3pm



## Ripon Spa Croquet Club

### Family Day



**Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm onwards**

This is an invitation to all children who took part in the Croquet in Ripon Primary Schools Programme to come with their families to our grounds at Studley Royal Cricket Club (Galphay Road) and try some of the games the children experienced and more on our fabulous lawns.

Afternoon refreshments will be on offer, and we hope you are able to come and complete this super croquet experience.

To reserve places, please email the club secretary at the address below.

### **The Very First Ripon Junior Croquet Championships will be played on**

**Sunday September 3rd starting at 2.00pm.**

Rounds will include some of the games already played in Schools as part of our Summer Programme

To reserve places, please email the club secretary at the address below.

### **Ripon Spa Junior Croquet Club**

If you would like to play regularly for an hour on a Friday evening, please contact the club on the link below! Another time (perhaps Saturday morning) may be available if that suits more children. Please let us know.

**Contact: [secretary@riponspacroquetclub.org](mailto:secretary@riponspacroquetclub.org)  
For any more information phone 01765620250**