

14th July 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

Well....the end of term is almost in sight and the activities to celebrate and round off the end of what has been an action packed year are in full swing! The children have been busy rehearsing for their Friendship Concert on Monday and Tuesday and we look forward to welcoming you to this event. If you have already completed a booking slip, tickets will be sent home today. Monday's performance is full, but we do have a few spare tickets for the performance on Tuesday.

We had a great transition morning on Wednesday! We loved welcoming our Reception new starters to Moorside and the children across the school spent time in their new classrooms with teachers for next year. This can be a really unsettling time for some children so if they are feeling anxious about anything at all, it is really important to share it with us so that we can offer support. We have a useful 'Well-being at Home' booklet with a number of activities that you can do at home to support your child with transition and moving into a new year group. Please find it on our website:



[Moorside-Primary-School-and-Nursery-Transition-Support-1.pdf \(moorsideschools.org.uk\)](https://moorsideschools.org.uk/Moorside-Primary-School-and-Nursery-Transition-Support-1.pdf)

If you would like any of the pages printing to help you at home, please contact Mrs Price or Mrs Dunn who can help you.

Summer Holidays

We have been provided with a number of events and facilities within Ripon and the surrounding areas to support families during the Summer holidays. They are at the end of this newsletter for you to access. If you would like to find out more or don't know where to turn for support and information, their contact details are 01765 645902 or rip@hadca.org.uk. You can also access the 'Where to Turn' directory at hadca.org.uk/wheretoturn

Attendance

Attendance this week has been 95.28%. We really want all the children to feel included in our end of year events so please try to encourage your child to attend every day. The attendance for each class has been:



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%
03.07.23	97.67%	94.71%	92.8%	96.69%	93.44%	89.82%	92.8%
10.07.23	98.83%	98.55%	95.32%	95.32%	94.69%	98.23%	91.22%

Well done to Reception!!

Friends of School

Our Friends of School have sent the raisin boxes home for 'raisin money' and are also organising our Summer Disco for Tuesday. We are hoping that the weather will be dry for this and then we can hold it on the Key Stage 1 playground, however, it may have to be in the hall if it is rainy. Please see times for each year group on the poster at the end of this letter. The FOMS would really appreciate any cake donations to the school office by 3pm on Tuesday. Thank you for your support.

Ripon Cathedral Events

There are a number of Summer events at Ripon Cathedral, starting with a Messy Picnic on Sunday 16th July. Please see the flyers attached for further information.

Strawberry Fair

Our Summer Fair or STRAWBERRY FAIR, which has traditionally been run by the Year 6 children (with a lot of help from their teacher and teaching assistants!!) will be from 2.30-4.30pm on **Thursday 20th July**. This is a great opportunity to see some of the crafts and treats that children from across the school have made to sell and play some of the games that the children have invented.

As it is Enterprise Week next week, the children have been given £10 for each class (including Nursery) by our FOMS to each run a mini-business and make as much profit as possible. Please do support this event and share the timings with any family or friends who might like to join us. There will be refreshments available too! We know that it will be lots of fun – fingers crossed that we will be able to enjoy this in the sunshine....

Leavers' Assembly



It's hard to believe that our Year 6s are about to begin their last full week with us at Moorside. They will have their Leavers' Assembly on Friday 21st July at 9.30am. This will last for approximately an hour. Parents and families are welcome to join us. The children will be provided with lunch on that day!

Sports Day

Just a reminder that we do not finish for the end of term until 3pm on Tuesday 25th July. Our Sports Day is on the final day of the school year and we will be holding practices for this on Monday 24th July so please ensure that your child is in school on those days wearing their PE kit. The timings for sports events are at the end of this letter.

I am really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our end of year events...the children always enjoy sharing these experiences with you. The children are (as always) getting really tired at this time in the year, so please do encourage early nights and extra sleep to help them to enjoy all the activities that we have planned.

Have a great weekend everyone.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

w/c 17 th July 2023	Enterprise Week
Monday 17 th July 2023	Friendship Concert – 1.45pm
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Friendship Concert – 9.15am
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Summer Disco (EYFS & KS1 – 4.30pm – 5.45pm / KS2 – 6.00pm – 7.30pm)
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	EYFS Water Play morning
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Nursery Sports Day – 9.30am
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Strawberry Fair – 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 21 st July 2023	Y6 Leavers Assembly – 9.30am
Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Sports Day (Reception & KS1 at 9.15am / KS2 at 1.15pm)
Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Break-up for the Summer Holidays – 3pm



*Friends of Moorside Primary School and
Nursery presents*

SUMMER DISCO

TUESDAY 18th JULY

EYFS and KS1 4:30pm - 5:45pm
(Must be accompanied by an adult)

KS2 6:00pm - 7:30pm
(Can be dropped off)

**NO MOBILE PHONES OR SMART
WATCHES**

ENTRY FEE £2:50
(Includes a packet of crisps and
unlimited squash)

**HOTDOGS, CAKES and POPCORN
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY**

Summer Holiday activities & FEAST sessions

Inspire Youth have fun summer holiday activities for young people 11- 16 years taking place in Ripon and Boroughbridge. These activities encourage learning, being active, exploring new experiences, promoting enjoyment, kindness and spending time together. www.inspireyouth.uk/whats-on As part of FEAST, these sessions are free for those children that are currently receiving benefits-related Free School Meals at a North Yorkshire school. Find out which other summer holiday activities are offered FREE at <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/> (search by location).

FREE family events and activities:

Pop up Party

Thursday 24th August, 11am – 4pm, Ripon Spa Gardens

For younger children and their parents with a mix of entertainment and activities including; magic shows, circus tricks shows, character mini discos and more.

www.visitharrogate.co.uk/events/pop-up-party-in-ripon-spa-gardens

Summer Trail & Circus School

Ripon BID have created a free trail around the City plus take part in one of three free circus school sessions at Ripon Museums

<https://visitripon.co.uk/news/summer-trail-circus-school/>

YMCA

Various FREE activities aimed at children aged 11+

<https://www.facebook.com/YMCARipon>

Boost Holiday Club at Holy Trinity Church

For any child aged between 5 and 11 on 1 September 2023. 9.30 am to 12.45 pm on Tuesday 29 Aug to Friday 1 Sept. £10 for the first child and £5 for any subsequent children. If you would like your child(ren) to go to BOOST 23 but feel the cost is too much for you to afford, please

email matt.davies@holytrinityripon.org.uk They have a limited number of bursary tickets available.

<https://htr-church.org.uk/2023/06/boost-2023/>

Ripon Mumbler has shared this lists of local FREE activities to do over the summer:

[Free And Low-Cost Family-Friendly Summer Activities \(mumbler.co.uk\)](http://mumbler.co.uk)

*Please note, this is a list from previous years so some events listed may not be happening this summer

FREE downloadable route cards for short, accessible walks in the district

Local charity Open Country has launched it's 'Breakfree' pack for the Harrogate district – a set of 12 accessible walks around the local area, perfect for children, prams and those with limited mobility.

Download them at www.opencountry.org.uk/breakfree or pop into Harrogate Community House on East Parade to pick up a printed pack.

Harlow Carr for families on Universal Credit

Harlow Carr (and all RHS sites) are offering £1 entry per family for those on Universal Credit www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/RHS-offers-low-income-households-%C2%A31-entry-to-its-g

The Harrogate Bus Company has just announced a new bus service from Harrogate town centre to Harlow Carr from 22 July until 3 September. The £2-a-trip 'Price Drop' fares will be available from the driver or on the free Transdev Go app for this and other journeys including the 36 bus between Ripon and Harrogate.

Ripon Toy Library

Aims to create a friendly and relaxed environment where babies and children up to the age of 8 years, their parents and carers can enjoy having a chat and making friends whilst children explore the large range of toys. Families can stay and play for £1.50 or pay £5 to become a member for a year. It costs members 50p to borrow toys for two weeks. Toys can also be hired for parties or toddler groups at a cost of 10 toys for £5.00. [Where to Turn | Harrogate & District Community Action \(hadca.org.uk\)](http://www.hadca.org.uk)

Food support over the summer holidays:

Food Support Ripon & Boroughbridge provides emergency food parcels for people in crisis in Ripon, Boroughbridge and the surrounding villages (referral only). [Food Support Ripon & Boroughbridge | Ripon Community House](http://www.foodsupportripon.org.uk) Parcels can be collected on either a Monday or Thursday, by appointment only, at Ripon Community House foodsupport@riponcommunityhouse.co.uk

Waste Not Wednesday

Held every other Wednesday 12pm – 2pm at Ripon Community House. £3.00 per basket, maximum 8 items of donated surplus food from local supermarkets, allotments and gardeners. www.riponcommunityhouse.co.uk/waste-not-wednesday

Boroughbridge Community Larder

Open every Wednesday between 12pm and 2pm at Boroughbridge Methodist church, Horsefair. boroughbridgecommunitycare@gmail.com

Nidderdale Foodbank

For information about how to access food including emergency provisions contact Nidd Plus on 01423 714953 or email admin@nidderdaleplus.org.uk

FREE uniform, clothing and baby items

The Village is a Baby Bank, Children's Clothing Bank and Uniform Shop providing free essential needs for new mums, families and children of all ages in Harrogate and North Yorkshire. They are open on Mondays 9am-5pm and Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am and are located at 282 Skipton Road, Harrogate, HG1 3HE with the entrance on Quarry Lane by KD Carpets. Please note, they close over the summer so please access it before the end of term.

Don't forget, there's also the **Harrogate Clothes Bank** which is open every Wednesday from 10-12pm and the second Saturday of every month from 10-12pm (next Saturdays are 8 July, 12 August & 9 September) for free, good quality, pre-loved clothes <https://harrogateclothesbank.co.uk/>

Universal Credit – childcare payments

Universal Credit maximum childcare payments have risen from 28 June. Parents will be able to claim back monthly on their childcare costs on UC up to £951 for one child and £1,630 for two or more children. Parents who enter work or significantly increase their work hours will also be able to get help with the upfront payment for their first childcare bill instead of having to pay the costs and then claim back https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/?mc_cid=bf07963fd6&mc_eid=f373e1c323

Cost of living payments

Cost of Living Payments – The first £301 for people who receive a means tested benefit was paid between 25 April and 17 May. The next payment is due in the Autumn. You can report a missed payment here www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment#find-out-how-to-report-a-missing-301-cost-of-living-payment-for-a-low-income-benefit-or-tax-credits

Disability cost of living payments -- £150 for households who receive benefits such as PIP, DLA and Attendance Allowance will have been paid between 20 June and 4 July.

Energy Bills

From 1 July the average annual energy price will drop and the advice is to do a meter reading to ensure that you are being billed correctly. If you have a smart meter, always check the bill to make sure readings are going through correctly. Reminder that there **won't** be the £400 worth of government support for fuel bills this coming winter. Despite the price drop households will pay on average £137 more per year.

For help with all sorts of financial issues visit Martin Lewis's website <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/> and more locally, you can turn to North Yorkshire Citizens Advice <https://www.cany.org.uk/>