

27th October 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a half term it has been!! It seems like such a long time ago since we welcomed our children back to school in September and they have achieved such a lot already.... in the classroom.... at Forest School... through visits within our local area.... Sports competitions.... after school clubs and activities.... they have been very busy people and are definitely ready and deserving of a holiday! We also had a visit from Ofsted in week 4 and hope that our report will be ready to share with you soon after half term....

Year 5 Author Event

Our Year 5 children were delighted to meet author Katie Daynes last week, who spoke to them all about her new book about refugees. This was to celebrate Ripon Library receiving the Library of Sanctuary certificate on behalf of North Yorkshire Libraries. Our children were praised by the organisers who contacted us to say that *'The children were an absolute credit to the school – they were completely engaged and asked and answered thoughtful questions.'* We were very grateful to Ripon Library for providing our children with this experience.



Safety in the Community



Whilst we are off school, we know that it's Halloween and Bonfire night! The children do love to dress up and have fun as part of these events and celebrations, but as I am sure you're aware, there are older children in the community who gain access to fireworks or sparklers and other harmful substances, that they may offer or share with younger children who are not supervised by adults. The nights are darker earlier (the clocks do go back this weekend) and some of our pupils are vulnerable - older siblings who are 'in charge' when they are out and about may not be able to protect them against some of the dangers in some areas of the community. Please remind your children of some of the additional dangers of fireworks, bonfires and strangers who may approach them in 'Halloween costumes'.

Half term fun at Ripon Cathedral

Ripon Cathedral are hosting a free craft workshop for children on Thursday 2nd October from 10.30am-12pm. More details are available on the flyer at the end of this Newsletter!

Attendance

Our attendance has been 94.13% this week, which is better but still reflects the fact that lots of children have had bugs and viruses. We hope that the half term break helps everyone to have some rest and to get well. Well done to Year 2 with the highest attendance with 98.99% this week!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
08.09.23	96.25%	96.89%	99.35%	96.88%	100%	97.94%	90.58%
11.09.23	93.18%	94.69%	100%	96.46%	94.74%	96.83%	99.59%
18.09.23	93.6%	96.62%	96.95%	96.43%	96.83%	98.81%	98.15%
25.09.23	95.4%	95.65%	98.99%	96.83%	96.83%	96.18%	100%
02.10.23	92.53%	95.19%	98.48%	90.91%	96.84%	89.69%	85.37%
09.10.23	93.18%	92.34%	100%	90.94%	99.47%	93.33%	95.08%
16.10.23	90.06%	97.1%	94.97%	92.09%	95.79%	90.2%	93.5%
23.10.23	91.11%	91.87%	98.99%	94.07%	96.79%	90.94%	97.55%

Entry into school



Please do not enter school via any entrance other than the main Reception. We must ensure that every adult has been signed into school or waits at the front entrance to see the relevant member of staff. At the start of the day, the staff are busy settling the children into school, so please do not come into school via the cloakrooms or the classrooms - we will be able to help at the main entrance. If the bell is not answered when you ring it, please wait until a member of staff is available to let you in.

BONFIRE DISCO

Our bonfire disco is on our **first day back at school on Tuesday 7th November.**

Please note that this is not a Halloween disco, so children do not need to be in fancy dress. They must not bring phones or smart watches please and all pupils must be collected by an adult from the Key Stage 2 disco. Many thanks.



I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break, filled with Autumn fun!
Stay safe everyone - we look forward to seeing you all on our return to school.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Friday 27 th October 2023	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
Monday 6 th November 2023	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	Children Return to School after the Half Term Holidays
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	Bonfire Night Disco Early Years and Key Stage 1 - 4.30-5.45pm and Key Stage 2 - 6.00-7.30pm
w/c 11 th November 2023	Armistice/Armed Forces Week
w/c 13 th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week & Divali Week
w/c 13 th November 2023	EYFS & KS1 World Nursery Rhyme Week
Friday 17 th November 2023	Individual School Photographs
w/c 4 th December 2023	Key Stage 2 Art Week
w/c 11 th December 2023	Parents Evenings (more details to follow)
11 th December 2023 1.30pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
12 th December 2023 9.30am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
13 th December 2023 9.30am	Nursery and Reception Nativity
14 th December 2023 1.30pm	Nursery and Reception Nativity
18 th December 2023 1.30pm	Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 1.30pm
19 th December 2023 9.30am	Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 9.30am
20 th December 2023 2.15pm- 4pm	Moorside Christmas Fair
Thursday 21st December 2023 Time TBC	Bedtime Stories by the Christmas Tree (In place of our Reading Café)
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Break-up for Christmas Holidays 3pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Children Return to School after the Christmas Holidays
22 nd – 26 th January 2024	Y6 Residential Trip to Marrick Priory





Join us this Autumn

Changing Seasons
Thursday 2nd NOVEMBER
10.30-12pm

Join us this half-term as we celebrate the beauty of autumn and the ever-changing nature of life; as we tear, mend, stick, sew, and create beautiful autumnal leaves. A time to keep, a time to throw away; A time to tear and a time to mend...



RIPON
Cathedral

This is a drop-in children's activity (although all ages are welcome!); free of charge (donations invited for refreshments) and booking is not required.

For more info, please email:
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