

10th November 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term break. The children certainly came back into school with a real buzz on Tuesday. They really enjoyed their bonfire disco on Tuesday night, organised by our brilliant Friends of Moorside. This raised £300 for our school. Thank you for supporting this event!



Our children have been learning about Remembrance Day this week and took part in an act of Remembrance this morning. Our Service children took a friend each to represent our school brilliantly at the Cathedral today, for the annual Service Pupils Festival of Remembrance. Thank you to Mr Clegg and Mrs Day for helping to accompany the children and to Mrs Price for ensuring that they could take part with their friends. There are services and parades in Ripon over the weekend that we know some of our children will be taking part in too to pay their respects. The city does look beautiful adorned with poppies! Well done to all our children who will have taken part.

Attendance

Each class's attendance was as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
06.11.23	82.64%	98.76%	99.38%	94.42%	99.35%	92.89%	100%

Our attendance for the first week back has been 95.34%

Let's try to get it and keep it above 96% this half term..... the children certainly seem more refreshed and free from the bugs and germs that got to them before the break! Well done to Year 6 for 100% attendance!

Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups

Just a reminder that children in Early Years to Year 5 MUST be accompanied by an adult onto the playground in the mornings before the start of the school day. Please do not drop them at the school gate; you must wait with them until they have been handed over into the school building. This is to ensure that there are no incidents or injuries that have not been reported before the start of the school day. Thank you.

Football FINAL



Our football team in Years 3 and 4 are finalists in our cluster competition and will be competing against other schools across the region on Tuesday! We wish them lots of luck and know that they will give their all - we do have some very talented footballers!!

Children in Need - Friday 17th November

We will be fundraising in aid of Children in Need on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November.... As we are having individual school photographs taken on the Friday, we will have a non-uniform day (wear something spotty just like Pudsey!) for a donation to the charity on **Thursday 16th November**. On **Friday 17th November**, we will run a charity cake stall at breaktime - any donations greatly appreciated and children can bring some money (no more than £1 please) to buy something to enjoy at break time!



We have lots of events added to the school diary which is always on our website but also at the end of this letter. There have been some additions already! Please keep your eye on this as we would love to welcome as many of you to school as possible to enjoy our events with the children!

I hope that you all have a safe and restful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday. As always, if you have any concerns or information to share that will help us to help your child(ren), please do contact the school office as soon as you can and we will direct you to the best person to speak to.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher



Diary Dates:


w/c 13 th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week & Divali Week
w/c 13 th November 2023	EYFS & KS1 World Nursery Rhyme Week
Thursday 16 th November 2023	Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew (afternoon)
Thursday 16 th November 2023	'Wear something Spotty!' for Children in Need
Friday 17 th November 2023	Individual School Photographs
Friday 17 th November 2023	Charity Cake Stall for Children in Need
Thursday 23 rd November 2023	Key Stage 1 visit to Beamish
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

Poem from the trenches by Finley Gibson – Y4

The gun fire lashed out in fury,
 Smoke as thick as a sandbag,
 Mud as sloppy as a swamp,
 Rain guttering down in waterfalls of slime,
 Limping up the steps with clay too thick to climb,
 The trench grumbling and sighing,
 Flames from the bombs devouring the walls of the trench,
 Rats consuming the flesh of dead soldiers,
 Spreading diseases,
 The sight of blood rushing like waves,
 Dead wasteland of debris,
 Little rays of golden sunlight shine down,
 Then, little birds blooming with hope,
 And then peppies as far as the eye can see,
 Gently dancing in the wind.

by Finley



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