

17th November 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a busy week!!

Our children have all been learning about Divali, the Hindu Festival of Light, which was celebrated around the world on Sunday. Each child made a 'diva' lamp, which they lit during our assembly on Thursday to make the traditional row of lights that symbolises light (or good) triumphing over dark (or evil). It really was a magical moment when we switched the lights off in the hall (with the children's lamps on) to listen to the story about Rama and Sita. We are sure they will enjoy sharing their clay lamps with you at home!



At Moorside we say **NO** to Bullying



It has also been Anti-bullying week this week. Children across the whole school have been learning about the different types of bullying, and also what it means to be a bystander - knowing that someone is being bullied and not reporting it to someone who can help. We have lots of strategies for this in school that are a good reminder for the children when we take part in anti-bullying week each year. They have made some thoughtful contributions in their PHSCE lessons and shared their work in assembly today.

Children in Need

Our wear spots for children in need day yesterday was extremely successful, raising £124 as well as our cake bake today which raised £126! Thank you to everyone who donated the most amazing cakes!! It is great to donate these funds from Moorside to this important cause.....a total of **£250!** Well done Team Moorside!

Ofsted Report

I hope that you all had a chance to read our Ofsted report and letter that I sent out on Monday. If you haven't received it, it should be in your emails but please let the office know. There is also a link to this at

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/ofsted/>.



Whole School Cross Country Competition

On Tuesday 21st November, every child from Moorside (apart from our Nursery children) has been invited to take part in a Cross Country competition at Outwood Academy during the school day. Reception, Years 1 and 2 will travel there and back on the bus. All children will need to:

- Wear PE kit and they MUST have a blue Moorside hoodie.
- Wear trainers.
- Wear a coat.
- Bring a bottle of water (this can be their water bottle from the classroom).



Attendance

Our attendance this week has been **94.58%**.

Well done to Year 6 with an impressive **99.21%**.



| w/c | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| 06.11.23 | 82.64% | 98.76% | 99.38% | 94.42% | 99.35% | 92.89% | 100% |
| 13.11.23 | 90.7% | 90.87% | 99.03% | 95.24% | 98.99% | 95.24% | 99.21% |

If your child is off school because they are ill, **please ring or email the office.**

Catching staff on the door when they are seeing the children into school means that it could take time for messages to be passed on at the start of the day, when we are making sure that everyone is safely at school.

Staffing Changes

We are saying farewell to Mrs Chamberlain today, who has been a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1 and running our Nurture provision. We wish her well in her new post nearer to home, and thank her for her contributions to Moorside over the past 4 years. We are in the process of appointing a new Teaching Assistant, who will join Key Stage 2 as Mrs Gath-Walker joins the Key Stage 1 team between now and Christmas each morning, to support with phonics. Mrs Willock is pleased to be running the Nurture provision at Moorside.



Buddies

On some Buddies are quickly becoming full which is great! If you have booked a place for your child and they no longer need it, please let us know as soon as you can, otherwise there maybe a family on our waiting list who could have had the spare space. We know this is unavoidable if children go home poorly. Many thanks.

End of the Day - Safety

It is getting quite dark at the end of the school day, especially with the storms that we have been having. It is difficult for staff to identify people under hoods and umbrellas so please could you come forward to the door if a member of staff has your child so that we can visibly see you. We must hand every child over to a designated adult unless they are in Y6 and have consent to walk home. Thank you for your help with this.

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

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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| 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 |