

24th November 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had a week of adventure at Moorside this week.... The WHOLE school went to a Cross Country competition at Outwood Academy, where not only did every child lap the field, running against 4 other schools but we had lots of winners, who were able to share their running talents! I was so impressed by everyone's team spirit and their determination to keep going, even if they got a stitch or felt like their legs could not do anymore! Well done!



The Rivers Van paid us a visit on Wednesday.... Years 3 and 4 were busy exploring the journey of a river and learning how it travels from a source to the mouth when it reaches the sea. The children learnt about the importance of rivers and were able to identify some river creatures using a magnifying glass. We are very grateful to be part of the project and therefore to be offered this amazing learning resource for free! Thank you to Mrs Goss for organising this for us!

On Thursday, our children in Key Stage 1 had a brilliant visit to Beamish to see for themselves how life has changed within living memory and even back to the Victorian era! They enjoyed riding on trams and comparing homes and shops in the past with today!



Attendance

This week's attendance for our whole school has been 94.37%

Well done to the winning class, Year 1 with **100%**.

Keep up the great attendance and we hope that children with sickness bugs, coughs and colds feel well enough to return to school soon!



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%
13.11.23	90.7%	90.87%	99.03%	95.24%	98.99%	95.24%	99.21%
20.11.23	98.68%	100%	97.58%	93.28%	91.96%	91.7%	92.13%

Christmas Lunch!



Our school Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 19th December. The children can all wear a Christmas jumper on that day! If they are usually a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner on that day, please contact the school office by Friday 1st December. The menu is at the end of the newsletter.

Christmas Fair and Raffle!

We are starting to think about our Christmas Fair at Moorside as well as rehearsals for nativities!! The Friends of Moorside are running their annual raffle - more information to follow!

As part of our Christmas Fair, the School Council will be in charge of the Colour Tombola. They have shared a message for the newsletter:

We are hoping to create a Christmas Colour Extravaganza! In view of this we are kindly asking for gifts from parents/carers for your child's class colour as follows:

- Reception** – Chocolates and Biscuits
- Year 1 and 2** – Red (e.g. candle, bottle of red wine)
- Year 3 and 4** – Green (e.g. box of matchmakers, bubble bath)
- Year 5 and 6** – Silver/Gold (e.g. beauty products, crackers)

We would really appreciate your donations into school by Friday 15th December. Thank you so much for your support!

Age Restrictions

It is that time of year when you might be thinking about buying children new devices for Christmas on which they can access anything on the internet!! I cannot stress to you enough the importance of age restriction awareness to keep your children from viewing film content and games that can harm their mental health and well-being. By allowing your child to access inappropriate content for their age, it can impact negatively on other children in school when they share what they have seen. There are a number of children who access

YouTube (which is a suggested 18)

without adequate supervision, sometimes late into the evening and they are then reporting nightmares and tiredness in school. Please have a look at the **YouTube GUIDE** on parental controls to keep your child safe online.

https://www.youtube.com/howyoutubeworks/user-settings/parentalcontrols/?_gl=1*1hu9xtx*_up*MQ..&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlp7CQoo7cggMViMXtCh3uawp7EAYASAAEgJhj_D_BwE#overview



Staffing

We are delighted to share that Mrs Needham will be joining Team Moorside as a Teaching Assistant following her successful application and interview. Mrs Needham has been volunteering in school this term and therefore already knows lots of our children and our school routines. Mya, Kaysen, Sham and Lee also did a great job of interviewing her on behalf of the School Council! Congratulations to Mrs Needham and we look forward to welcoming her on 4th December.

Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations are week beginning **11th December**. On Monday, you will receive a code to book an appointment with your child's teacher. This portal will close on **Wednesday 6th December at 9am** so please ensure that you complete your booking before this date and if you are having any problems, contact Mrs Pawley in the school office. Our teachers are very much looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you. You will also receive their Autumn term report and assessment information by email on Friday 22nd December. This will be shared as a paper copy when we return to school in January.

****PLEASE NOTE that there will be no after school clubs apart from Mr Doey's Sports Club & Buddies that week****

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, don't wait until parents evening.... Just contact us through the school office and we will direct you to the best person to help!
Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

w/c 4 th December 2023	Key Stage 2 Art Week
Friday 8 th December 2023	Buy, Sell, Swap Uniform Sale at 3.20pm in the hall
w/c 11 th December 2023	Parents Evenings *No clubs apart from Mr Doey's Sports Club & Buddies this week!
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



Moorside's Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December 2023



Roast Turkey, stuffing and chipolata
sausages OR

Quorn fillet and a veggie
sausage (v)



Roast or mashed
potatoes, seasonal
vegetables and gravy



Hand decorated chocolate orange
Christmas cookie

