

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

Who can believe that it's the 1st December!? Well.... the weather definitely gave us a hint when it took a wintry turn yesterday and it was quite magical starting some Christmas Carols with the children as it snowed outside the hall windows!

The children in Year 4 had a great fieldwork visit to Hellwath on Wednesday where they identified human and physical features of this area and the River Skell.

Their fieldwork sketches and diagrams of the features of the journey from the River Skell to the River Ure were excellent! Great focus Year 4 (despite the freezing temperatures) - well done!

### Christmas Performances

Play rehearsals and Nativity practices are well underway and the children are looking forward to performing for you in just a couple weeks!

Each child can invite two adults to each performance. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate more than this, because of our fire evacuation regulations. We will have a register on the door as you enter to sign you in against your child's name. Our Friends of Moorside will be selling hot drinks and refreshments at each performance too for you to enjoy as you watch the show!



### Attendance

It was great to see some children back in school this week after periods of absence due to illness..... the whole school attendance has been 93.65%. Each class is 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%
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%
27.11.23	90.64%	87.44%	94.2%	98.41%	91.92%	92.86%	96.83%

Fantastic effort and well done to Year 3!!!

If your child feels unwell in the morning but you think that they have perked up during the day, you can bring them into school at lunchtime.

### FOMS - All My Own Artwork

Just a reminder about your children's Christmas card designs on 'My Child's Art'...To receive the 10% discount, orders must be placed on or before Monday 4th December quoting 'Moorside' during checkout!



### The CHRISTMAS RAFFLE....

We are very excited to share this year's Christmas raffle tickets, which have gone out to families in book bags today! There is a list of prizes at the end of this newsletter. If you would like to buy your tickets, please send them into school with details completed (with the correct money) in the envelopes that you have received them with. If you would like to request any more tickets, please do just ask at the school office. Prizes will be drawn on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Good luck! 😊

### Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is on Wednesday 20th December! We are running a cake stall and would really appreciate any donations of cakes or biscuits (with or without a Christmas theme!!) to be delivered to school on the Wednesday morning. Thank you so much for your support with this.

### Colour Tombola

The School Council also sent a request for items for their colour Tombola last week...

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)

Again.... We would REALLY appreciate donations to the school office by Wednesday 15th December.

### Wellness HUB Sessions

Our Wellness hub each Tuesday is a new addition to the support we can provide for our community in collaboration with the Wellness Gateway. If you would rather not come into school but wish to enquire about how they can help over the phone, here are the details. This is a separate entity to school so information is never shared unless you ask for it to be.

I hope that you have all managed to sign up for your parents evening times with your child's class teacher. If you have not done this yet, the deadline is 9.00am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you to share your child's progress.

As always, you know where we are if you have any questions or concerns - just a phone call or email away!!  
Have a super weekend and keep safe and warm!

With very best wishes,  
**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher



**Diary Dates:**

w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Key Stage 2 Art Week
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Buy, Sell, Swap Uniform Sale at 3.20pm in the hall
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Parents Evenings <b>*No clubs apart from Mr Doey's Sports Club &amp; Buddies this week!</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 1.30pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 9.30am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 9.30am	Nursery and Reception Nativity
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 1.30pm	Nursery and Reception Nativity
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 1.30pm	Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 1.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 9.30am	Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 9.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Break-up for Christmas Holidays 3pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Children Return to School after the Christmas Holidays
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Y6 Residential Trip to Marrick Priory





# Moorside's Christmas Raffle 2023

Andersons - Vouchers  
The Little Ripon Bookshop - £10 voucher  
Forbes - Candle  
Baroque Hairdressers - Baroque experience  
Eastwick- Gift bag  
The Greenhouse - £10 voucher  
Grantley Hall - Tea for two  
FB Taylor - Hamper  
Scarborough Water Park - Gift Card  
Piglets Farm - 2 x Child entry  
Harrogate Town Football Club - Family tickets  
Nails By Claire - Voucher  
Ripon Museums - Year family pass  
Ripon Pet Shop - Gift  
Stuff for Offices - Pen  
Bolton Castle - Family ticket  
NYMR - Tickets  
Yorkshire Wildlife Park - Family ticket  
Studley Royal Garden Centre - Voucher

Donations - Christmas candles  
Tub Celebrations  
Toys  
Candle  
Tub Quality Street  
Ferrerro Rocher

