

15th December 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had a wonderful week of Nativity performances; 'A King is Born' (KS1) and 'Wriggly Nativity' (EYFS) this week! It has been really wonderful to see so many of you there to support the children. I am sure you will agree, if you did manage to make it, that the children all did a brilliant job and have really grown in confidence throughout their rehearsals! I was so impressed by how many lines they remembered! Thank you to all the children and staff for all their energy and enthusiasm to produce such fantastic performances!



Key Stage 2 will be taking to the stage on **Monday and Tuesday** for 'Moorside's Christmas at the Movies'! Each child can have two guests in the audience and we will sign you in against their name at each performance. There is therefore no need for a ticket. There are fire restrictions for the hall that mean that we regretfully cannot offer more spaces. We hope to see you there!! Our brilliant FOMS will be selling raffle tickets and refreshments before and after each performance. A huge thank you to them for giving up their time to do this.

Parent Consultations

We had our Parent Consultations this week.... We hope you enjoyed meeting your child's teacher and hearing all about their progress. If you didn't manage to make your appointment, you are welcome to contact the school office to make an appointment for January, when we return after Christmas.

We have LOTS of other festive events in store for next week - all details are below.....

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day- TUESDAY

Tuesday 19th December is our Christmas Dinner Day! The children can wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform and of course a Christmas hat or accessory (for example some tinsel) with their uniform!

IF your child has PE on Tuesday then they can bring their jumper to wear after the PE lesson!



Christmas Fair - WEDNESDAY

Our Christmas Fair begins at 2pm on Wednesday..... this event is being run by the staff and children and all proceeds go towards supporting extra resources and experiences (such as our curriculum launch days) in school! Please do come and enjoy a Headteacher Hot Chocolate or a S'more on the playground, guess how many baubles there are in the jar or pin the nose on Rudolph!

IF your child has PE on Wednesdays, they should still wear their PE kit.

There is no Forest School for children in Year 4 on Wednesday!

There will be a cake stall too - we would **REALLY** appreciate any cake donations to the office for this stall on Tuesday or Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Tombola and raffle so far too!!

Raffle - THURSDAY

Raffle tickets are still on sale until Thursday, when the FOMs will be drawing them! If you need extra tickets, you can buy them through the school office or at the Fair on Wednesday.

Bedtime Stories by the Christmas Tree - THURSDAY

Our 'Bedtime Stories by the Christmas Tree' will take place on Thursday 21st December at 3.20pm. This is in the place of our Reading Cafe this half term.... Please collect your child from school as usual and join us in the hall where members of staff will be reading some of their favourite Christmas stories until 4pm.

Children can bring a teddy with them and there will be hot chocolate available too - any donations welcome!



Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day is also on Thursday 21st December..... the children can wear non-uniform/party clothes for the day!

Carols Around the Tree



Our final event of the school year is our annual Christmas Carols around the tree - this is one of my favourite events of the year, when we come together to enjoy singing some Christmas carols to tell the Christmas story.

This will begin at 2.15pm until 3pm which will be home time and the end of term! I am sure there will be lots of very excited children (and grown-ups!) ready for a break with their families!

Attendance

Attendance this week for the whole school has been 96.4%. This is **AMAZING** as we know that lots of children have been feeling a bit tired and under the weather! Huge well done to Year 3 with the highest attendance at 97.24% this week! Let's hope that everyone can be in school together to enjoy the final week of term! The children are continuing with rounding off their topics across the curriculum in their lessons, as well as learning about making a profit and managing money, by making and baking items for the Christmas Fair with their £10 budgets!



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%
04.12.23	90.64%	96.62%	95.14%	88.1%	95.45%	89.72%	96.84%
11.12.23	95.91%	96.63%	97.13%	97.24%	95.48%	95.67%	96.4%

Thank you for all your support for all our end of term events! Please remind anyone who is unsure of what is happening in school that all information is in the weekly newsletter or contact us at the office if anything that we share is unclear. We work hard to make sure that our communication with you is timely and supportive but feedback always helps us to further improve if anything has been missed.

Thank you as always for working with us to support the children.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
 Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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
19 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day!
20 th December 2023 2.00pm- 4pm	Moorside Christmas Fair
21st December 2023 3.20pm	Bedtime Stories by the Christmas Tree (In place of our Reading Café)
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Carols around the Tree 2.15pm Break-up for Christmas Holidays 3.00pm
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