

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,



What a wonderful week of performances, parties, Christmas lunch, a Christmas Fair and Jumper day, a special visit from the big man himself, and finally.... Carols around the Christmas tree to begin a well-deserved break for everyone!

The children and staff have been really amazing as it has been such a long and very full term. They have given 100% right to the very end and made the most of every opportunity and I really am grateful to them all. There has been a lovely atmosphere in school as we have enjoyed Moorside Christmas traditions together this week; thank you to all our parents and grandparents for joining us and supporting the many events....

Sharing our News.....

Moorside has been in the news this week with a lovely article about our Ofsted success in September in the Darlington and Stockton times:

<https://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/23981217.moorside-primary-school-ripon-gets-good-ofsted-rating/> and today, our fantastic KS1 Nativity, 'A King Is Born' has been in the Yorkshire Post on page 11....Grab a copy! [Nativity play: A gift for everyone this Christmas \(yorkshirepost.co.uk\)](https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/23981217.moorside-primary-school-ripon-gets-good-ofsted-rating/) It is lovely to share our success and achievements with the wider community.

Christmas Fair and Raffle

Thank you to everyone who either bought raffle tickets, donated prizes and/or attended our Christmas Fair on Wednesday. The children led the fair with ideas for stalls and crafts and treats that they made and we were very proud of Year 6 for all their hard work in setting it up and selling items. They are fantastic young leaders! Our fair raised a total of £781.71 and our Friends of School raised £762 on the raffle! All the proceeds support our children by enabling us to purchase additional resources, fund additional opportunities in school and provide 'those little extras' which makes all the difference to their learning!



Friends of Moorside

Our Friends of Moorside are a small but very dedicated group of parents and grandparents who give their time so generously to fundraise for our school. We would like to thank them for all their hard work in organising the raffle as well as other events, such as the Christmas disco and uniform sales this term. They have subsidised trips, buses to sports events and at the end of term, have bought a lovely book for each child from school, which was given to them by Santa yesterday. Thank you so much for all your support FOMS.

Winter Wedding Bells....

We would like to wish Mrs Taylor, our Year 1 teacher, our very best wishes for her wedding to Mr Jonathan Allen at the beginning of January. Congratulations to you both and we hope you will share a wedding photo or two with Team Moorside! Lots of love and luck for the future.

Forest School - Spring 1

Next half term Year 6 will have Forest school on a Wednesday afternoon, EYFS on a Friday morning and Year 3 on a Friday afternoon!

PE for each year group will be as follows next half term:

Rec: Wednesday PE and Forest School on Fridays

Y1: Tuesday and Friday

Y2: Tuesday and Friday

Y3: Wednesday and Forest School on Fridays

Y4: Monday and Wednesday

Y5: Monday and Wednesday

Y6: Monday and Forest School on Wednesdays

Please send your child into school in their PE kit with a Moorside hoodie and wearing suitable trainers on PE days. They should also have a water bottle in school at all times. Thank you!

Attendance

We end our term with overall attendance at 95.15%. This week it has been 92.63% and the winning class this week is Year 6!! Well done to Year 2 for being our highest attending class this term! They will have a Headteacher hot chocolate to celebrate together in January!!



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%
18.12.23	92.98%	83.25%	97.12%	94.84%	89%	94.05%	97.22%

Pride Tokens

Moorside PRIDE stands for Presentation, Respect, Independence, Determination and Enthusiasm. Our children receive pride tokens in school for being kind, which is our one rule, or for showing any of the qualities above in their learning. They put their pride token in their 'house pot' (Emerald, Diamond, Ruby or Sapphire) and then at the end of each week, Edward, Muhammad Taha, Denzel and Max in Year 5 count them up to announce in assembly! The winning house this term with **1073** pride tokens is DIAMONDS!! A huge well done to them. They can wear non-uniform to school on Thursday 11th January in their house colour (yellow) if they can!

Finally, I would just like to thank all our parents and families for your support this term.... It has been a long and busy one! We always appreciate your feedback and do our best to make sure that our communication is clear and gets to everyone. If there is anything you are unsure of or if you have any concerns, please do get in touch with us as soon as you can so that we can help! Supporting and nurturing our children is a team effort and we love working with you all.

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher



Diary Dates:

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