

12th January 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,



Happy New Year to you all.... And happy first week back! The children have transitioned back into school very smoothly after their holidays and it has been lovely to catch up with them all!

Our topic launches this week have introduced our children to their learning about 'Journeys' - with a focus on their own carbon footprint this term! Children will be exploring the polar regions in Key Stage 1, Norway in Years 3 and 4 and travelling back in time to the Anglo-Saxon era in Years 5 and 6. You can read all about their learning, key knowledge and vocabulary in their class learning

letters and our curriculum knowledge mats, which are being sent home today! You will also receive homework challenges which will help children to enhance their learning across the curriculum! We hope you enjoy having a go at them.

Congratulations

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Allen on their marriage during the holidays.... How lucky that they avoided all the rain and had such a lovely wedding day! Thank you for sharing your beautiful picture with us! We wish you lots of luck and happiness for the future.



Buddies

We are pleased that our first week back for Buddies has been a very busy one! You need to complete a booking form (online or a paper copy through the school office) by Friday lunchtime of the previous week before you need childcare. We cannot guarantee that we will have space in Buddies if you book the day before or on the day. We need to provide the correct staffing ratio to children and will always do our best to put additional staff in place, if required, if we have enough notice! Thank you so much.

Attendance

Some great attendance to begin the term - we are so pleased that the children have recovered from end of term 'lurgies'!! We really do need to ensure that children are on time and attending school consistently to make the expected progress - especially as this is such a short term!

Our attendance this week has been 98.75%.

Each class has been as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
08.01.24	97.62%	97.52%	100%	98.47%	99.35%	99.5%	98.82%

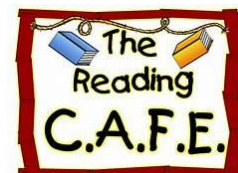
Month of Reading Madness



We will be launching our annual Month of Reading Madness for Spring 2, which is also when we will be visiting the library with each class. If your child doesn't currently have a library card, it would be really useful if you could get one for them before the end of the February half term break. Many thanks.

Reading Cafe

Our Reading Cafe this half term will be on 1st February! We hope that you will be able to join us for some reading and book related activities and refreshments with your child(ren)! It's also a great opportunity to say hello to staff and other parents!



Travel to School in Bad Weather



Some colder weather is forecast over the next few weeks. Our snow letter that I sent last half term has been attached again as a reminder of our snow day procedures. If the weather is icy and snowy, we will do our very best to grit a pathway through the playground, which we will indicate with cones. We recommend that you stick to this path but we cannot guarantee that this will not also be slippery. Please take care on your journeys to school when it is icy, including in the school grounds. Please ensure that children are equipped for school so that they are warm enough and have suitable footwear for playtimes.

I hope that you all have a safe and relaxing weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week!!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

22 nd – 26 th January 2024	Y6 Residential Trip to Marrick Priory
W/c 29 th January 2024	National Storytelling Week
Thursday 1 st February 2024	Reading Café from 3.20pm
Friday 9 th February 2024	Break-up for half term holidays
Monday 19 th February 2024	Return to School after the half term holidays
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	Year 1 & Year 2 visit to Ripon Workhouse Museum
19 th February – 19 th March 2024	Moorside's Month of Reading Madness!
W/c 4 th March 2024	Holy Week theme
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March 2024	Science Week Launch
W/c 18 th March 2024	KS2 Art Week
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April 2024	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th April 2024	Return to School after the Easter holidays