

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

It has been a chilly week, but we have loved using the cold weather as a learning opportunity at Moorside!! Our Key Stage 1 children are learning about Antarctica, so were able to understand the importance of keeping their teacher's cup of tea warm in freezing temperatures!! They found the best way of doing this through a science investigation to identify the best materials to keep something warm!!

We are glad to see that next week might be a bit warmer, as lots of our Year 6 pupils head off on their outdoor adventure to Marrick Priory! We hope they have a great time taking part in teamwork activities and exploring the Yorkshire Dales. The children in Year 4 will be supported by Mrs Bailey and Mrs Binks in Mr Price's absence.

Our Early Years children have LOVED their visits from people who help us this week; the fire brigade and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance! We learnt all about their jobs and listened to a story which helped us to understand what happens when the air ambulance helicopter is called out. Thank you so much for taking the time to visit us!



### Attendance

Attendance this week has been 96.26%. Each class's 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%
15.01.24	94.44%	98.07%	96.76%	90.51%	98.48%	97.7%	99.12%

A big well done to Year 6!!

We have had a lot of children who have been late in the morning last week or late pickups! I am sure that this is due to the icy conditions and of course, the most important thing is that everyone gets to school safely! However, please allow extra time to travel to and from school if you can, as learning is disrupted for all children when pupils arrive late.

### Buddies bookings

Our buddies booking forms are at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/after-school-clubs/>.

To avoid disappointment when our wrap around club is full, please complete the booking form by the Friday before the week that you need childcare. If we have enough warning, we can try our best to find additional staff based on the demand, so that everyone can have a space.

### KS2 Dance Competition

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, our children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking part in a Dance Competition at Outwood Academy, Ripon. This is part of our Sports Partnership with Sporting Influence, to provide opportunities for all our children to take part in range of competitions and sporting events against other schools. A letter with further information has been emailed today!

## Holocaust Memorial Service – Ripon Cathedral

Our Year 5 pupils have been invited to attend the Holocaust Memorial Service at Ripon Cathedral. This is taking place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January in the morning and the children will return by lunchtime. They will need to be in their school uniform and wear a coat to walk to the Cathedral. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Mrs Plummer at school, who is our leader for RE.



## Parent Controls - Safeguarding



Some children have been talking about content that they have viewed online which is inappropriate for their age, for example, Squid Games. This is not only harmful to their own well-being, but other children should not be exposed to information about the content. In school we have a 'Smoothwall' to monitor their internet access and I urge you to please do this at home through parent controls, to protect your child from viewing material that they are not mature enough to understand/process. There is lots of information at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/> to help you to set this up on a range of apps, websites and devices.

## Early Years Open Morning

Do you have a child who will be 3 before April or September 2024 and will be ready for Nursery? Or do you know anyone who does? Alternatively.... will you be requiring a place for your child who will start school in September 2025? Please join us for our Nursery and Reception Open Morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, so that you can meet our team and we can share our lovely, nurturing provision with you! Please spread the word and let us know if you can join us by calling the school office on 01765 604208. We look forward to meeting you!!

I hope that you all have a safe and restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!  
With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**

Headteacher

## Diary Dates:

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