

1st February 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We are sending out our Newsletter a little earlier this week due to lots of other things happening in school tomorrow! We have another planned visit to Ripon Cathedral in the morning, this time for Year 3, who are taking part in Candlemas activities!

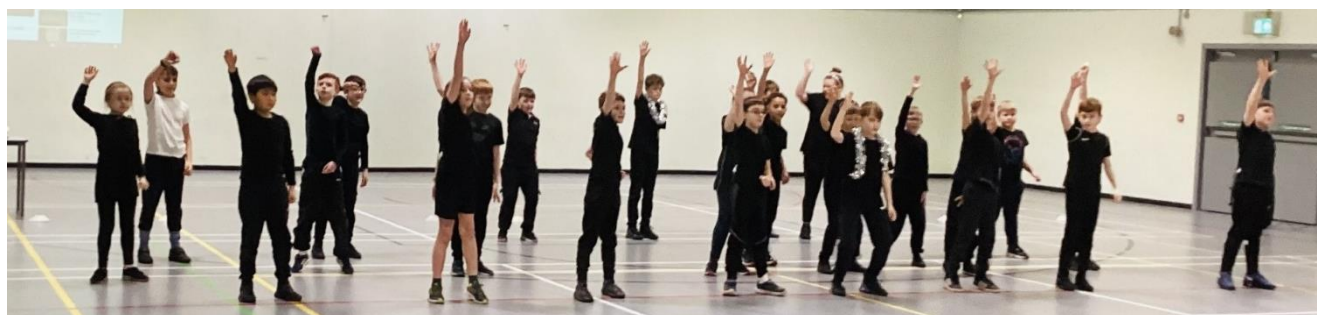
Carbon Footprint Day

Year 6 have been busy planning a 'Carbon Footprint Reduction Day' in their Forest School sessions to see the impact that we can have when we walk, bike or scoot to school!! This will be taking place on **Tuesday 6th February!** There will be a prize for the class with the most children who can get to school without using the car - we might stretch to allowing a 'car share'!! Please see their information leaflet at the end of this letter, full of the facts that they have been researching!



The Great Dance Competition

Years 3, 4 and 5 represented Team Moorside with determination, enthusiasm and style at Sporting Influence's dance competition on Tuesday! A number of Ripon and rural schools took part and a great morning was had by staff and children. Congratulations to Year 4 who won a certificate for their 'Blame it on the Boogie' dance and to Charlie in Y5, Jake in Y4 and Maddie in Y3 for winning 'determination' wrist bands! We definitely have some budding 'Strictly stars' in the making. Thank you to our staff and Sporting Influence for supporting them with this and to Outwood Academy for hosting.



Pancake Portraits



Ripon Cathedral have organised a fun half term week event on 13th February called 'Pancake Portraits'. Children are invited to create faces on pancakes before watching the members of the clergy take part in the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race! Please see the flyer below for more information.

Meeting and Greeting!

Before the pandemic..... and the endless handwashing...We met our children at the start of the day with a handshake at the door to welcome them into school. This was part of our pivotal behaviour policy, and is something that we are reinstating from Monday. Lots of children enjoy/enjoyed this greeting and it is a positive way of building staff-pupil relationships.



Attendance

Attendance this week (up until today) has been 94.37%. Down a bit on last week when we had almost everyone on **green**! Well done to Year 2 with 97.63% this week! Hopefully everyone who has been ill will be better to enjoy the last week of this half term in school.

We have had staff off who have caught the lurgy too so thank you to everyone who has helped to cover lessons and keep everything in school consistent, so that they can get well again! We just have one week to go until a well-deserved break!!



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%
22.01.24	84.05%	96.62%	99.54%	96.05%	96.98%	99.23%	96.43%
29.01.24	90.48%	96.32%	97.63%	93.91%	93.63%	91.63%	95.43%

One More Week at Moorside.....

Mrs Binks, who has been at Moorside for 25 years will be retiring (early) at half term, to head off on her travels to New Zealand! We really will miss her at Moorside and hope she will come and visit when she returns! I am sure the staff and children will make her final week a happy and memorable one!

Reading Plus, Reading Eggs and Times Table Rockstars....

Our homework challenges have been very popular this term, especially the Victoria sponges in Key Stage One, which have gone down a treat!! Whilst we do not send home formal written homework, we do ask in learning letters that children practice their reading on Reading Eggs (KS1) <https://readingeggs.co.uk/login/> and Reading Plus (KS2), <https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login> as it really does impact positively on their progress and means that they enjoy books as they become more fluent!

Times Table Rockstars (currently Years 3-6 and we are adding Year 2)

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>

focuses on children's mental Maths speed which supports them in lessons when they are calculating!!



Passwords are at the front of reading diaries. Each child has a Purple Mash login where there are further Maths and general learning activities for them to have a go at and Mrs Burland has sent a link to Reception parents for a Maths app this week too! <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/1-minute-maths/id1584136366>

We pay individual subscriptions for all our pupils for these learning resources, as we recognise that when children do access the sites at home, their confidence grows as well as their attainment!! You might have a chance to have a quick go over the weekend!!

I hope you all have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all ready and raring to go, for our last week of this half term on Monday!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Friday 9 th February 2024	Break-up for half term holidays
Monday 19 th February 2024	Return to School after the half term holidays
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Year 3 & Year 4 Viking Workshop
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	Year 1 & Year 2 visit to Ripon Workhouse Museum
Saturday 24 th February 2024	Early Years Open Morning
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



Moorside Primary School and Nursery

EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING

Saturday 24th February 2024 10am – 12pm



Is your child 3 or above in September 2024
or January 2025?

Have you applied for your child to start
RECEPTION in September 2024 but they're
not in our NURSERY?

Join us for a **PLAY**, some **REFRESHMENTS**
& meet our **TEAM**! We'd **LOVE** to share our
FANTASTIC
EARLY YEARS provision with you!



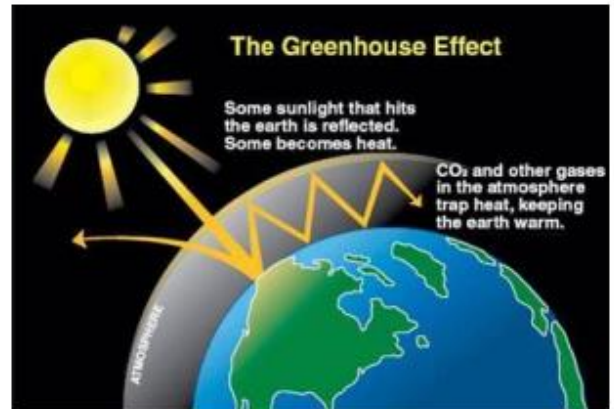
Global Warming- The Facts, by Year 6

Did you know that the last decade was the warmest recorded on Earth?

The Earth's surface temperature is 1.1 Degrees Celsius warmer since the Industrial revolution.

Due to human activity and burning fossil fuels:

- The global temperature is rising
- The Ocean is getting warmer
- Ice sheets are melting
- Glaciers are melting
- Sea levels are rising
- Extreme weather events are increasing
- Habitats are destroyed and animals are becoming endangered or extinct
- Seasonal weather is changing



Melting polar ice caps are causing flooding in coastal towns and cities as sea levels rise.

The risk of wildfires is increasing worldwide.

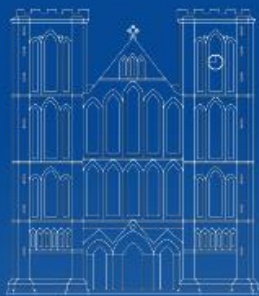
Roughly 0.5% of the Earth's water is fresh water. Climate change is affecting that supply! Warmer temperatures increase the amount of water evaporating from the earth's surface.

Increased temperatures are causing drought and crops will not grow or are destroyed.

The energy we are using and the fossil fuels we are burning is speeding up global warming. So... what can we do to help slow it down and protect our planet?

- Make less car journeys, walk, use public transport or use an electric car
- Car share when you can
- Use LED energy-saving lightbulbs
- Eat a more plant-based diet and eat less meat
- Eat locally sourced food that has not travelled so far
- Turn lights and electrical devices off when you are not in the room
- Turn plugs off at the switch and don't leave things on standby
- Save water- have shorter showers, turn the tap off when you are cleaning your teeth
- Wash your clothes at cooler temperatures
- Eat leftovers and reduce food waste

Climate change is not going away but we can all make small changes together and slow it down and make our future brighter! What will you change?



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Portrait Pancakes!

A family-friendly face-making activity using
pancakes, fruit and chocolate.

Tuesday 13th February 2024

10.30am - 12.00 noon, South Transept



**You do not need to book to attend, just come along and join in.
Refreshments will be served.**

**At 11.00am come and see the Cathedral Clergy run in a pancake
race outside the front of the Cathedral.**

Donations welcome.

For more information contact Yvonne Jefferies, yvonnejefferies@riponcathedral.org.uk