

19th April 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

Our staff have really enjoyed meeting with everyone who has attended Parent Consultations this week! Thank you to everyone who has attended, either in person or over the phone. I hope that you feel well informed about how your child is getting on academically as well as socially and emotionally at school.

If you didn't manage to make an appointment, please do contact the school office to arrange a time with your child's teacher.

Reports will be sent out next week. You will receive them by email plus a paper copy too for your records!

We had another topic launch in History this week! The children in Years 5 and 6 have been comparing life as a wealthy Victorian, verses life in the workhouse as a child.....and learning about the reasons for having a 'Children's Act' today!! We are not sure that they appreciated the gruel!!!....But their experience has raised lots of questions for the children to investigate throughout their topic, Influential People, in the past this term!



Assessments

As you may be aware, Key Stage 1 SATS are no longer a statutory requirement in schools at the end of Year 2. We are therefore using the same assessment materials with the children that they have used in both the Autumn and Spring terms (PIRA and PUMA tests). The assessments provide an indication of your child's attainment that helps to inform the teacher assessment judgements for all year groups. We will continue to provide the same information regarding the children's progress as we do each term for Key Stage 1. Their assessment outcomes also provide the teachers with areas of focus for the next steps in their learning.

The children in Year 6 will have their SATS tests week beginning Monday 13th May each day. There will therefore be some changes to the timetable and staffing to facilitate the tests, following the government guidance. More information to follow about SATS breakfasts!!!



The Phonics Screening check will take place in June for Year 1 pupils. The children are not made aware that they are doing a 'test' as such, as it is carried out in a familiar way based on previous Phonics assessments. More information about the Phonics Screening check for parents can be found at:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/system/files/attachments/articles/y1-phonics-screening-check-parent-handout-2024.pdf>

The Multiplication Check is a formal test of multiplication skills for children in Year 4. Primary school children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Lower Key Stage 2! Please see the Parental Guide for further information at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDF_A_v1.1.pdf

If you have any questions about the assessments, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Our aim, as ever, is to ensure that the children's well-being comes first when carrying out formal assessments, and provide a calm and supportive environment where they feel confident and resilient to do their best!

Attendance

It is vital that children are in school when they are well, so that they do not miss out on important learning time!! If your child is unwell, please refer to the following NHS website which gives you some guidance about whether they are 'too ill for school.' <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attendance this week has been as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
08.04.24	94.12%	92.21%	98.81%	92.31%	100%	94.92%	94.9%
15.04.24	83.23%	93.97%	99.07%	95.76%	92.5%	100%	97.22%

The whole school attendance this week has been was 95.25%. Well done to Year 5 for **100%** attendance this week!!

After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs begin on Monday! They finish at 4pm promptly apart from Mr Doey's Multi-Sports Club which finishes at 4.30pm and SATS Club which finishes at 4.20pm. You should have received a notification from the Admin team to confirm children's places in each club requested. Please ensure that you are on time to collect your child. Many thanks!

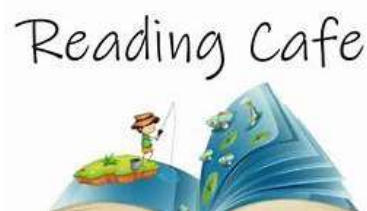
FOMS Events



Our fabulous FOMS are already planning fundraising events for this term.... The famous ice lolly Fridays, Bags2School and of course a Summer disco!! Keep your eyes peeled for dates and times! We will of course be monitoring the weather and give you the heads up if we think a cold treat will go down well at the end of each week! Fingers crossed for sunshine!!

Reading Cafe

Our Reading Cafe this half term will be on Thursday 23rd May! Please pop it in your diaries and come and enjoy a reading activity or a story together and refreshments straight after school.... Hope to see you there!!



Lots of information and hopefully useful to have an overview of some events happening over the next few weeks/months!

I hope that you all have a brilliant weekend and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – School will be closed on this day
Wednesday 8 th May 2024	KS1 Trip to Hawes
Monday 13 th May 2024	KS2 SATS week begins
Thursday 23 rd May 2024	Reading Cafe
Friday 24 th May 2024	Break-up for the half term holidays
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School re-opens after the half term holidays
W/c 3 rd June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication Check
W/c 10 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Tests
Monday 24 th June 2024	Armed Forces Day
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	Y6 Trip to London
W/c 15 th July 2024	Young Enterprise Week
Friday 19 th July 2024	Sports Day (more details to follow)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Break-up at 3pm for the Summer holidays