

17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

It's been a busy week in school this week; all the children have made us super proud with how they have adapted to the changes in routines and staffing to support the Year 6 children with their SATs! The Year 6 children have also made us all extremely proud with their positivity and mature approach to the tests this week! They tried their absolute best every day, taking it all in their stride. They had their final SATs breakfast yesterday and have been enjoying a fun-filled day today including a morning of sports and their cube jar treat, to celebrate the end of SATs week!



The Children in EYFS had an exciting morning yesterday with the tiger who came to their tea party! Reception have been reading the story 'The Tiger who came to Tea' so decided to invite the tiger to their very own tea party at school! They made sandwiches and organised games to play, and when the tiger arrived, the children questioned the tiger as to why he had messed up their classroom! A fantastic morning was had by all Nursery and Reception children and staff!

### Key Stage 1 DT Project

As part of our Design and Technology work in Years 1 and 2, we have been designing tractors using moving axles and wheels. The children have created their own tractor design and will be making these on **Wednesday 22nd May 1.30-3pm**. This is going to be a super opportunity for the children to develop their woodwork skills, and we would like to invite parents/carers/grandparents into school to help create the tractors. We will be using saws and hammers, so safe handling will be required! It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible, but we can only accommodate one adult per child. Please inform Miss Riley or Mrs Allen if you can attend.

### Attendance

Our overall attendance this week has been 95.88% which is up slightly from last week. Well done to Year 6 who are our winners again this week with 98.81%.



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%
22.04.24	96.08%	88%	100%	93.62%	88.56%	94.9%	95.28%
03.05.24	87.18%	91%	95.39%	99.15%	94.5%	95.28%	96.46%
06.05.24	93.28%	90.18%	95.27%	93.44%	94.84%	95.15%	97.97%
13.05.24	88.96%	93.78%	97.42%	96.17%	97.49%	94.32%	98.81%

### Nut Free School!

Please can we remind you that we are a **nut free school**. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction so we must make sure no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school. If you are unsure if any food you are sending your child to school with contains nuts, please check the label! Thank you for your support with this.



## Ripon Poetry Festival Competition 2024

For all our budding writers and writing enthusiasts... check out this year's Ripon Poetry Festival competition! (See the leaflet at the end of this newsletter). During the Autumn and Spring terms in school, we focused on climate change and our carbon footprint, thinking about how we could reduce climate change to support our world. Therefore, the children should already have lots of ideas and inspiration for the suggested theme of **Hope** for this year's poems! We would love to hear some of your poems so if you would like to share them with your class before submitting them for the competition, please do bring them in to school to share. Good luck everyone!

## Warmer Weather Reminder



To ensure all children are safe in the sun and the warmer temperatures, we ask that you please ensure all children have a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream in school at all times. As we can't predict when the sun might come out, it's important that these are in school every day. Please make sure these items are also **named**.

## Walk to School Week - 20th May 2024

Next week, we are celebrating Walk to School Week by encouraging as many of the children as possible to walk or wheel to school, rather than travel by car. Classes will be working together to make as many active journeys as possible and our School Council will be tracking each class's progress. More of us walking to school not only helps to reduce pollution, but also helps to contribute to daily exercise, boosts morale and helps to instil healthy walking habits!

**Competition:** Are you ready to discover *The Magic of Walking?*

The children are being challenged to take photos on their way to school – the funnier the better! Please send photos to the admin email address ([admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk)) by Wednesday at 10am, so we can look at the entries and select a winner! Prizes will be given out during Friday's assembly.



Watch out for our special visitor on Monday morning, checking out how many of you have walked to school – let's hope you don't a spiky reception!

## Reading Cafe Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024



We will be holding this half term's Reading Cafe on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the school hall. Please come along to take part in a range of lovely reading activities with your children. A member of staff from Ripon Library will also be attending the Reading Cafe to share some exciting upcoming events, and we will be serving refreshments for you to relax with whilst you immerse yourself in reading with your children!

## Morning Greetings

Miss Ryder has really enjoyed getting to know parent faces on the playground in the mornings, as she has taken on the role of Headteacher whilst Mrs Rowett is on maternity leave.

There continues to be a member of staff in the school office if you have any messages in the mornings, so that the teachers in the classrooms can safely supervise the children entering school.

Just a reminder that you do need to supervise your children until they have entered school at the beginning of the day, and when they have been handed over to you at the end of the day. Some Year 6 children are an exception to this as they have permission to walk to and from school. Many thanks.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Jemmett**

Deputy Headteacher

(*Maternity Leave*)

**Diary Dates:**

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Reading Cafe
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Year 5 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Year 4 Trip to Bland Close Farm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Break-up for the half term holidays
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	School re-opens after the half term holidays
W/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication Check
W/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Phonics Screening Tests
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Class Photographs
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Armed Forces Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	September Reception Starters Parents Meeting (3.45pm)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Bags2School Collection
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Y6 Trip to London
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y6 Oliver Production (2pm)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y6 Oliver Production (9.30am)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Summer Disco (more details to follow)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y6 Strawberry Fair (2.00 – 4.00pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y6 Leavers Assembly (2.00pm)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Sports Day (more details to follow)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Break-up at <b>3pm</b> for the Summer holidays





# The Seventh Ripon Poetry Festival Under-11s Poetry competition 2024

You are invited to submit your poems to the seventh annual Ripon Poetry Festival competition. They can be serious or funny, solemn or silly. And they can be on any subject you like. But if you are looking for inspiration – how about writing about Hope? The wars in Gaza and Ukraine, climate change, the cost of living, polluted rivers, the refugee crisis, plastic in the oceans – at the moment we could all do with a bit of Hope...

The best of the entries will be collected in a book published during the festival. Everyone who has a poem in the book will receive a free copy of the book and be invited to read at the launch on Saturday 21 September.

**£2 entry fee per poem**  
**Schools can enter up to 30 poems for just £20**

You can submit as many poems as you want.  
Maximum length for each poem is 45 lines. Poems must be your own work and should not have been previously published. All entries are judged anonymously, so please do not include your name on the same page as the poem.

**Closing date: 31 July 2024**