

11th October 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,



We have certainly had an action-packed week this week.... It feels like we have blinked and it's Friday! On Monday, we were delighted to welcome our Year 1 parents and children to our phonics and early reading event. We hope that everyone found it useful - it's always lovely to say hello too! If you missed it, our PowerPoint has been emailed and resources should also be sent home very soon!

Tuesday took our Key Stage 1 children on a soggy but fun visit to York Castle museum. They loved learning about music, toys and clothes in the past, with a trip down a Victorian street too! They were all brilliantly behaved and asked some super questions.

The children in our Nursery have been reading the Enormous Turnip and decided to make soup with their turnip. Everyone helped to chop the vegetables. We have some excellent chefs in Nursery, they stirred the soup, cleared away the peelings to compost and even wiped the tables clean - fab-u-lous!

We were netballing on Wednesday in the pouring rain, but that didn't stop our determined team, who came second overall against four other schools. Mrs Needham and Mrs Price said that they showed amazing resilience and felt so proud of them all, especially when staff from other schools even commented on some of their skills..... well done Team Moorside! Thank you to the Moorside Mums who helped to get everyone there safely!



Mental Health Awareness



Thank you to everyone who wore yellow yesterday for Mental Health Awareness day! Our hall was literally a ray of sunshine in assembly, as the children talked about ways that they can keep mentally healthy.... lots of sleep, exercise, fresh air, limited time on screens and mindfulness activities! We routinely promote positive mental health in school, for example, through our nurturing ethos, access to outdoor learning from the Early Years up to Year 6 and daily well-being check-ins!

Bonfire Disco

Our bonfire disco is on 6th November. Letters will be sent home next week so that you can buy your tickets prior to the event!

Open Morning EYFS

We will be holding an Open Morning in our Nursery and Reception to welcome families who would like to experience our Early Years provision on 16th November from 10am until 12pm. Parents of children in Nursery who would like to have a look around Reception prior to school applications in January are very welcome, as are new families. Please spread the word if you know anyone who might be interested to join our Nursery at any time or our Reception class of 2025! Further information to follow.

Superheroes for the Day!

Next week, the children in EYFS are going to be Superheroes for the day, as they will be reading the story, Supertato! They will be taking part in lots of superhero challenges and activities! We would love it if they can come to school dressed up as a superhero on Thursday 17th October too!



Oxfam Christmas Window



Oxfam have enlisted our help with their Christmas window this year! The children have been asked to write a joke to be displayed as part of their Christmas cracker! Templates will be sent home for you to write your funniest or silliest joke to return to school by the 5th November. We hope to give the Ripon Community a smile!

Spare Clothes - Key Stage 1

We would really appreciate it if you have any spares of PE kit or school uniform to donate to children in Key Stage 1 (age 5-7 ish) as we are struggling for spare clothes if a child needs them in school. This includes any school shoes or trainers. If your child is sent home in spare clothes/shoes for any reason, please could you wash them and return them to the class teacher? Many thanks.

Attendance

Our attendance has been great this week at 96.19%. A huge well done to Year 1 with 99.35%.



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
02.09.24	100%	95.31%	99.38%	95.19%	96.76%	100%	93.33%
09.09.24	98.94%	91.56%	98.33%	98.72%	99.18%	99.49%	94.29%
16.09.24	97.18%	85.16%	96.69%	99.57%	93.42%	97.73%	92.86%
23.09.24	98.11%	81.94%	96.69%	92.8%	91.3%	97.99%	92.31%
30.09.24	96.83%	84.42%	96.67%	99.57%	96.43%	98.99%	95.96%
07.10.24	99.06%	99.35%	96.11%	98.3%	98.81%	92.93%	96.63%

School Meals



Our school dinner service area has had a bit of a spruce up with a lovely new salad bar for the children to select their own greens at lunchtimes and some fruit too! If your child doesn't have a school dinner, but would like one, even on some days each week, please contact the school office if they are in EYFS or Key Stage 1. You can pay on Parent Pay and children can order on the day in Key Stage 2! Our menus can be found at [Moorside Primary School and Nursery \(moorsideschools.org.uk\)](http://Moorside Primary School and Nursery (moorsideschools.org.uk)).

We have noticed that some packed lunches are again full of sweet items which are causing children to 'crash' in the middle of the afternoon! Could we ask again that you ensure that you are not sending children with chocolate and crisps in lunch boxes. We are a nut aware school so we ask that there are no nut products or Nutella in sandwiches. For healthy packed lunch ideas, please visit [Moorside Primary School and Nursery \(moorsideschools.org.uk\)](http://Moorside Primary School and Nursery (moorsideschools.org.uk)). Thank you for helping us to keep the children safe and healthy.

Reading Challenge

A huge well done to our children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Ripon Library. We hope that you found lots of books to enjoy. The children were delighted to receive their certificates in assembly this morning.

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

With very best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher



Diary Dates:

Thursday 17 th October 2024	EYFS Superhero Day
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Flu Immunisations (children will not automatically receive a vaccination. Please see the letter that has been emailed home about how to apply for your child to receive one)
Friday 25 th October 2024	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
Monday 4 th November 2024	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Children return to School
Wednesday 6 th November 2024	Bonfire Disco – EYFS & KS1 3.15pm – 4.20pm / KS2 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 12 th November 2024	Individual School Photographs
Saturday 16 th November 2024	EYFS Open Morning 10am until 12pm
Monday 18 th November 2024	KS2 Letter from the Trenches Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 19 th November 2024	KS2 Letter from the Trenches Performance – 9.30am
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	Whole School Cross Country Event
Thursday 5 th December 2024	Christmas Fair - 2.15pm
Friday 20 th December 2024	Break-up for Christmas Holidays at 3pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children return to School