

7th June 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year - it's going to be a busy, but exciting one! Our 'Oliver' rehearsals are now underway, and the Year 6 children are doing a great job of bringing the script to life; some of them have even learnt all their lines already! Very impressive! Check out the performance dates at the end of the newsletter to pop them in your diary...You are in for a treat!



Year 3 had a busy first day back at school on Monday. They began the week by setting up a Science investigation to answer their question about the effect that different liquids can have on our teeth and enamel. The children can't wait to observe the eggs that they have put into the different liquids (the shell of the eggs represents the enamel on our teeth) to find out which drink has caused the most/least damage!

The children in Key Stage One have had an interesting start to this half term too launching into their new history topic about significant individuals in the past and their achievements! They learnt about Mary Seacole being a nurse in the Crimean war and how she looked after injured soldiers. They discovered what life would have been like for Mary Seacole during the war by using bandages to help each other's 'injuries' and making slings for each other's 'broken' arms! The children also visited the Early Years outdoor area to find some herbs which she used in her medicine – they then made their very own 'medicines' using herbs and water!



Five Star Food



We are delighted to share that our school kitchen has maintained the 5 STAR food hygiene rating after the North Yorkshire Council hygiene inspection this week! If your child does not currently have a school meal, but would like to, you can have a look at our menu on our school's website: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/school-meals/>. There are many benefits to having a school meal and these can also be found on our website, following the link above.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week has been 94.81%. Well done to Year 2 with 98.33% attendance this week!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
03.06.24	90%	96.83%	98.33%	93.85%	94.23%	93.33%	97.86%

Bucket and Spade Donations

Our EYFS team would like to make a plea to parents and families for contributions of buckets and spades for our lovely outdoor area. We are currently short of long-handled spades and a few buckets, so would really appreciate any donations of spades you have lying around at home or hidden away in your garage, unused. We thank you in advance for your support with this.



Playground Supervision

We kindly ask again that ALL children from Nursery to Year 5 are appropriately supervised on the playground, before and after school. This involves ensuring that your child/children **do not** play with any balls or ride their bike or scooter across the playground, as unfortunately someone has been hit by a ball before school this week. Some Year 6 children have permission to walk on their own to and from school however, this is a privilege which will no longer be offered to individuals who are unable to follow the school rules when unsupervised at these times.

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken in school next week on the morning of **Thursday 13th June**. Please can all children come to school on this day dressed in their full school uniform, including Year 6 children – no Leavers' hoodies for the photos please!

Jewellery and PE

North Yorkshire Council has sent an update to all schools about the wearing of personal effects, such as jewellery and watches to school. The wearing of these items can present a risk of injury to the person and/or others involved in activities like PE lessons.



Therefore, we insist that **no jewellery** is worn in school, apart from small stud earrings.

Pupils who do wear small stud earrings should be able to remove them for PE lessons. If a child is unable to do this themselves, they should not wear any. Staff cannot be responsible for helping children to remove their jewellery for PE.

Children who are unable to remove jewellery – this includes children with recently pierced ears – will be unable to participate in PE lessons. For this reason, we strongly recommend that any children wishing to have their ears pierced wait until the beginning of the Summer holidays so that they do not miss any of the statutory PE curriculum.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check



At Moorside, we use phonics as an effective way of teaching children to read. By ensuring high quality phonics teaching, we aim to improve literacy levels and give all children a solid base to build on as they progress through school.

The Year 1 Phonics Screening check will take place next week. This is a check of the children's phonics knowledge, which helps us as a school to confirm whether children are making the progress expected in the national curriculum.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about anything at all, please email or call the school office who will arrange for you to speak to the most appropriate person to help you. It is most important that you do share anything that you feel would be helpful for school to be aware of so that we can support your family in any way that we can.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Jemmett

Deputy Headteacher

(Maternity Leave)

Diary Dates:

W/c 10 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Tests
Thursday 13 th June 2024	Class Photographs
Monday 24 th June 2024	Armed Forces Day
Tuesday 25 th June 2024	September Reception Starters Parents Meeting (3.45pm)
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Bags2School Collection
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	Y6 Trip to London
Thursday 4 th July 2024	Y3 Trip to Bland Close Farm
Thursday 11 th July 2024	EYFS Trip to Thorp Perrow
Monday 15 th July 2024	Y6 Oliver Production (2pm)
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Y6 Oliver Production (9.30am)
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Summer Disco (more details to follow)
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Y6 Strawberry Fair (2.00 – 4.00pm)
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Y6 Leavers Assembly (2.00pm)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Sports Day (more details to follow)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Break-up at 3pm for the Summer holidays