

20th September 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a great week with some sporting triumphs for Moorside! Our children in Key Stage 2 attended our Ripon City Cluster Sports competition on Wednesday and represented the school with Moorside Pride! Years 5 and 6 won 3 out of 4 of their games and Years 3 and 4 won all of their games which has sent them through to the finals! We are very proud of them all!



Our visiting performance of the Wizard of Oz went down really well on Monday – lots of the children have been singing the songs and acting it out on the playground. M&M productions were fantastic -we hope to welcome them back to Moorside in the future!

Reading Café

Our FIRST Reading Café is on 1st October in the hall at 3.20pm! Please do join us to enjoy a story, a book related activity or visit our library and enjoy some refreshments! We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



phonics

Thank you to all our Reception parents who came to our phonics meeting on Monday. If you missed it, the information is all on our website at [Moorside Primary School and Nursery \(moorsideschools.org.uk\)](https://moorsideschools.org.uk).

Our Year 1 children will be taking part in the National Phonics Screening check in June next year and so we will be holding an information evening about this for Y1 parents on Monday 7th October at 3.20pm.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you so much to everyone who wore their denim and donated on Jeans for Genes day! The children enjoyed dancing in denim and learning about how important it is to raise awareness and funds for children and families affected by genetic disorders. As a school we have raised £140 so far, with all funds going towards essential care and research. If you didn't manage to make a contribution but would like to, please feel free to drop it into the school office next week.



Attendance

I will be sending out our reviewed Attendance Policy in line with the government's legislation which has come into force this term. North Yorkshire Council holds all Headteachers to account for attendance and the Local Authority has provided the content of the new Attendance policy, which has been personalised for our school. Our school attendance this week is 95.18%..... which is below where we need to be each week.

Each class's attendance this week is as follows:



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%

Super attendance Year 3 with the highest this week!



Whilst it is highly important for all children to attend school, we do understand that on some occasions, your child may be too ill to do so. This NHS guidance should help you to decide whether they can attend or not [is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk), but if you are unsure, you can always ring the school office to discuss. There is a rise in 'slap cheek' cases at the moment and there are members of the school community who are at risk if they contract it, due to pregnancy. Please contact us if you think your child might have slap cheek before sending them to school. This is to keep everyone safe.

With the Autumn term bugs already doing the rounds, please remind your child(ren) about handwashing and good hygiene so that we can prevent the spread of germs as much as possible.

SAFEGUARDING - School Car Park

Another reminder that the school car park is for STAFF ONLY. There are a couple of families who have a school permit for disabled parking access but please do not use the school car park at pick up and drop off times if you do not have a permit. It is extremely dangerous, especially as some vehicles are exceeding the speed limit. PLEASE help us to keep our community safe.



As always, please do contact us at school if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education and well-being at school. I hope you all have a lovely weekend ahead and look forward to seeing you next week!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 1 st October 2024	Reading Café
Thursday 3 rd October 2024	Year 3 & 4 Trip (more details to follow)
Monday 7 th October 2024	Year 1 Phonics meeting in the school hall – 3.20pm
Tuesday 8 th October 2024	KS1 Trip to Castle Museum in York
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
Tuesday 12 th November 2024	Individual School Photographs