

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,



It was really lovely to welcome so many of you to our Reading Café on Tuesday this week and have the opportunity to say hello! We had reading scavenger hunts, 'illustrator' drawing tutorials and lots of activities based on our chosen authors for each year group. A HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated books that you are not reading at home anymore...we REALLY appreciate it.

In the Early Years, our children have been 'Going on a Bear Hunt' in Forest School and have been enjoying the story by Michael Rosen in school too! They went on a barefoot bear hunt last Friday. Mrs Goss said, 'The thick oozy mud squelched through their toes, they 'splish splashed' through the water and stumble and tripped over the sticks to find the bear in the cave. There were lots of screams when the bear popped out!'



On Thursday, Years 3 and 4 spent the day in York at the Yorkshire Museum. They had fun investigating artefacts about the Stone Age, as well as learning about other aspects of History. The children were a real credit to our school and were complimented on their 'inquisitiveness' by the staff at the museum. We know the children will take this new knowledge and use it to enhance their learning back at school!!

### **SAFEGUARDING...**

We have had a number of reports from concerned drivers and pedestrians when they have had a near miss, as children and adults have stepped out in front of cars. This is both on Lead Lane and Whitcliffe Grove. Please be aware that the children are hearing interactions between drivers and parents and report it to members of staff in school when they do not feel safe. Please....please take care when crossing the road or pulling out in your cars, as it is extremely busy, and it would be a tragedy if a member of our school community was seriously hurt on their way to or from school. We teach road safety regularly in school in the hope that this prevents such incidents.

### **World Mental Health Day**

It is World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October. We are wearing yellow or something yellow to raise awareness (no funds required) and carrying out some activities in school to help us to keep mentally healthy. If your child doesn't have anything yellow or does not want to wear different clothes to their school uniform, then this is absolutely fine.



## Easy Fundraising

It's that time of year again when people are maybe doing some more online shopping than usual in the build up to Christmas!! You can help us just by logging into websites such as Amazon through Easy Fundraising who then make a donation to our school funds based on your spending! The link to follow is at [Fundraising | Charity Fundraising Online | You Spend Online, Brands Donate | Easyfundraising!](#) Many thanks!



It was lovely to meet with our FOMS on Tuesday this week – we have some great events planned over the course of the next couple of months – keep track of some new diary dates at the end of this Newsletter....

## Letters from the Trenches – Key Stage 2

Our Key Stage 2 children are singing lots of wartime songs in their music lessons at the moment to rehearse for our performances of 'Letters from the Trenches' on 18<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm and 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. Years 5 and 6, who have been specifically learning about World War 1 this half term, will be taking on the leading roles but all children in Years 3 to 6 will be involved. We will share further information about tickets in due course!

## Bonfire Disco

Our Bonfire disco is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The children in Early Years, Years 1 and 2 will have their disco from 3.15pm until 4.20pm and Years 3-6 from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. We will be selling tickets for £3 prior to the event. This will include a drink, crisps and a sweet treat. Hot dogs will also be sold separately.

## Attendance

Our Attendance policy was emailed out this week with a letter and hope you have had the chance to read it...This visual also shows how much time children miss in school when they are absent!



**DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%**

Our whole school attendance this week has been 96.19%.

Each class has been 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%
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%

Well done to Year 3!!!

## School Councillors

We were delighted to give our new school councillors their badges today in our PRIDE Assembly. They are already great ambassadors for our school and have lots of ideas to feed into our meetings to organise different events!

Our School Council members are:

Y1: Remi and Maddie

Y2: Lily and Sachin

Y3: Zac and Katie

Y4: Maddie and Edward

Y5: Finley and Olivia-Rose

Y6: Talia and Finnley S

We look forward to hearing more from them over the course of the year to share some of their work!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call, drop us an email or pop into the school office. Have a great weekend ahead and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

With very best wishes,



**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates:

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 1 Phonics meeting in the school hall – 3.20pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	KS1 Trip to Castle Museum in York
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	EYFS Superhero Day (more details to follow)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	<b>Flu Immunisations</b> (children will <b>not</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children return to School
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Bonfire Disco – EYFS & KS1 3.15pm – 4.20pm / KS2 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Individual School Photographs
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	KS2 Letter from the Trenches Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	KS2 Letter from the Trenches Performance – 9.30am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Whole School Cross Country Event
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Fair - 2.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Break-up for Christmas Holidays at <b>3pm</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children return to School