

25th October 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

Well....what a half term it has been!!

It was an absolute treat to watch our Reception children performing their Harvest songs and sharing their learning about fruit and vegetables in their Harvest assembly this week! It was lovely to see so many parents there - your children did you proud; it's hard to believe that they just started school 8 weeks ago! A huge well done to them and the Early Years team!



Ripon in Bloom

We are so proud to be awarded Silver Gilt for our grounds from Ripon in Bloom. We were also very excited to receive the best in category award and the Schools' trophy! Eloise represented Moorside, along with Mrs Goss and Mrs Atha. Eloise received the trophy from the Mayor of Ripon, Mr Hawke. Thank you so much to Mrs Atha for her support with looking after our raised beds.

Safeguarding

It's always an exciting time of the year for children with Halloween and pumpkin trails and bonfire/firework events. However, there are a number of risks to be aware of, especially as the nights are drawing in. There is some useful information about Halloween safety at <https://www.child-matters.co.uk/halloween-safety-injury-tips/>

Most important ones....

- wear reflective clothing and remind children of road safety to avoid traffic accidents. Be safe - be seen!
- Take care when crossing the road - space. Listen to adults carefully.
- What sweets are they eating? Are they sweets? Make sure they are commercially wrapped and the wrapping hasn't been tampered with.
- Halloween costumes can be highly flammable - keep away from candles and fires - use battery operated candles for pumpkins.

Don't speak to strangers or get involved with gangs of older children who may not be making good choices for behaviour around younger children!



Asda Fundraising for Schools

Have you managed to download the Asda app yet?!?!

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Each time someone does this for our school, we receive £1 for school funds! You can delete the app afterwards if you do not shop at Asda but every £1 makes a difference so if you have a smart phone, we would really appreciate your help.... For free! Thank you so much!!



Attendance

I am really pleased that our attendance has been 96.61% this term. We are always aiming for 96% and above....



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%
14.10.24	98.94%	93.21%	95%	99.57%	96.84%	95.45%	93.98%
21.10.24	97.87%	95.14%	97.78%	99.15%	96.03%	93.97%	94.28%

Our class winners this week are Year 3 with 99.15% and the overall winners this half term are Reception with 98.2%. Congratulations to them and please keep it up!!

Reading



Reading for pleasure has a positive impact on children's educational performance and we therefore put a focus on this, as well as spellings, instead of other weekly homework activities. As a school we pay into Reading Plus and Reading Eggs platforms too, for children who find it less appealing to pick up a book! We ask that parents support their children by reading with them 5 times per week- just for 10 minutes - so that they can become confident and fluent readers.... Reading books that are pitched accurately at your child's current level are provided by school and changed frequently. We have a large number of children in Key Stages

1 and 2 who are not reading at home at the moment (or learning spellings) and we are therefore requesting that you promote this at home and we will reward the children in school for their reading so that they have an incentive. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated Harvest tins and other foods. Community House were extremely grateful for our donation.



Anti-Bullying Week

To kick off Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 11th November, we are asking all children to wear odd socks to school. This is a simple way to celebrate our differences and promote the key message that being unique is something to be proud of. We look forward to seeing everyone's colourful combinations and starting important conversations about kindness and respect.

Ripon Library

We are always welcomed by Ripon Library as a school and ensure that all children become members. We are looking forward to visiting them next half term for a Christmas reading session! They are running a Halloween crafts event on Monday 28th October from 10am – 12pm. Parents, carers, and children can create eco-friendly Halloween decorations together!

- Create spooky crafts using basic, sustainable materials.
- Perfect for beginners and experienced crafters alike.
- A great chance to bond with your family while being creative!
- All materials provided + friendly teachers to guide you through each step.
- Take home a unique collection of spooky creations to proudly display sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/HalloweenFFRipon>



PE and Forest School

After half term our PE and Forest school days are....

PE

Rec: Thursday

Y1: Wednesday

Y2: Tuesday

Y3: Wednesday and Friday

Y4: Wednesday and Friday

Y5: Wednesday and Friday (swimming)

Y6: Monday and Thursday

Forest School

Wednesday - Y2

Friday - EYFS and Y1

It has been **fantastic** to see how settled the children are in their new year groups after their first half term of the school year. There are lots of exciting events next half term to look forward to (see updated dates at the end of this letter). I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break with your families and that the children return to school feeling rested and refreshed on Tuesday 5th November.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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
Thursday 7 th November 2024	KS1 Showcase for Parents – 2.15pm
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	Cross Country Event
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to the Yorkshire Air Museum
Thursday 5 th December 2024	Christmas Fair - 2.15pm
Monday 9 th December 2024	EYFS Nativity – 1.45pm
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
Thursday 12 th December 2024	KS1 Nativity – 1.30pm
Friday 13 th December 2024	KS1 Nativity – 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December 2024	Carols around the Christmas Tree – 9.15am
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