

29th November 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We are starting to feel festive at Moorside! The tree has arrived, ready for all the children to decorate on Monday and it has been lovely to hear Nativity songs from the hall where rehearsals are well underway!

Following their fantastic performances of Letters from the Trenches last week, Years 5 and 6 had an amazing day at the Yorkshire Air Museum. The children were immersed in their learning about what life was like for a child in WW2 - looking at and handling artefacts. They learnt about Bomber Command and the amazing and dangerous job that the pilots and their crew did and also the conditions that they had to endure. They handled some ammunition, looked inside a Halifax and finally, experienced life as a paratrooper on the Dakota - with real life sound effects and a very stern Jump Master, who tried to get the whole group to 'jump from the plane' in less than 10 seconds!! Well done to the children for asking some super questions.



Nursery and Reception were delighted to receive a visit from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance on Thursday afternoon. They learnt all about how important the Air Ambulance is and even got to try on a pilot's helmet! Reception will be continuing to learn all about people who help us next week.

Coats in school

Just a reminder to make sure that your child always has a named coat in school. They also need suitable footwear so that they can play outside with their friends as much as possible in the wintery weather.

Friends of Moorside Raffle

You can still request raffle tickets at the school office or buy them at the Fair on 5th December. There are some amazing prizes (which you can see at the end of this letter) - thank you to everyone who has donated them!! The raffle draw is taking place on Thursday 12th December.

Christmas Display

Our children have all been sent home with a bauble to colour/decorate for our entrance display in school if they would like to do one over the weekend. They can use crayon, pencil, paint, felt tip, metallic pens or glitter. Please return them to school on Monday 2nd December so that we can decorate the school!



Christmas Fair Arrangements

Our Christmas Fair is on Thursday 5th December. School gates will open at 2.15pm.

Children can be collected by parents when they arrive from classroom doors, so that they can visit the stalls with you. The price of items/games/crafts and refreshments will be in multiples of 50p – (£1/£1.50/£2 etc). We unfortunately cannot do IOUs! We look forward to seeing you there!

Zero Carbon Schools Project



GREEN
SCHOOLS
PROJECT

Year 4 pupils are excited to take part in a Green Schools Project called Zero Carbon Schools. The project will involve learning about climate change and how the school produces carbon emissions. As part of the project we will start by working out an estimate of the school's carbon footprint and then we will run projects to reduce it. We are looking forward to leading this project and making a positive change in our school and the local community.

Attendance

Our attendance this week has been 94.69%. Well done to Year 5 with an impressive 97.73%.



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
04/11/24	98.94%	94.53%	95.63%	92.79%	97.77%	99.43%	97.73%
11/11/24	96.71%	100%	98.89%	100%	99.60%	98.99%	95.32%
18/11/24	97.87%	95.31%	95.56%	99.15%	94.44%	100%	97.64%
25/11/24	96.28%	93.1%	92.22%	94.92%	96.84%	97.73%	94.65%

CHICKEN POX IN SCHOOL

We have had some cases of chicken pox in school in some of our year groups. Children need to stay away from school until there is a scab over each spot and they are not feeling ill or itching. There is clear NHS guidance about how to identify and treat chicken pox – please follow the link:

[Chickenpox - NHS](#)

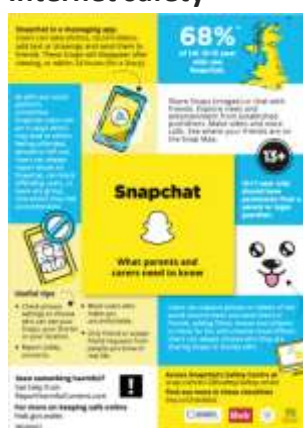
If you are pregnant or have a weakened immune system or have a new born baby, please take time to read the guidance if you have come into contact with someone who has chicken pox.

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be on **Wednesday 18th December** and our 'Polar Bear' Pizza Party Lunch (pizza with various toppings and artic roll for dessert) on **Thursday 19th December**. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like either of these lunches, please let the school office know by **Wednesday 4th December 2024**.



Internet safety



We have a number of children whose well-being has been affected through their access to social media and negative messaging between pupils. We are a pupil 'no phone zone' in school as we believe that the age restrictions in place for use of the Apps is because primary-age children are not able to keep themselves safe on them and are therefore vulnerable. We continue to teach our children about Internet Safety and raise awareness to support parents through our communications with you. If you are allowing your children to use a device and access Apps that are not recommended for their age, we urge you to check their devices regularly to keep them safe. Please see further information about Snapchat specifically at the end of this letter.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



If you have not booked your Parent Consultation meeting yet, please visit the website by Tuesday 3rd December to do so and we look forward to sharing your child's progress and achievements in school with you then.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need any support or a chat with someone in school, please contact us as soon as possible via the admin email or by phone so that we can help.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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 and Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Christmas Party Lunch
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

Come and join in the festivities
and get into the Christmas spirit
at...



Moorside's Christmas Fair!

Raffle

Freshly
made
popcorn

Craft
Stalls

Festive
games

Head
teacher
hot choc

Decorations

Christmas
photo
booth

5th December 2024 from 2.15pm

Moorside's Christmas Raffle 2024

Grantley Hall – Afternoon Tea for 2
The Ripon Inn - £50 Gift Card
Lee Hill - Hamper x 2
Mother Shipton's Cave – Family Ticket for 5
Harrogate Football Club – Tickets
Absolute Bliss – Goodie Bag
The Castle – Mug and Coasters
Anderson's - £20 Book Voucher
Wakeman's House Café – Cream Tea for 2
Ripon Uniform Shop - £10 Voucher
Mason's Distillery – Experience for 2
Eastwick - Gifts
The Greenhouse - £10 Voucher
Hambleton Brewery – 4 Bottles
Glad Rags Boutique - £20 Voucher
NYMR – Tickets
Ripon Races – Tickets
Bolton Castle – Family Tickets
FB Taylor – Hamper x 2
Stuff for Offices – Notebook
The Forge - £10 Voucher
Forbes – Emma Bridgewater Mug
The Little Ripon Bookshop - £15 Voucher
Memorable Moments – Fragranced Reed Diffuser
Baroque – Cut and Finish
Baroque – Technical Blow Dry

Donations - Sweet Jar
Mochi Pop Soft Toys x 2
Craft and Frame Kit
Bake Me I'm Yours Cookbook
Equilibrium Sun Catcher
Men's Wallet/Card Holder
Cheese Board
Mermaid Perfumes
Lucky Dip
LOL Nail Collection
Bee Tea Bag Holder
Wine x 2
Irish Cream Liqueur and Candle



Snapchat is a messaging app.

Users can take photos, record videos, add text or drawings and send them to friends. These Snaps will disappear after viewing, or within 24 hours (for a Story).

68%*
of UK 13-15 year olds use Snapchat.



As with any social platform, sometimes Snapchat users can act in ways which may lead to others feeling offended, abused or left out. Users can always report abuse on Snapchat, can block offending users, or leave any group chat where they feel uncomfortable.



Share Snaps (images) or chat with friends. Explore news and entertainment from established publishers. Make video and voice calls. See where your friends are on the Snap Map.

13+

13-17 year olds should have permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Snapchat



What parents and carers need to know



Useful tips

- Check privacy settings to choose who can see your Snaps, your Stories or your location.
- Report safety concerns.
- Block users who make you uncomfortable.
- Only friend or accept friend requests from people you know in real life.

Users can capture photos or videos of the world around them and send them to friends, adding filters, lenses and stickers to these for fun and creative visual effects. Users can always choose who they are sharing Snaps or Stories with.

Seen something harmful?

Get help from [ReportHarmfulContent.com](https://www.ReportHarmfulContent.com)



For more on keeping safe online

[hwb.gov.wales](https://www.hwb.gov.wales)

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Access Snapchat's Safety Centre at snap.com/en-GB/safety/safety-center

Find out more in these checklists tiny.cc/Checklists



*Source Ofcom: Children and Parents Media Use and Attitudes survey 2020.

Have FUN at our

FESTIVE FEAST



Turkey, Stuffing, Sausage, Gravy
Vegetarian Roast

Potatoes
Seasonal vegetables

Christmas
Celebration
Cake



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