

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends,



What an end to a very long, busy and successful term!! The children have sung their hearts out in their Christmas performances, at nursing homes, on the radio, and at our Carols Around the Christmas Tree event this morning! If you missed our performance on 'Your Harrogate Radio', please visit our Moorside Primary School and Nursery Facebook page. Thank you for sending them in looking so smart with Christmas accessories. The children all looked and sounded wonderful!

We have had visits to Ripon library this week, where the children enjoyed being read to and borrowing books for the holidays! It might provide some moments of calm if they can sit and enjoy some of the stories that they have loaned over the holidays.



We have enjoyed our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday ... thank you to Mrs Binks and Mrs Hampshire for doing a great job of feeding everyone!! We also had some fabulous Christmas parties organised by the staff on Thursday. A special thank you to Mrs Gregory – who knew that she was a secret elf?!

Thank you to our Year 6 children who have supported our younger children with Christmas crafts, cards, calendars and party games this week. We have had lots of tired children in school ready for a rest, and the older pupils have been super role models. Well done!

## Forest School and PE days next term

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately on the days that they have Forest School and PE. Our uniform information is on the school website at [Moorside Primary School and Nursery](#)

Children need the following on those days:

PE Kit:	Forest School Kit:
Moorside PE hoodie (initial one will be provided by School)	Old clothes: tracksuit bottoms and thick jumper such as a fleece
Navy or black shorts	Waterproof all in one suit or waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat
White T-shirt	Extra pair of socks
Black plimsolls or trainers	Wellies
In cold weather: tracksuit bottoms/jogging bottoms/leggings	In cold weather: hat, gloves, snood a warm base layer under clothing or an extra layer of clothing (leggings and long sleeve top, or football skins or thermal base layers)

We are anticipating that the weather will be cold when the children are taking part in these lessons next term, so the highlighted information is particularly important!

**Reception** – PE on Thursdays and Forest school on Fridays

**Year 1** – PE on Wednesdays and Forest school on Fridays

**Year 2** – PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

**Year 3** - PE on Fridays and Forest School on Wednesdays

**Year 4** - PE on Wednesdays and Forest school on Fridays

**Year 5** - PE on Wednesdays and Fridays

**Year 6** - PE on Mondays and Thursdays



Mr Doey has really enjoyed working with Years 3,4 and 5 in PE lessons this term and will be working with Years 2, 4 and 5 in the new year. He has also enjoyed running our after-school sports club for years 5 and 6. Please see his Moorside news update at the end of this letter.

## Internet Safety and Social Media

Ofcom has found that, overall, 99% of children in the UK are using social media. That's almost 14 million young people! Please follow the link below for advice about how to support children if they are accessing apps and social media platforms that are recommended for children beyond their age group.

<https://ow.ly/yVbx50UtfI>

We recommend that you check devices frequently, even if you feel that the parental settings that you have in place are robust.



### Attendance

Attendance this week has been 94.11%

Each year group has been as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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%
02/12/24	95.35%	90.28%	96.69%	93.19%	99.23%	95.24%	91.64%
09/12/24	93.19%	95.17%	98.89%	96.15%	96.18%	89.9%	93.31%
16/12/24	94.8%	87.1%	95%	97.31%	95.86%	89%	96.06%

Well done to Year 3 with 97.31%.

### Pride Token Winners

Our PRIDE tokens have been counted and each house team’s total for this term are below:

Emeralds	Rubies	Sapphires	Diamonds
1569	1388	1075	1556

It has been EXTREMELY close, but EMERALDS are the winners this term and are therefore welcome to come to school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January in non-uniform or wearing their team colour.... **GREEN!**

Thank you so much to parents, grandparents and wider family members, who have been able to attend our events this term. The staff and children love welcoming you to share our school and it is always lovely to say a quick hello! Thank you also for the lovely cards and end of term treats that have been brought into school – they are very much appreciated. Above all, we feel very lucky to work with such a brilliant community and it is a privilege to teach your children.

We hope that you all have a fantastic break with your families. Stay safe everyone! Have a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to what 2025 brings.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteache



# SPORTING INFLUENCE

Improving Social Skills Through Sport

## PE With Mr Doey

Mr Doey has started another fantastic year at Moorside Primary School.

This term the children in **Year 3, 4 and 5** have developed their skills in Football and Tag Rugby on a Wednesday afternoon.

In the first half term we looked at Football and focused all our learning around control. From controlling the ball at our feet to controlling passes and shots the children understood how control can differ depending on where you are in the game and the scenario you are in.

**Year 5** started to look at attacking and defensive phases of play, how to defend and attack in a variety of situations and how important teamwork and all the skills around this are to attacking and defending.

After October Half Term children started to learn the basic skills of handling and passing the ball in Tag Rugby. This developed throughout the half term and by the end of it the children were passing the ball with confidence and handling it correctly. In recent weeks the children started focusing on passing backwards and moving forwards with the ball.

Mr Doey has also delivered an afterschool club to **Year 5/6** where children have developed their football skills and played hard and fair.

It has been a great start to the year and I can't wait to be back in the New Year!

Have a lovely Christmas.!



Year 3/4/5 have taken part in tag rugby sessions.



Year 3/4/5 have worked hard practising skills and playing games in Football.



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