

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of our Summer term. It's amazing how quickly a school year flies by. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break and managed to spend some fun times together.

Our Parents' Evenings last week went very well, it was lovely to see so many parents attending. I was particularly pleased to see children with their parents, sharing their work in books and explaining what they had been learning in their lessons.

If you were unable to make an appointment or attend, we really would still like to share your child's progress with you. Teachers have been asked to contact you directly to organise a mutually convenient time.

MOOSC

The Moorside Out of School Club will be finishing at the end of this half term. We would like to reassure parents using the service, and others who may be interested in using this service, that we will set up a school run service from the point of MOOSC closing. Further information will be sent out next week to parents and carers currently using the service. We will also create a website page with all the information.

Please can you let the school office know if you will be needing a place at the before or after school club, so that we can contact you directly with the information.

Classes

A few parents have asked about classes for next year. It is a little too early in the term to be able to share firm information about the class structure and which teachers will be teaching the different year groups. I would like to ask that all parents make class teachers aware of any considerations you would like us to take into account when organising classes, especially if we need to run mixed year group classes. Please appreciate that once class lists are sent out in July and shared with children and parents, we are unable to change these. I cannot stress enough the importance of talking to the school beforehand.

Abacus

	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	3/4a	3/4b	4/5	5/6	6
6.3.17	65%	15%	20%	74%	45%	21%	64%	59%
13.3.17	35%	35%	15%	33%	28%	25%	64%	74%
20.3.17	30%	20%	15%	33%	34%	25%	68%	89%
27.3.17	28%	19%	30%	72%	38%	54%	57%	77%
03.04.17	86%	20%	27%	19%	62%	32%	57%	73%
24.04.17	72%	5%	15%	29%	34%	25%	52%	62%

A HUGE, MASSIVE, GINORMOUS well done to the children in Year 1, Mrs Lodge and Mrs Goss's class. 72% of the class used Abacus last week. Very impressive!

There has been a significant decrease in the percentage of children in all the other classes logging onto Abacus which is disappointing. I am sure we can get back into an 'Abacus routine', now that we are back in the swing of the Summer term. Mrs White will be including Abacus scores in her weekly class inspections....!!

Class Updates

FSU – FS1 have welcomed some new starters. Our older children are busy helping them settle in and make friends. Some children are staying for lunch, yum! FS2 have been thinking about their Easter holidays. One person went to a car boot sale and we set one up in our playground!

Year 1/2 - in Class 1 & 2 we are writing our own Little Red Riding Hood stories and working on our calculation skills in Maths. In Class 3 we are learning the names of 3D shapes and describing their properties. We have learnt all about the story of Little Red Riding Hood and are now writing our own version.

Year 3/4 – Year 3 and 4 will be starting their new topic of "Forces of Nature", which we are all very excited about. We will be applying our subtraction skills to solve problems. Year 4 will be continuing with their swimming lessons on Wednesdays.

Year 4/5 - The children in 4/5 will be designing a space rocket and using this as a basis for writing instructions as part of their topic and literacy learning this week. In Maths we are solving problems using formal written methods for addition and subtraction, using our rounding skills to estimate and check answers.

Year 5/6 & 6 – This week we are focusing on averages and translation in Maths, relative clauses and adverbials in writing. We will have a focus on all of the Y5/6 spellings this week in preparation for SATs. Cricket and dance will be taught during our PE lessons.

Attendance

To date:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
93.65	96.53	98.18	96.66	96.33	96.84	96.95	94.89	96.67

Last week:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
96.88	98.81	100.00	98.68	94.19	100.00	98.66	96.74	99.54

Diary Dates

w/c 8 th May	Year 6 SATs
12 th May	Fountains Abbey trip (Junior school only) – more details to follow
16 th & 17 th May	Year 3, 4 & 5 visit to Bolton Castle