

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a very busy half term. Over the next few weeks, we will be finalising the plans for classes and teachers and will be sharing these with you. Children will also begin some transition activities, giving them time to meet their new teachers and know where their new classrooms will be. We know this really helps to settle children into the new year groups ready for September.

We have listed a number of dates for your diaries and there are likely to be a few more, so please keep an eye out for updates in the following newsletters.

We will be sending out reports at the end of half term. It would be really helpful if you would let the office know (or remind us), if we need to send out additional school reports to be shared with both parents.

Celebrations at Moorside

Well done to Rachael Ogier in year 6, who has won the Ripon Cathedral, 'Design a Gargoyle' competition! Her work of art will now be made into a stone gargoyle for the cathedral. As part of this process, the school will receive a visit from the stonemason, who will explain the process to the children.

Well done to Mrs Goss, who was successful with her bid for some funding to buy equipment for our Forest School sessions. The children really enjoy learning outside and we're extremely fortunate to have a fully trained member of staff, wonderful grounds and some new equipment!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Plummer on the 'late' but safe arrival of Charlie Plummer. Mother and baby are both well and we're all very excited to meet him.

Thank you to Ripon Lions for their generous gift of reading books to school. The children below have picked their favourite from the selection received.



Before and After School Club Vacancy

We currently have two vacancies to lead and support our before and after school club. If you would be interested in either position, the details can be found on both school websites. The closing date is Monday 12th June. If you would like some more information, please contact Mrs Pawley in the office.

ESOL Course - Unfortunately this course will not be going ahead as we hoped next term. This is due to a lack of staffing within the service. It is hoped that this can be rescheduled for later in the summer term, or September when the staffing issue is rectified.

Y6 Production - Auditions will be held during this week; the children will be asked to read a short passage from the script (if they would like a main part). If there are any parents / grandparents / carers who are able to help with the making of any costumes for the production, your help would be GREATLY appreciated. Please contact Miss Rogan or Miss Ryder. Thank you!

'Understanding Islam' Theme Day - On Monday 22nd May children across school thoroughly enjoyed our 'Understanding Islam' theme day. We were lucky to have had an expert, who is a member of the Muslim leader service, to deliver the assemblies and workshops throughout the day. The aim of the day was for the children to develop an understanding of different faiths and learn how to show mutual respect and tolerance. During the day, the children learnt about different Islam beliefs, celebrations and services. We have had lots of positive feedback from the children about the visit and they produced some super writing about their experiences.

Going Cashless! - Reminder: from Tuesday 6th June we will no longer accept cash or cheques for payments. Please contact the school office if you require help to set up a School Gateway account. Alternatively, we can issue a Pay Point voucher that you can make cash payments against at various local stores.

Abacus

	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	3/4a	3/4b	4/5	5/6	6
22.05.17– 05.06.17	81%	57%	45%	81%	75%	48%	17%	56%

Really close this week on the Abacus scores.... we have a tie for the winning class! Well done to Y1 (Class 3) and Y3/4 (Mr Price) with a super 81% of the children accessing Abacus for their maths homework. They were closely followed by Y6 and 3/4 Burland. Keep up those high scores everyone!! 😊

Class Update

Y1 – We have been doing lots of exploring in the past week, making metal detectors and searching the outdoor area for treasure! This week, FS2 will be writing some alternative versions of the Goldilocks story and solving maths problems related to halving.

FSU – In the coming weeks, we will be learning all about staying safe and healthy. We will begin by learning about People Who Help Us - what sort of jobs they do, how they help us, and how we can contact them if we need their help. If you know someone who works in a service profession (doctor, nurse, fireman, carer, etc) who might like to come in to talk to the children in the FSU about their job, please let us know!

Year 1/2 – Class 1 - In Maths the children will be learning to recognise and use symbols for pounds and pence and combine amounts to make a particular value and to tell the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw hands on a clock face to show these times. In English the children will be working on developing and consolidating their spelling, punctuation and grammar through a range of different texts. Class 2 - This week we are looking at telling the time in Maths. In English we are writing our own version of The Magic Porridge Pot and in Geography we are continuing our work on Australia. Class 3 – This week in Maths we are learning to recognise coins and notes and understand their value. We will have our own shop in the classroom where we can buy and sell toys. In Literacy we are writing out how Shark stories in the style of Tiddilik sat in the Pacific Ocean.

Year 3/4 – The children in 3/4 will continue to research the Tudor era and use the evidence to support their writing. In Maths they will be reading and writing Roman Numerals.

Year 4/5 – This week in year 4/5 we will be learning all about fractions and adding them together, we will also be writing an argument for or against the execution of Anne Boleyn.

Year 5/6 & 6 - 'My Friend Walter' by Michael Morpurgo is our new class read for this half term. This week we will be introducing the book with a focus on the main character. In topic, we will be researching the life of Henry VIII and his influence during his reign.

Attendance

To date:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
93.87	96.79	98.01	96.74	96.18	96.15	97.00	94.71	97.13

Last week:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
93.44	96.36	98.95	95.39	97.31	94.00	95.71	93.04	97.04

Diary Dates

15 th June 2017	KS1 trip to Tropical World
20 th June 2017	Y3,4 & 5 trip to York
20 th & 22 nd June 2017	Bikeability – Y6 (Group 1)
28 th June 2017	Y6 trip to Newcastle
10 th & 11th July 2017	Bikeability – Y6 (Group 2)